FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION
Meeting minutes from June 21, 2012

The June 21, 2012 meeting called to order by Wes McAlpin at 6:30 pm in the 4H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds

Roll call of members; Sam Nunnally, Wes McAlpin, Joy Struble, and Mike Mower were in attendance. Butch Woolard was absent and excused.

Agenda approval: Sam moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Joy. All were in favor.

Previous Minutes: Sam moved to approve the minutes from May. Mike seconded the motion. No further discussion. All members were in favor.

Public Comment: Wes asked if any members of the public wished to comment this evening. Ron Theibert stated the barns and race track shouldn't be touched as Horse Racing was coming back. Fair should plan accordingly as training is happening now and up to five days will be submitted for in 2013. No further comment was heard.

Core Area Revitalization Plan
Members and staff of the Kalispell Planning Board introduced themselves. Mark provided an overview of the Fairgrounds planning to-date by sharing the exterior and interior concepts along with early cost estimates. He also noted the public meeting process and information gathered to this point. Questions were asked about the arena configuration. It would remain similar to its current size and provide a better spectator view. Phil asked about parking and handling of storm water if it is paved. Explained that these plans are conceptual at this time and those details haven't been finalized. Additional general discussion followed. A facility that addresses the balance of the changing community needs is being sought.

The Planning Board presented the Core Area plan that seeks to set a vision and direction of 50 to 100 years into the redevelopment future of an east/west corridor in Kalispell adjacent to the downtown. It became obvious in this planning process that the fairground is adjacent to the Core Area plan and needs to be considered as a an anchor to the west end.

Mike stated there needs to be a combining of ideas and plans for the future. The Fairgrounds is the western gateway into Kalispell and with a combined effort will present the welcome aspect much better. As two separate entities with common goals, we must determine how to work together with our mutual interests.

Committee reports: Joy has received information from the County grant writer and will be working on options. Mark needs assistance with the CTEP fund process. Joy was asked to help. No other reports were provided.

Manager's Report: a brief review of the May financial statement was provided. In the essence of time, Mark referred to the provided documents.

Old Business: Facility Planning – the next public meeting is scheduled for July 19th.

New Business: Lori Frankie, representing 4H shared her life-long background working with animals and children through Fair programs. Her concern focuses on animal health issues and safety. One example of prime concern is e-coli. Types of animal pens and actions contribute to public exposure potential. As one step, the Fair book should include additional requirements for health certifications being completed prior to arrival on-site.

Joy recommended Mark with the Superintendants to address standards for each department. Mike stated a Veterinarian should be on-site for inspections and have the authority to make necessary decisions. Take all steps to minimize the potential problems and impact to other animals and the public.

Do what is possible this year and work in further detail to implement a full animal health program for next year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm was made by Sam, seconded by Joy, question called with all in favor.

Submitted by: mc

Approved as submitted:

W. McCaffo
Chair

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Date