

April 3, 2008, Minutes of the Ogren Park @ Allegiance Field Extraordinary Events Committee

The meeting convened at 5:10 pm. Matt Ellis ran the meeting and began with introductions of all present and new representatives were introduced.

Those present were:

Dale McCormick representing the Riverfront Neighborhood
Joe Easton representing Play Ball Missoula
Bruce Miklus representing City Parks & Recreation
Ellie Hill representing Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council
Gwen Hoppe representing Missoula Community Forum
Matt Ellis representing Facility Manager

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.

Marilyn Marler was excused due to other obligations. She represents the City Council Conservation Committee. Rob Thames who is the Mayors Designee, is out of town and was excused also.

Agendas were handed out, along with additional materials for further discussion.

For the new committee members a brief explanation was given as to the purpose and function of what the Extraordinary Events Committee is.

Matt Ellis then introduced the Rules of Order:

1. Quorum is 5 of 9
2. Majority Vote on Issues with Quorum

A discussion ensued about the improvements for the new gate and the type of signage that would be on the gate. Jared Amoss introduced plans as to what the signage would look like. Some discussion has been tossed around about putting a temporary barrier 50 ft. in front of the gate.

Proposed Extraordinary Events was the next topic brought up for discussion. The first item would be the Missoula Mavericks joint tournament with the Missoula Legion. The tournament would run 4 consecutive days from Friday May 23rd through Monday May 26th. It would be an all day event for the dates proposed.

Possible problems brought up for discussion:

- ◆ Noise level from the PA
- ◆ Crowd and Parking? Will the gate be in place?

Matt Ellis assured everyone that the sound ordinance will be in place, and the only noise would be from the PA just like when an Osprey game is playing. The crowd is estimated to be 200 tops per game, and the gate will be in place for the event for all days.

Bruce Miklus moved to have the Legion/Maverick event at the stadium. It was seconded by Ellie Hill. It was then put to vote by all. It passed unanimously.

The second event brought up for discussion was the July 4th country music concert. There would be fireworks after the event as well.

A discussion ensued about whether to move the concert time up a little bit so the fireworks could occur a little earlier so as to not disturb the neighborhood. Ellie Hill pointed out July 4th falls on a Friday this year, so it shouldn't be an issue. People will be up late and shooting off their own fireworks as well.

Will alcohol be sold? How will it be monitored, and when will sales end? Jared Amoss spoke to this issue, and stated that wristbands will be issued at a separate location away from the point of sale requiring ID. No alcohol will be sold without a bracelet. When concert starts the stage would be the cut-off point for alcohol sales. That would be the last hour and a half of the concert, and before the fireworks.

What are the anticipated ticket sales? Bravo Entertainment estimates between four and five thousand in attendance.

Gwen Hoppe asked about the sound level? Will it be monitored? Matt Ellis addressed this issue by stating that the sound will be monitored, and the level would be 105 by the stage. Bravo Entertainment would commit to that. They will have to meet the sound ordinance, and the police will bring their sound meter to monitor at the edge of the neighborhood. Joe Easton proposed that it be written in the contract with Bravo Entertainment.

Bruce Miklus has worked with Bravo before, and stated that they will basically do what they want with the sound, but if they refuse to comply, you do have the option of not working with them in the future, and this would be a good testing ground. We need to have a couple of concerts at the stadium to see how loud they really are, and this would be an excellent night to try it.

Matt Ellis brought up the fact that Play Ball built this stadium at no cost to the city. We need to have other events held there for the revenue so the stadium is able to continue for the people of Missoula to use and enjoy. It is a family oriented facility, and we intend to keep it that way.

Gwen Hoppe asked if there would be more security for the event? Matt Ellis responded. The Missoula Osprey would provide 3 police officers just like we have at ballgames, and Bravo Entertainment is to provide additional security. The police will be directing people up Cregg Lane just like after a game, and the gate would be in place.

We will have our ushers on hand as well to assist in running things. Outside the stadium is usually more of an issue than in. We will be closing the grass area behind centerfield for security issues, as well as for the fireworks.

Parking was addressed, and Bruce Miklus suggested we might be able to use the riverfront triangle by the hospital for some additional space. A press release with additional parking information was suggested for the concert.

The Missoula In Motion award that was given to the Missoula Osprey was mentioned, and how we work with the community with our Bike to the Park promotion.

A vote was proposed, and Matt Ellis called for the vote, and it was unanimous for the concert to be held at the stadium on July 4th.

Matt Ellis then brought up possible future dates. We are having a wedding rehearsal dinner at the stadium and Missoula Youth Homes will be having a function at the stadium. We will use be using the stadium for

other community events besides concerts. We are working with “New West” to show all of our venues. Bruce Miklus stated that “Lively Times” has a free event calendar and is an excellent place to advertise as well.

Ellie Hill wants to say “thank you” for all we do for the Missoula community.

Matt Ellis will respond to complaints, and does address issues as they arise.

Dale McCormick asked about the Millsite project and how parking will fit in? Matt Ellis responded by saying it is still in the works with the city but has been approved. The barricade will be put up for events hosting over 200 patrons.

Matt brought it before the committee for future meeting schedules? Gwen Hoppe suggested once in the spring, and as needed after that. Matt said we will probably need to meet again before the season starts. Nothing definite was decided.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.