

FAIR BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2020
Lane Events Center, Auditorium, 9 a.m.

Thwing	Speer	Moulton	Voorhees	Cunningham
Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present

Others Present:

Steve Mokrohisky - The County Administrator
 Corey Buller – Fair Manager, Lane Events Center Division Manager
 Rachel Bivens – Marketing Manager/Assistant Fair Manager, Lane Events Center
 Cindy Dieckhoff – Office Assistant, Lane Events Center
 Lane County Commissioner – Pat Farr

1. UPDATE:

Discussion surrounding the proposal to use .74 acres of fairgrounds property near the intersection of West 13th Avenue and Tyler Street for permanent supportive housing.

ACTION/DIRECTION:

None.

2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION:

- Fair Board inquired as to the progress on the sites being considered for future permanent supportive housing usage?
 - Answer: .74 acres of the Fairgrounds property are being considered for Homes for Good housing project. The housing units will serve up to 32 women and children. Remaining Fair grounds property will continue to function as is for future Lane Events Center and Lane County Fair use.
- Fair Board asked if any other sites are still being considered for this current grant application process.
 - Answer: Homes for Good is always looking for anything they can find in the metropolitan area, with the time constraints for State funding for affordable housing projects this is their best option at this time.
- Fair board asked if these tax lots on the Fairgrounds property were purchased with TRT money and there a procedure that needs to be done for using that property for housing.
 - Answer: Yes the property was. Steve will recommend that the Lane Events Center/Fairgrounds budget be reimbursed for the market value of the property.
- Fair Board asked Lane County Administrator and Commissioner Pat Farr if the Fair Board agrees to give up this small amount of property for a permanent supportive house, what keeps the County from coming back to ask for more and what assurance or guarantees can the Board of Commissioners give the Fair Board that they will continue to invest in the facility as a center for economic commerce and the Fair?
 - Answer: The County and the Board of County Commissioners are in support of the future usage of the fairground property as a community gathering place for events/trade shows and Lane County Fair. As such, they will recommend that if this section of property be used for permanent supportive housing that the Board of County Commissioners will commit to involving the public in any discussions regarding future use of the grounds prior and to its use as a gathering place for community and economic center for the county.

- 3. MOTION:** A motion was put forward to draft a letter for Board of County Commissioners that the Fair Board will no longer oppose the use of the .74 acres for permanent supportive housing if the Board of County Commissioners will agree that the remainder of the grounds be left for its original purpose of entertainment, commerce and hospitality.

MOTION: Sid Voorhees		COMMENTS: Sid Voorhees motions the above. René Speer seconds. No Discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: René Speer		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	

Randy Thwing	Absent	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	

ACTION/DIRECTION:

Corey will work on writing a draft letter.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION: Sid Voorhees		COMMENTS: Sid Voorhees motions to adjourn the meeting. Richard Cunningham seconds. No discussion. All in favor.
SECOND: Richard Cunningham		
VOTE		
Name	Vote	
Randy Thwing	Absent	
Debra Moulton	Yes	
René Speer	Yes	
Sid Voorhees	Yes	
Richard Cunningham	Yes	

Meeting adjourned.

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 Corey Buller, Fair Manager (No acting Board President at this time)

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