

MINUTES
BAKER COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING
Of April 7, 2004

Members Present: Chair Ron Rowan, Vice Chair Dean Defrees, Mark Johnson, Andy Barr, Bob Borgen, Lynn Perkins, Rob Ellingson

Members Not Present: None

Advisory Board Members Present: Nellie Forrester, Janice Cowan

AB Members Not Present: Dave Noble

Others in Attendance: Andi Sexton (staff), Commission Chair Fred Warner, Jr., Commissioner Dr. Carl Stiff, and Jim Van Duyn

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ron Rowan at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dean and 2nd by Andy to accept the March minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

Discussion Regarding the Community Center: Ron Rowan recapped the meeting held at the Court House yesterday regarding the Community Center. Attendees included Commissioner Warner, Ron Rowan, Dean Defrees, Rob Ellingson, Mark Johnson, Andi Sexton, Lynn Perkins, Jennifer Watkins, Ron Brinton, Jim Van Duyn, and Chuck Rouse. The attendees reviewed the Community Center project as presented by Van Duyn and Brinton, and their work over the past 12 months. Van Duyn stated that he can not dedicate any more time to the project due to his schedule, and his belief that dollars and support are not available. Everyone present was in agreement that funding opportunities as well as community support of the project is not available – that from the County perspective and City, other projects have a higher priority for funding, including work on the Old Armory. Fred shared his discussion with the National Guard regarding the possibility of the Corp assisting with the demolition and/or landscaping of the ground the CC sits on as a training exercise. The group was in agreement that the Fair Board would exercise it's authority to determine the fate of the CC at it's next Board Meeting, the following evening.

Nellie asked the board about the grant dollars that were originally set aside for moving the building. The board told Nellie, the grant dollars were tied to the Fair Grounds projects as determined by the board, such as building demolition or move and site prep. The dollars came from the Baker Morrow Partnership.

Dean said it is his impression that there is no money for the Community Center project renovation, and that our high priority is to improve the Old Armory not the CC. Discussion included: the Old Armory is more functional than the CC. Fred, Jennifer and Chuck also referred to our Master Plan and our emphasis on the East Street side of the Fair Grounds. The City's number one emphasis is to go after grants tied to downtown jobs. Additionally, over the next 5-10 years our existing buildings have adequate space for trade shows and bazaars. The Old Armory can be funded over several years as opposed to one lump sum. The question was asked who owns the

corner property. The Fair Board will retain ownership of the property, and determine it's best function for the benefit of the public good. **Mark made the motion that we pursue the demolition of the Old Community Center and pursue options to move in that direction. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Further Discussion: Options include having the National Guard assist with demolition and salvage of materials as a training exercise, and having them extend their landscaping project at the New Armory site to include the CC property. Also discussed: If the National Guard can not assist with the project, to put the project out to bid via ads in the local paper, the Idaho Statesman and Capital Press, with the bids to include salvaging materials. The East End cost \$49,000 and no doubt the remaining structure would cost more.

Financial Documents: The only financial documents presented were the Accounts Paid. Rob made the motion and Andy seconded to accept the Accounts Paid as presented. Motion passed.

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR DISCUSSION: May 13, one hour before the Fair Board meeting, will be a Friends of the Fair informational meeting. Andi is to send out a press release and personal invitations to those that have indicated an interest in being involved with this nonprofit group.

Area 8 Meeting: April 17th – Nellie, Andi, Rob and Ron will attend. Andi is handling lunch. Ron will give the Master Plan discussion, and Rob will take the group on a tour of the grounds.

Home & Garden Show: Wednesday April 28 at 4:00 pm will be a work party in the Show Barn for Fair Board members. Andi will have a crew that day, but the board will assist with any projects that did not get completed. Thursday, April 29 at 4:00 pm will be a work party at the Old Armory for Fair Board members. Andi will get pizza and drinks for both nights. On April 30th, Rob and Mark will arrive at 10:00 am to oversee setup by vendors and make sure things are going smoothly. Parking areas were discussed. Mark suggested having a parking plan, to start training the public for events at the New Fairgrounds area. It was suggested to have parking signs in East Street, and guiding traffic into the back of the rodeo grounds. Clark Street will be vendor parking only. The back gate should be manned. A water truck should water down the rodeo grounds.

Leo Adler Ball Field Discussion: Andi again shared the difficulty of getting a commitment from the Babe Ruth board on use of the field during Fair. Andi was told to 'call again' to see if the Leo Adler Board could meet with the Fair Board to discuss concerns and how to address those concerns. Ron Brinton, said he is the Parks Dept. Board Chair, and the field is leased to the Babe Ruth folks and the lease has not been

renewed for some time. Ron said it might be beneficial to the Parks Dept. to have the Fair board be the entity that oversees the ball field instead of Parks.

Miners Jubilee Discussion: Andi attended the Miner's Jubilee planning meeting. Everyone is in favor of a Western dinner/dance in the Show Barn after the Bull Riding event on Saturday. The board decided it would be best to rent the facility out to another entity instead of taking on another new project so close to Fair time.

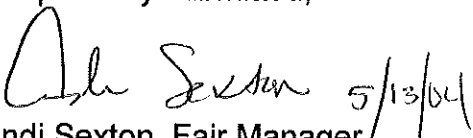
Individual Horse Riders in Arena – Discussion: Andi shared two calls she rec'd from parents wanting to know if their kids could ride alone in the arena. Both children are members of the same 4H horse club. The board discussed liability issues regarding unsupervised riders without adults. Rob mentioned he thought there was a specific Oregon ordinance regarding equine activities. One idea is to have the 4H leader(s) authorize the rider's ability to ride alone and the leaders sign a waiver. Another idea is to not allow individual riders, that riders must have a buddy. Andi is to follow-up with County Council to see what our liability issues would be and how best to address this scenario.

Rental Rate Policy Changes: The following Motion was made by Dean and 2nd by Rob: The Show barn will rent for \$220. Tables and chairs will be rented at an additional cost. The kitchen rent is extra at \$50.00. We will provide a dumpster for events. If we have to move the tables and chairs to the show barn it will cost them an additional \$10 per man hour to move them. The motion passed with all in favor.

Reminder: The Next Board meeting is Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by chairman Ron Rowan at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Andi Sexton, Fair Manager 5/13/04