

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

Minutes of a Special Meeting Held on March 29, 1974

CALL TO ORDER
AND ATTENDANCE

Dr. Ken McGough introduced guests and started proceedings at 12:15 p.m. at Butcher's Bistro in Aloha with the following in attendance:

FAIR BOARD

Jim Springer
Ralph Holland
Dr. Ken McGough
Joe VanDyke
Adeline Hesse
Richard Jossy

CITY OF HILLSBORO REPRESENTATIVES

Eldon Mills, City Manager
Pat Lynch, Administrative Assistant
Dale Tyson, Park & Recreation Commission
Bill Crandall, Park & Recreation Commission
Ken Krieger, Engineer
Dr. Ken McGough, Park & Recreation Commission

PROPOSED BLUEPRINTS FOR
BALLFIELD DEVELOPMENT

Ken Krieger showed a design of the proposed recreation facility on approximately 15 acres of fairground property. Items included: 4 ballfields, parking for 250 cars (asphalt covered), two covered structures, tennis courts, bicycle path, bleachers, restrooms and showers, playground equipment, concession stand, horseshoe pits, basketball court, underground sprinkling system and landscape designs throughout the recreation area. Krieger said the proposed drainage system would handle drainage from the main exhibit building.

Under discussion the Board noted that the East end was not developed and remained an irregular piece of acreage. The Hillsboro representatives were also told by Chairman Springer that the Fair Board was in the process of retaining a firm to develop a long-range plan of the present fair-ground site.

Cost factor of the proposed recreation development was presented at approximately \$485,000. Sale of City property, according to Mills will bring approximately \$150,000 of revenue which he would like to use in development of the proposed recreation on the fairgrounds.

MOVING OF BALLFIELDS
FOR SUMMER BALL SEASON

Manager Jossy said that it is very desirable from Fair Board standpoint to get the present ballfields moved out of the parking lot into the proposed recreation area for the following reasons: The armory has developed its parking area and fenced it so this will cut down the parking area for the fairgoers and the dust problem has been becoming an increasing problem to fair goers as well as the State Merit Rater who has taken points from the Fair for the dust situation.

DRAINAGE

If the City and Fair Board can reach an agreement the Fair Board would like the drainage program to be implemented this fall so the fairgrounds could be used on a year around basis.

AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE

Drawing up the agreement was discussed and both parties indicated several requirements. Points to be considered will be how much land will be needed by the City for the proposed project, and how long can land lease be made available to the City. Also deemed necessary to the Fair Board would be use of the recreation facility during the week of the Fair and on special recreation usages renting the fairgrounds other than the week of the Fair. All points brought up seemed agreeable to both parties. Mills indicated an Advisory Board consisting of one member of the Park & Recreation Commission, one Fair Board Member and one appointed third party could handle usage schedule. Fair Board members approved of the proposal.

NEWS RELEASE (JOINT)

Mills indicated that he would like to put out a joint news release soon. Criticism has been given both parties for not being progressive; also, with ball season close at hand, people will be thinking recreation. No release will be issued until both parties are ready. The Fair Board will present a positive statement to the County Commissioners after a special meeting to be held Monday, April 1, with details of the agreement to be worked out at the meeting. Representatives at the meeting will be Eldon Mills, Kon Krieger, Bill Crandall, Pat Lynch, Jim Springer, Dick Jossy and Adeline Hesse. Meeting will be held at the Fair Office at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeline Hesse

Adeline Hesse, Office Manager
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