

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 25, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Pam Horner called the study session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Horner and Councilmembers Diana Jennings, Bill Moore and Joan Souders. Mayor Norm Childress, along with Councilmembers Mike Bren, Jesse Palacios and Javier Rodriguez were absent.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter, City Treasurer John Myers and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

Present on behalf of the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo Board were: President Yvonne Graham, Vice-President Bob Fay and Martina Charvet.

**2. JOINT MEETING WITH YAKIMA VALLEY FAIR AND RODEO BOARD**

A. Purpose of Meeting/History of Partnership

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter advised that in the past, Council has made it a priority to meet with different entities within the community to discuss quality of life issues. The purpose of the meeting was for the Council and Fair Board to update each other on activities pertaining to the Fair and the Country Park Event Center.

He explained that approximately four years ago, a meeting was held between the City, Fair Board, Chamber, School District and Port District. At the meeting, it was determined that there were some needs at the Country Park Events Center. A committee was formed with a representative appointed from each entity. The task of the committee was to tour the facility and develop an improvement plan. Based on that improvement plan, the City was to work with different organizations to implement upgrades to the facility.

B. Review of Country Park Events Center Improvements

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter distributed a binder of photos depicting improvements that have been completed to the Country Parks Event Center over the past three years, as follows:

1. Phase 1 – New Pathway from Beavan Building to the east entryway
  - Fair Board Foundation donation and Pacific Steel donation \$5,000
  - Country Mercantile contribution \$1,500
  - Labor and materials \$6,616
2. Phase 2 – New Pathway (2010)
  - Fair Board Foundation donation and Legends grant \$2,500
  - Labor and materials \$10,764

3. Phase 3 – Vendor Pathway
    - Labor and materials \$6,148
  4. Replacement of lights and installation of new exhaust fans inside Beavan Building
    - Fair Board Foundation donation \$1,000
    - Parts and labor \$1,301
  5. Re-roof Beavan Building
    - Parts and labor \$3,777
  6. New Playground
    - Seahawks donation \$25,000
    - Private donor \$10,000
    - City of Grandview contribution \$5,000
  7. New door at Beavan Building
    - Labor \$200
  8. New door to electrical room
    - Parts and labor \$596
  9. New bleachers
    - Ground preparation, fencing, labor and materials \$2,880
  10. Widening of gate to amphitheater
    - Labor \$463
  11. Painting of amphitheater
    - Kiwanis Club donation \$360
    - Labor \$618
  12. Netting at amphitheater
    - Labor and materials \$620
  13. Grandview Community Center
    - CDBG grant \$1,000,000
    - City of Grandview contribution \$420,000
- C. Update/Information from Fair Board

Fair Board Vice-President Fay reported that the 2011 gate admission at the Fair was approximately \$15,000 up from \$4,000 last year. He also provided an overview of the insurance costs and explained that the Fair Board pays \$8,300 in premiums annually with approximately \$4,500 for liability insurance. He advised that the Fair Board would be developing a rental agreement for their land and buildings at the Country Parks Event Center. He extended an invitation to attend the Fair Board meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Livestock Office at 6:30 p.m.

D. Community Center and Fair (Potential Use)

The group discussed opportunities for the Fair Board to utilize the new Community Center during the Fair. Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter advised that the Community Center Advisory Committee was in the process of developing policy and procedure guidelines for facility use.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

The study session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro Tem Horner

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk