

## Minutes from Extraordinary Events Committee Held March 10, 2010

Meeting convened: 5:07 pm

Those present were:

Dale McCormick representing the Riverfront Neighborhood  
Joe Easton representing Play Ball Missoula  
Gwen Hoppe representing Missoula Community Forum  
Matt Ellis representing Facility Manager  
Marilyn Marler representing City Council Conservation Committee

Bruce Micklus was out of town and excused. Ellie Hill was absent representing the Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council.

Also present were Jared Amoss who is the General Manager of Ogren Park @ Allegiance Field, and Nola Hunter from the Missoula Osprey who came to take the minutes.

Minutes from last meeting were voted on and approved by all present.

Matt Ellis ran the meeting, and began with a roll call and introductions. It was discussed that the Westside Neighborhood Council and the Mayors Designee need to have new representation for the committee. The extraordinary events that had taken place since the last meeting which was held on June 10, 2009 were then reviewed.

Matt then turned the time over to Jared Amoss to discuss upcoming events.

The first event that was brought up for discussion and approval was:

The Fishhawk Tournament to be held on May 21-23. Dale asked if the gate was going to be closed. Matt responded that it would be closed for the tournament. The event was voted on and approved.

The American Legion Memorial Day Tournament will be held over Memorial Day weekend. The event was voted on and approved.

The next item up for discussion was the MMA event which would be on Friday, July 9. Matt brought up the event which was held last year and how impressed he was by the quality of the production. He thought it was professionally done. Matt also mentioned that it is a tougher venue for beer. You have to have a wristband to be able to purchase alcohol. The police are in attendance to deal with any concerns.

Joe attended the event and noted that they did a good job. There was plenty of security. He had ringside seats and the alcohol was controlled. It is an event he would support again.

Jared noted that there were no altercations with fans and felt like the production company did a great job.

Dale asked if the sound level was checked as he thought it would be more suited for an interior venue. Gwen had polled the neighborhood prior to last years even and had 2 votes that were ok with the event, and 6 against.

Dale indicated that he had walked the riverfront trail during the event and felt like it was a spectacle, and special rules need to be in place for such events.

Jared noted that from the riverfront trail you would have not been able to see much as the trail is over 400 feet away, and you can't see it from the front gate or just walking along the side of the stadium as the ring is down on the diamond area and it is a sunken diamond.

Matt said that after hosting the event last year he would support it again, and it is not his thing. Dale thinks the event is too violent and has impact on the neighborhood where they have already had some violence issues.

Matt addressed Dale's concerns and noted that the type of violence Dale is talking about within the neighborhood is a different issue and not related to the MMA. Matt noted that the trail could be closed or signs posted.

Gwen asked about the sound levels. Jared said it is low level. There is no play by play or video board. Joe thought the discussion should be tabled for Gwen and Dale to be able to poll their neighborhoods and an email vote taken no later than next Friday 19. It was agreed upon. Additional information will be sent out through email regarding the event and if after doing the neighborhood polls if there are additional concerns email them to Nola, and she will get back to you.

The next event addressed was for a Reggae band. The links were emailed to you. Please look over the links and get back within the next couple of days with feedback. The event would be held on June 22. They have been drawing huge numbers. Very popular right now. Gwen asked if there were sound stipulations. Jared said there would be sound checks done and the concert would be over by 10 pm. Matt also mentioned that the police monitor the decibel levels and it will monitored throughout the concert. That was also done when we had the country music concert. Jared asked everyone to please check out the links, and email back your votes.

Matt brought up other concert possibilities that have been presented to us, and might possibly come to be. These concert possibilities need to be kept confidential. They are only possibilities at this point, and the concert promoters have asked not to discuss them outside of this meeting.

The concerts that have more than one date would happen on any one of those days, not all. Those are possible dates the promoters are looking at.

The country music concert would probably pull 3 to 4 thousand people so we would probably have to bus people in due to parking restrictions.

We are just giving you a heads up that these concerts are being talked about and want to know if you have any concerns. There were no concerns raised on these specific acts.

Matt went on to say that the park is a natural fit for venues such as these due to the seating bowl, bathrooms and we have buildings to help with the sound because the sound is sunk.

Dale asked about the parking situation. What about surface parking and building parking west of the stadium? Matt responded that it is supposed to be done by opening day and there should be approximately 200 spots on the west. Not all the finish work will be done before opening day. Gwen asked if any parking would be lost. Matt indicated that none would be lost. Eventually we should have lots of parking and more of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.