

**Play Ball Park Extraordinary Events Committee
MINUTES**

July 17, 2006, 12:00 PM
City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT Joe Easton, Play Ball Missoula Jerry Ballas, City Council Conservation Ellie Hill, Heart of Missoula Gwen Hoppe, Community Forum Beth Jaffe, Riverfront Matt Ellis, Facility Manager	MEMBERS ABSENT Bruce Miklus, City Parks & Rec Nicole Newman, Westside Neighborhood STAFF PRESENT None	OTHERS PRESENT None
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Matt Ellis, called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Roll call indicated that six members were present and two members were absent. Mr. Ellis called for introduction of new member, Ellie Hill.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes available from the last meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ricochet Show

Mr. Ellis reported that a country music concert had been held on July 13, 2006 (herein referred to as the "Ricochet show"). There were less than 500 people in attendance.

There was no negative public feedback from show. Instead, Mr. Ellis received an e-mail from a neighborhood representative, Traci Rasmussen, stating that she was pleased with the outcome of the event. Ms. Jaffe reported that she felt that it was a "loud show" but not unexpectedly offensive or intrusively loud. She found the music pleasant. Ms. Hoppe also reported that she had received no neighborhood complaints, and that she did not find the music loud or offensive. Ms. Hoppe also stated that the music stopped promptly at 10:00 pm. Mr. Ellis stated that there were only two complaints to law enforcement that evening and indicated that this was a "normal" amount for a show that size.

Mr. Ellis and Ms. Hoppe both found no negative parking or traffic issues associated with the event.

Mr. Ellis and Mr. Easton said that sometimes special events occur suddenly and without sufficient time to call together the Extraordinary Events Committee (as with the Ricochet show). Mr. Easton and Mr. Ellis both emphasized that this was an exception and not the rule. Mr. Ellis stated that for the Ricochet show, a quorum of members was individually notified, and the event was approved by the Committee before the event took place. Mr. Easton said that sometimes promoters call Play Ball requesting an event "a few days" before the event's planned date because Missoula is often "just a stop on the way to another show". Ms. Hill indicated that she felt that it was appropriate for events to be occasionally approved informally (like the Ricochet show), as missing an "event opportunity" because of bureaucratic constraints would frustrate the purpose of the Committee and would not be in the best interest of Play Ball Park or the Citizens of Missoula. Mr. Ellis re-emphasized that it is in Play Ball's interest to make sure that the Committee is satisfied, and that an informal approval process would only be utilized for unique situations.

B. Other Upcoming Events

Mr. Ellis and Mr. Easton reported that there may be other events coming this Summer and Fall to the Play Ball Park but they do not have concrete details yet. There is a firework show scheduled in the end of July.

C. Election of Officers

Mr. Ellis was re-elected as Chair and Ms. Hill was elected as Secretary, both by unanimous consent. Ms. Jaffe emphasized the importance of written minutes of meetings being submitted to Ruth Anderson in the Neighborhood Office and be made available to the public. Ms. Hill said that she would e-mail the minutes to the Committee Members and the Neighborhood Office.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Continued Focus on Noise Control

Mr. Ellis requested feedback on the noise level for Extraordinary Events. Ms. Hoppe requested an independent standard of measurement be utilized to determine the level of noise present and each event. Mr. Ellis said that Bruce Miklus from City Parks and Rec may have a machine. Mr. Jaffe said that he believes that the Missoula Downtown Association may also have purchased a machine for the events at Caras Park. Mr. Jaffe also indicated that, in the future, the Committee may not only be interested in the level of noise but also the type of noise. Mr. Ellis stated that clips of the music can be obtained for the Committee. Mr. Ellis also indicated that the Missoula Police Department can also measure noise complaints. The Committee will look into independently measuring noise, if necessary, in the future.

VII. STAFF REPORT

No staff present.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Mr. Ellis announced that Play Ball had been contacted by an event promoter regarding a significant concert potentially scheduled for Summer 2007. Mr. Ellis will provide more information to the Committee in the future, if applicable.

Mr. Ellis said that the Missoula Osprey Team is scheduled to play the next seven nights in a row.

IX. CITY COUNCIL / BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/ PUBLIC SUMMARY DRAFT REVIEW

- The Extraordinary Events Committee is currently receiving positive feedback in relation to concerts and events currently being held at the Play Ball Park.

- The Extraordinary Events Chair, Mr. Ellis, will continue to personally respond to all citizens with questions and concerns regarding events at the park.
- The Extraordinary Events Committee looks forward to future meetings and events as construction on Play Ball Park is completed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Hill
Secretary
Play Ball Park Extraordinary Events Committee