

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2016 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Larry Peterson at 1:06 pm.

Committee Members Present: Carolyn McCormick, Bill Ganger, Stephen Nagy, Daniel Pierson, Larry Pederson, and Jerry Willey.

Washington County Staff Members Present: Geoffrey Kavulya, Rob Massar, Leah Perkins-Hagele, Sia Lindstrom.

No public comments.

RV Update: Rob Massar explained that the proposed RV Park has been put on hold due to the cost of wetland mitigation.

FAC Terms and Bylaws Revision: Leah Perkins-Hagele reported that the County Commissioners requested the FAC to a change the by-laws to align the term limit to the same as the Fair Board. A motion from Carolyn McCormick was made to accept the change to the bylaws, Daniel Pierson seconded it and it was passed that the new members will serve 3 year terms.

Maintenance plan for Fair Grounds: Leah Perkins-Hagele presented the Maintenance Plan and explained the ongoing need for continued maintenance throughout the grounds. She presented the deferred maintenance projects and the proposed projects for the 2017 -2018 year. Also presented was the issue with the Main Exhibit Hall and the need to keep it functional until the new Exhibit Center is built. Steve Nagy recommended that the cost of taking the old building down should be included in talks about the new building.

Event Center Update:

Financing and bonding: Rob Massar explained the funding package for the Event Center.

Design firm Selection: Larry Peterson explained how the Design Firm was selected and the process that was taken.

Project Timeline: Steve Mileham, LRS Architects walked through the timeline for an opening of late 2019.

Committee Structure: Geoffrey Kavulya explained the committee structures and the function of each of the committees as the project moves forward.

Port's Market Study: Stephen Nagy from the Port of Portland/ Hillsboro Airport presented the history of the airport, its use, and talked about the future for the airport. Steve reported that they are working on their master plan for the Cornell Corridor.

Principals/Vision/Values: Larry Pederson had the committee look over the Goals and Objectives from the Revitalization task force. Sia asked that the group ask 3 questions. Is it important?, Are there objectives that are not relevant? And is there anything missing? The committee agreed to have the 7 objectives reduced to 3 to 5 objectives.

Wrap Up and Next Steps: Larry Pederson closed with recommendation of a mid-January 2017 meeting.

Adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Submitted by Julie Case 12/14/16