

December 2023 Combined SJC Fair Board and Parks & Recreation Commission Joint Meeting

Date: December 1, 2023

Start: 9:11AM

End: 10:50AM

Attendees: Brandon Andrews, Cy Field, Jennifer Riggs, Kevin Roth, Mike Scott, Justin Platts, Milene Henley, Heather Oaksen (remote), Lynnette Cabera (remote), Barbara Bevens, Johannes Kreiger (remote)

Absent: Josephine Bangs, Rebecca Shanks, Meghan Alexandra, Tex Blankenburg, William McGown, Margaret Payne

Matters of Mutual Interest

Major points of what's happened or major events review

Brandon presented a month-by-month review of major accomplishments

Kevin has volunteered to take any dead trees (alders) at SJCP that the Park staff say are okay to come down into firewood for that park. Kevin also volunteered that Byron may have a soil processing facility on the island to Fair compost material.

SJC Arts Commission on the agenda for Jan 2024 SJC Council – public art .01 of 1% sales tax – for public art, responsibility fall within the Dept's purview. Brandon is clear that he feels it would only work if it's a fully funded mandate. Hire a position for the Commission.

Justin asked ... how do the Fair stats compare per capita for the State. Brandon didn't know.

Questions:

Why do we stand financially with the Fair and Parks?

Budgeted expenditures w/in administrative – as of this AM have spent 51% of budgeted funds (including ending cash).

Fair spent 95%

SJ spent 90%

Orcas spent 84% (\$71,000)

Lopez 102%

Shaw 88% of budgeted expenditures

Fair 92% of budgeted revenue

San Juan 101% of budgeted revenue

Orcas 170% of budgeted revenue (\$11,819)

Lopez 134% of budgeted revenue

Shaw 135% of budgeted revenue

Camping numbers down overall, but raised fees.

Talking about a number of camping sites for walk-ins only.

Carlene and Shane's positions are still vacant.

Water issues – combined Town and County discussions about usage on the Fairgrounds. It's on-going. Letter yesterday saying the Town's interpretation was that the Council said, "Enforce your water codes." Town feels the Fairgrounds is in violation of the 1979 limit of Town water usage outside the Town. Whatever the uses were in 1979 need to remain as they were ... water

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to host the fair and have the sprinkler system within the Main Building. The RV water hook-ups and RV restrooms appear to be a big issue for the Town. The Boy Scout and Gray Top were here and had water. Town feels the Fair didn't attach to water until 1990. The PADs trailer when in in 1981 and had full hook-up. Brandon is requesting a co-council meeting to discuss this issue in January. Brandon feels the town code supports the usage and that differs from the Town Administrator. Jen explained that she had a conversation with the Town Administrator during Fair and her point of view is that back in 1979 the Fair was the only event here was the Fair, now the grounds have more events here therefore our usage has increased. The Town needs an additional unit for cleaning the waste water and that's got a \$13 million price tag. Brandon's view is that the Fairgrounds has become a community center and is designated as an emergency center. Brandon asked the Town in the June 8th meeting, "What's the Town's ask?" There isn't one, or there hasn't been one put forth. Fairground installed a backflow device within six weeks of it being brought to light. The Fairgrounds should have paid (the existing non-profit Fair group in the 80s) for the initial connection. Brandon is absolutely willing to pay for that connection at today's rates and have an assessment with Kasey Anderson to assess current fixture count. Parks & Fair showed a graphic showing usage based on plumbing fixtures. Removed 112 fixtures and added 36 so still net negative 76 plumbing fixtures since 1979.

Johannes – perhaps best addressed in person face-to-face to get a common agreement. When does this need to be resolved? Town is asking for a reply by 12/15/2023. Concerns about having too many folks involved perhaps hindering a resolution.

The Town Administrator apparently does have the authority to cut water to the Fairgrounds.

Perhaps looking at the use since 2010 to be prepared showing usage. Town feels that Fairgrounds rentals are competing against the Grange and Brickwicks in the Town. The Fairground are a large, the only large, community center.

Brandon is hoping for an equitable compromise.

What's happening under the barbeque. The posts are being replaced and the concrete pad being repoured. The original pad didn't cover all the ground under the cover.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmel Rubin



2023 Parks and Fair in Review

Brandon Andrews, Parks and Fair Director

January

- Ag Listening Sessions
- Carmel Rubin came aboard
- Marie Boe Bids Came in
- Tour de Lopez Partnership
- CompassHealth Transitional RV Sites
- Firewood Processing at Fairgrounds for Park System



February

- Itinio Website Upgrades
- Expanding Compost Program at Fair
- Odlin Mooring Buoys Lease and Permit
- Fairgrounds Picnic Shelter Work begins, electric walkthrough
- Began Fair Superintendent Monthly Meetings
- Began working with SJI Pride Festival at Fairgrounds
- Work with Wool Shed tenants on clean-up and improvements they'd like to see



March

- Eastsound Village Green Restroom Issues
- Marie Boe Pre-Construction Kickoff
- Terrestrial Managers Group Annual Conference
- Work with SJC ArtsCouncil on Fair Participation
- Demo of Scout House and Chicken/Rabbit Foundations



April

- SJC Arts Commission Direction
- Odlin Restoration w/
Environmental Stewardship and
Salmon Recovery
- Shaw Stove Masonry Planning
- Marie Boe Breaks Ground
- Tour De Lopez



May

- Re-brand Great Island Garage Sale
- 2nd Annual Car Show
- Cabin Pre-Construction for HistoriCorps
- Countywide Parking Ordinances w/ PA office



June

- Eagle Cove Romtec Neighbor Outreach
- Begin work on installing backflow for Fairgrounds
- SJI Pride Festival held at Fairgrounds
- Begin Summer Music Series at Fairgrounds w/ Home Trust



July



- Met w/ Tribal Members and participated in ceremonies at Canoe Landing on Odlin
- Shark Reef Romtec Site Planning
- Chip Sealing Surveys Begin
- Begin Grant Applications for Fall

August

- Marie Boe Construction Pauses
- LCCA skatepark design meetings
- San Juan County Fair
- 32 hour work week announced
- Carlene leaves Department
- New Department Website Launches



San Juan County Fair

- 1,360 Exhibitors
- 445 Live Exhibits
- 3,071 Still Life Exhibits
- 3,516 Exhibits
- \$10,510.65 paid in Premiums
- 14,128 in Attendance



September

- Marie Boe Construction Resumes
- Shark Reef Restrooms Removed
- Shaw Stair Repair Completed
- Shaw Stove Reconstruction Begins
- Rental Applications Pour in for Winter
- Eagle Cove Romtec Building Difficulties



October

- Odlin Mooring Buoy Permit w/ WA DNR
- Shane Leaves Department
- Great Island Garage Sale
- Finalize Department Budget Presentations
- Present LTAC Grant Applications to County
- Staff Season Debrief
- MOU Finalized
- Lopez Vandalism



November



- Lopez Skate Park 2nd Public Meeting
- Romtec Onsite Correction Meetings
- Become a 4H Volunteer and Leader
- Marie Boe Complete



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