

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**
Thursday, May 14, 2020

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the May 14, 2020 Sonoma County Fair Committee meeting will be held virtually.

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

VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT: Rob Muelrath

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tony Geraldi, Max Mickelsen

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Cliff Sanders, Lorna Fox, Debbie Townsend, Heather Borck, Tag Wortherspoon, Caroline Titus, phone numbers not identified 382, 361, 493, 584

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director Lowe moved to approve the agenda; Director O'Kelley seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ross Liscum, Teejay Lowe, Marilyn Herzog, Annette O'Kelley; Noes: 0; Absent: 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS (not related to the agenda): None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APRIL 2020 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS:
April Interim financials were presented. **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MAY/JUNE 2020 INTERIM EVENTS:
March/April Interim events were discussed. CEO Bartling discussed the events that were either being cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19 Virus. She also gave some examples of drive-through events that are being researched. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENT CONSIDERATION FOR THE REDWOOD GOSPEL MISSION FOR THEIR ANNUAL GREAT THANKSGIVING EVENT:
COO Findley-Thorn recommends a rental of \$2,700 to the Redwood Gospel Mission for their annual event. **Director O'Kelley moved to approve the rate of \$2,700 for the Redwood Gospel Mission's annual event; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote:** Ayes: Ross Liscum, Teejay Lowe, Marilyn Herzog, Annette O'Kelley; Noes: 0; Absent: 1

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2020 INTERIM EVENTS THAT HAD BOARD APPROVAL FOR RENT CONSIDERATION AND HAD TO POSTPONE TO 2021 DUE TO COVID-19:
COO Findley-Thorn reported on the events that had received previous rent considerations from the Board and recommended that we honor those considerations for the events that have rescheduled for 2021. **Director Herzog moved to extend the options for rent consideration to 2021 for the groups that have rescheduled and that the fairgrounds welcomes them back; Director Lowe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote:** Ayes: Ross Liscum, Teejay Lowe, Marilyn Herzog, Annette O'Kelley; Noes: 0; Absent: 1

UPDATE ON CARNIVAL LOT IRRIGATION SYSTEM:
Superintendent Sanders reported that the work on the irrigation system has been delayed due to the rain, but the system is 60% completed and work will resume once the weather allows for it.

UPDATE ON APPLICATION TO THE CA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AG/FAIR AND EXPOSITIONS ON SB5 FUNDING:
COO Bartling reported on the application for the funding that asked for repairs to the Findley building. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SENDING A LETTER TO STATE LEGISLATORS ON FUNDING FOR THE CA NETWORK OF FAIRS:

COO Findley-Thorn led a discussion on a call to action from the CA Network of Fairs regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on California fairs that would include a letter that would be sent to State Legislators, our Board of Supervisors, Congressmen, and any other pertinent parties. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUESTING OUR AG COMMUNITY, EXHIBITORS AND OTHERS TO SEND A LETTER TO STATE LEGISLATORS ON FUNDING FOR THE CA NETWORK OF FAIRS:

COO Findley-Thorn stated this is related to the above mentioned call to action from the CA Network of Fairs regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on California fairs that would include a letter that would be sent to State Legislators, our Board of Supervisors, Congressmen, and any other pertinent parties. No action taken.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE USE OF THE JOCKEY CLUB DURING CLOSURE:

CEO Bartling stated that she was working with Nick Nicora of Spectra to see if the Jockey Club could be used for food distribution. No action taken.

UPDATE ON LOT D TRAILERS:

CEO Bartling gave an update on the D Lot Trailers. Nothing new to report, no action taken.

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

None

Director Lowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07PM; Director O'Kelley seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.