

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**
Thursday - October 8, 2020

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the October 8, 2020 Sonoma County Fair Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting was held virtually. All actions were voted on by roll call.

VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ross Liscum, Chair; Rob Muelrath, Vice Chair; Marilyn Herzog, Max Mickelsen, Annette O’Kelley

VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kevin Howe

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Teejay Lowe, Tony Geraldi, Marcia Mickelson, Bev Palm

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Heather Borck, Michael Margetts, Cliff Sanders, Debbie Townsend

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director O’Kelley moved to approve the agenda; Director Mickelsen seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (not related to the agenda): None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SEPT 2020 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS:

CEO Bartling presented the September Interim financials, noting that the revenue from Cal-Fire would not be reflected until later. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020 INTERIM EVENTS:

October/November Interim events were discussed. CEO Bartling reported that the SRPD “Trunk n Treat” event has been cancelled due to health safety concerns, and that the Rebel Junk event has postponed to December. No action taken.

UPDATE ON USE OF FAIRGROUNDS DURING EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS DURING GLASS

COMPLEX FIRES: CEO Bartling reported that the Cal-Fire base camp consisted of 2,500 fire fighters. Bartling clarified that the carbon monoxide poisoning that was reported did not happen on the fairgrounds, the firefighters affected were brought in from the field for evaluation. No action taken.

UPDATE ON COUNTY’S PLACEMENT OF TRAILERS IN BALLPARK AND D-LOT FOR INDIVIDUALS AT

RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19 VIRUS: CEO Bartling reported that St. Vincent de Paul had brought 35 tents into the D-Lot to house homeless from Los Guilicos that had been living in the 6 units that were destroyed in the Glass fire. Bartling stated that 15 of the tents are currently gone, and the remainder will be gone within 30 days. She added that since tents and use of the restrooms were not in the original agreement, is working on an amendment with Caroline Judy. No action taken.

UPDATE ON LETTER TO SHERYL BRATTON REQUESTING PG&E SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO ASSIST IN

SWAMP COOLER REPLACEMENTS: CEO Bartling reported that when the fairgrounds is used as an evacuation site, the buildings get very warm, and swamp coolers would be beneficial. Bartling has submitted a letter to Sheryl Bratton requesting PG&E settlement funds to assist in swamp cooler replacement. No action taken.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (NON-DISCUSSION ITEMS): None

There being no further business, Director Mickelsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:48p.m., seconded by Director Herzog; the motion passed unanimously.