

I. CALL TO ORDER Chair Beans called the Committee to order at 6:07 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE Chair Beans led the flag salute.

III. REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS Rosalia Butler administered Oath of Office to Jose Vadi. Jose Vadi accepted appointment.

IV. ROLL CALL Rosalia Butler took roll.

Present: Lisa Beans - Chair
Judy St. John - Vice-Chair
Sandra Christensen – Committee Member
Lisa Snider – Committee Member
Hanan Gibani – Committee Member
Jose Vadi – Committee Member
Michael Rodriguez – Committee Member – LA County Representative
Natalie Chaidez – Committee Member - Fairplex Liaison

Not Present: Susan Vandermolen – Committee Member

Staff Rene Guerrero – Public Works Director
Andrew Mowbray – Finance Director
Rosalia Butler – City Clerk
Beth Senebandith – Principal Accountant
Lily Perez – Program Assistant

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Committee Member Snider motioned to approve minutes with correction of spelling for Susan Vandermolen’s last name on page 2. Committee Member St. John seconds the correction.

Rosalia Butler read roll call:

Gibani – Yes
Snider - Yes
St. John - Yes
Vadi - Yes
Christensen - Yes
Chaidez - Yes
Rodriguez - Yes
Beans – Yes

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT No Public Comments.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. User Fund Agreement

Andrew Mowbray presented committee with User Fund Agreement action that went to City Council in December 2020 extending the Agreement to August 2023. The original Agreement had a three-year term. Revenue is received via fair events and special events. Due to the

pandemic and the lack of events at Fairplex, the Agreement was extended to August 2023 to receive additional revenue.

Committee Member Vadi – Besides the extension to August 2023, do the terms of the agreement remain exactly the same?

Andrew Mowbray – Yes

Committee Member Vadi – Did the decibels for musical events remain at a max of 70 or did they change to 75?

Andrew Mowbray – Nothing has changed in the Agreement but I will follow up on the decibels.

2. Fund Balance Update

Andrew Mowbray – To date, Fund Balance is \$418,000 for all revenues collected. We don't foresee any revenue being collected until the Fairplex is able to have events again.

Committee Member Rodriguez – Is there any interest accumulating on the account?

Andrew Mowbray – All our funds do accumulate interest but it would not be a large amount.

Committee Member Snider – Can we see any more detail on how we arrived at the \$418,000, which events?

Andrew Mowbray – Yes, we can prepare that for the next meeting.

3. Discussion on Potential Improvements

Rene Guerrero – Gave examples of potential improvement cost. The City will be starting a city-wide street project, one of the streets you will see improvements is on McKinley Ave. The project will be the repaving of McKinley Ave. from Fairplex Drive to White and beyond. Part of the repaving will include a Class II bike lane, which will cost the City almost \$900,000. I also wanted to give you an idea what it will cost to add a sidewalk on the north side of McKinley Ave. from Gate 1 to Gate 3, about 200 ft.. A rough cost estimate would be about \$430,000. Two more examples: to repave a street, Fairplex Drive from the 10 Fwy to McKinley Avenue, approximately 5,700 feet, would cost \$473,000. The last example is repaving White Avenue from McKinley Avenue to Arrow Hwy, which would cost about \$530,000.

Committee Member Vadi – Repaving of streets is a Public Works project, if we're talking of mitigation, mitigating what is going on in the neighborhood due to events at the Fairplex, I think those are two different things. When I think of mitigation, I think, what are the sources of noise, what are the sources of pollution, traffic problems and what it would cost to mitigate them. Orange County came up with panels, they used these panels around a stage or music event that would target the sound to the audience and away from the surrounding community, what would that cost? Can any money be spent in the surrounding community, for example, do something to the houses surrounding the Fairplex. Could we soundproof homes?

Rene Guerrero – If we read the agreement with the Fairplex and the City, Section 7D, titled "Use of Funds Held in Mitigation Fund." It says quote, "The advisory committee recommendation from the mitigation fund must be to improve negative impacts of Fairplex operations or to install improvements calculated to mitigate adverse impacts on surrounding properties from Fairplex events." I will have to look at it more to see if we can use it to upgrade windows on homes or soundproof. My immediate answer is no, I think it's just improvements on the public right-of-way, but I will confirm that.

Committee Member Vadi – How about changes within Fairplex itself, like creating something in the stands that will direct noise away from the homes.

Rene Guerrero – The agreement is very specific that this money is not to be used on Fairplex property. I gave an example of the sidewalk because a lot of people who want to attend an event do not want to pay for parking and they park on City Streets and walk into the Fairplex and may damage sidewalks or vegetation.

Committee Member Chaidez – We’ve received comments from neighbors that would like to walk to Fairplex and would like to see improvements on streets and sidewalks.

Rene Guerrero – We can also improve lights to LED as a mitigation improvements.

Committee Member St. John – Paragraph 7A it says, “the mitigation fund shall be used to fund public safety measures and services to benefit the neighborhoods surrounding the Fairplex in order to manage and improve trash abatement, noise attenuation, and pedestrian and vehicular circulation related to the music events.” These funds are to be used for the neighborhood, I don’t see that it is to be used for Public Works.

Rene Guerrero – When the term neighborhood is used does that mean private property, I don’t think so but we will look into to it and get back to you.

Committee Member Snider – It would be a slippery slope to provide funding to individual homes rather than to the public right-of-way. Can we run this by the City Attorney? Can City staff come back with some suggestions of what we should use it on?

Rene Guerrero – We will run it by the City Attorney. The purpose of the committee is for the committee to come back with some suggestions.

Committee Member Christensen – Can you provide us with a criteria outline of things we can do?

Committee Member Chaidez – We should also become familiar with the map of the mitigation zone.

Committee Member Snider – Are Park Improvements an eligible expense?

Rene Guerrero – Are Fairplex events and the visitors to those events having a negative impact on the parks? I don’t see language that addresses that, we will have to look into it.

Committee Member St. John – Can we do a traffic study if we are installing crosswalks?

Rene Guerrero – We would look into it before installing crosswalks, etc.

Committee Member Vadi – Orange County has done a lot of mitigation improvements, we can look at what other Cities have done to not have to reinvent the wheel.

Committee Member Beans – Can we get suggestions you’ve gotten from the community or complaints?

Rene Guerrero – Yes we can. We’ve gotten suggestions to install bike lanes and we are now installing bike lanes.

VIII Committee Items

Committee Member Chaidez – Can we receive communication of meetings with more time?

Rene Guerrero – When the agenda gets posted, we will send it out at that time.

IX Staff Comments

Rene Guerrero - We have a project that has started on Valley Blvd. and making its way to McKinley Ave. There will be new paving on McKinley Ave. and the new implementation of the bike lanes.

IX ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Beans adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Next meeting will be held June 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.