

**MINUTES FROM FAIR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 7, 1993**

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Marla Warren
George Otten
Ken Leahy

STAFF

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Patti Poe
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Jeanne Leason
Jerry Draggoo
Connie Potter
Eric Apalategui
Lucy Chaille
Karen Johnson
Jack Fisher

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY KEN LEAHY, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.

RODEO BOARD

Warren reported on the April 5 meeting. Committee reports and animal rights issues were discussed.

BOOSTERS

The Boosters enjoyed a very successful Family Fair with good volunteer help and a profit of \$880. Membership continues to grow. At their April meeting they will decide on their project for fair. They would prefer to do a "physical" project.

EVENTS

The Bingo license has been approved. Poe stated that Bingo will start up sometime in the fall. March business was up 135%.

MAINTENANCE

March projects included removing extraneous wiring from the Floral Building, residing a portion of the east side, removing old carpeting from the building and steam cleaning and painting the Chuckwagon. The office skirting was also replaced.

McAuley has received bids for the heating and air conditioning unit for the new Floral Building. Estimates range from \$12,000 - \$17,000. The recommendation from all the companies was to replace the existing unit with a larger unit to accommodate the number of people anticipated in the building.

The existing posts in the building are also a problem. McAuley has asked an engineer for ideas to reduce the number.

PRESCHOOL PROPOSAL

The Creative Children's Center has approached the FairPlex about relocating the school to the new Floral Building. Poe presented a proposal including projected income and the pros and cons of having a preschool on the premises.

The proposed lease would be for three years Mondays through Fridays and based on eleven months of use and rent.

Board members questioned the three year lease. Leahy asked if

the program costs had to spread out over a three year period to make the preschool profitable. He suggested reviewing the lease agreement after one year to see if the school has been financially feasible for both parties.

Wade believes Poe is underestimating her ability to rent the building Mondays through Fridays.

Warren expressed concern over insurance and liability. The school has insurance to cover their volunteers, staff, and students. Wade stated that the FairPlex would need to investigate its liability insurance coverage for this type of arrangement.

Warren also was worried about the inconvenience the FairPlex staff might experience from the constant Friday move-out and Monday move-ins.

Board members asked if they could have time to think the proposal over. This would be a major policy change for the FairPlex. A decision will be reached by May.

MASTER PLAN

Jerry Draggoo reviewed the final draft of the Master Plan. The Multi-purpose pavilion is the number one priority to find funding and build. The major issue is the size. The economists recommended 25,000 square feet for the building, but Poe and Wade are recommending a larger facility to accommodate 25,000 sq. ft. flat exhibit space and support areas. Draggoo has left flexibility within the Master Plan to go with different sizes.

Draggoo recommended waiting one to two years and trying for another GO bond. He also recommended continuing with organizing a committee or task force to look for funding for the multi-purpose pavilion. Wade strongly believes that if the multi-purpose pavilion can be built it could generate enough revenue to finance the construction of the remaining facilities.

The next step, after fair board approval, is to go to the County to request the updated Master Plan become an ordinance. Wade will set up a meeting with the Commissioners.

MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO ADOPT THE PLAN AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR

There will be some form of fair for 1993. A resolution was proposed by a Multnomah County Commissioner to form a task force to draft a plan for this year's fair and future fairs.

HAPPY DAYS

Wade has a meeting with Ron Burbach of Funtastic on April 9. Funtastic is proposing they do Happy Days. Burbach realizes the importance of fireworks to the success of the event. Perhaps there will be some community sponsorships to help with the costs but Wade has made it clear that neither he nor the Chamber of

Commerce can assist with obtaining them. He also made it clear to Burbach that FairPlex staff could not be involved because of the timing of all the events in July.

CHUCKWAGON UPDATE

The former 4-H Chuckwagon has not yet been rented for the 1993 fair. Tigard Chamber was approached but does not have the necessary manpower. Dennis Putzler, former Chuckwagon manager, has told Oxendine that 500 - 700 volunteers were necessary to staff the booth at all times and to continue with a full service menu.

A commercial vendor or restaurant are possibilities as tenants.

**MOTION: MOVED BY MARLA WARREN, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO
ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORS 192.610 - 192.690.
MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Oxendine
Secretary