

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**
Thursday, August 13, 2020

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the August 13, 2020 the Special Meeting of Sonoma County Fair Competitive Exhibits & Education Exhibits Committee meeting was held virtually. All actions were voted on by roll call.

VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ross Liscum, Chair; Teejay Lowe, Marilyn Herzog, Annette O’Kelley

VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT: Rob Muelrath, Vice Chair

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tony Geraldi, Marcia Mickelson, Max Mickelsen

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Cliff Sanders, Debbie Townsend, Phone #464

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director Lowe 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 JULY 2020 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS:

July Interim financials were presented. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020 INTERIM EVENTS:

August/September Interim events were discussed. CEO Bartling reported events are continuing to be cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19, however gradually more events are being allowed, including retail type events like the Just Between Friends consignment sale in September. She added that approval for vehicle based concerts has been received from the County health department, and staff will be working on dates to book. No action taken.

UPDATE ON FAIR FOOD FRENZY:

CEO Bartling reported that the week #1 went well, and thanked staff for their efforts in making the event a success. COO Findley-Thorn added that the event was more popular than expected, with over 3,000 vehicles and staff quickly adjusted the logistics to improve traffic flow. She added that the menu for week #2 would include the Sleek Greek and Pasta King (Friday & Saturday only). Both Bartling and Findley-Thorn thanked director Tony Giraldi for volunteering to greet vehicles and handout menus. No action taken.

UPDATE ON CARNIVAL LOT:

CEO Bartling reported the lawn growth is coming along, and added one of our food concessionaires damaged an area, however it has been taken care of. Maintenance Superintendent Sanders explained a new procedure, seed “plugging”, would be used to address the bald spots. No action taken.

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS DURING COVID-19:

CEO Bartling reported the County and CA OES are working on evacuation plans and taking worst case scenarios into consideration. She stated there would be temporary evacuation points located in parking lots, for evaluation in determining how to direct people to other locations. No action taken.

UPDATE ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ USE OF ASTON BARN:

No action has been taken on Aston Barns at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY TO OPERATE THE FAIRGROUNDS:

CEO Bartling reported the agreement has been received and is under review, and that there are some clarifications needed. She stated that it is expected that the agreement will be ready to submit for approval at the next full board meeting. No action taken.

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

There being no further business, Director Lowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:47p.m., seconded by Director Herzog; the motion passed unanimously.