

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.
**Approved Minutes of the
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**
Thursday – May 9, 2019
Administration Building, Board Room

VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ross Liscum, Chair; Annette O’Kelley, Vice Chair; Lisa Carreño, Kevin Howe, Marilyn Herzog

VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Rob Muelrath

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, CEO; Lorna Fox, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Cliff Sanders, Debbie Townsend, Custodio Lopez of the CHP.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liscum at 4:30PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director Carreño moved to approve the agenda; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (not related to the agenda): None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APRIL 2019 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS:

April Interim financials were discussed. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MAY/JUNE 2019 INTERIM EVENTS:

May/June Interim events were discussed. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR RENT CONSIDERATION FROM CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL REGARDING A COMMUNITY EVENT IN GRACE PAVILION ON JUNE 22, 2019:

Director O’Kelley moved to waive the rental costs for the California Highway Patrol for their June 22, 2019 event; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON ASTON BARN PROPERTY:

CEO Bartling stated that there was no more activity regarding the Aston Barns at this time.

UPDATE ON WORK TO SOUTH CARNIVAL LOT:

CEO Bartling reported that the carnival lot had been hydro seeded and that new irrigation is being looked at for next year. No action taken.

UPDATE GRACE PAVILION PAINT PROJECT:

CEO Bartling reported that they were testing colors for the outside of Grace Pavilion and that the committee members should look at the colors currently being tested. No action taken.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SONOMA COUNTY HOT AIR BALLOON CLASSIC PROPOSAL FOR 2020:

COO Findley Thorn reported that as requested, she has continued talks with Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon staff regarding the location of the event. She has told them that the golf course was not an option. They will need to get a sound policy waiver from the Fair Board and from the City of Santa Rosa. They will be coming to the next Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting with their proposal.

DISCUSSION ON EMERGENCY BROADBAND AT THE FAIRGROUNDS:

CEO Bartling said that discussions are continuing regarding emergency broadband at the Fairgrounds. No action taken.

UPDATE ON OCTOBER PUMPKIN NIGHTS EVENT:

CEO Bartling stated that at the last committee meeting, there were concerns with how the event would affect local pumpkin growers and other local events that take place in October. CEO Bartling confirmed the event will not be selling pumpkins and that they are willing to promote local pumpkin patches during their event. Chair Liscum asked that CEO Bartling resend the link to the Pumpkin Nights event page with a summary of their proposal to committee members. No action taken.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (NON-DISCUSSION ITEMS):

None

There being no further business Director Carreño moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00PM; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.