

Community Facilities Advisory Board
Minutes
August 23, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ann Torrey, Lance Nichols, Pat Shrader, Terry Williams, Greg Starks, Rick Sowers, Justin Banning, Ed Elam, and Ken Strobel.

MINUTES: Justin Banning asked to amend the July 11, 2007 minutes. The start time of the meeting was 4:05 p.m. not 7:05 p.m. Correction was noted and changed. Terry Williams motioned to accept the amended minutes, seconded by Rick Sowers, unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Report from Boot Hill was submitted for review at a later date.

Financial Update was presented by Nannette Pogue, City Clerk: Sales Tax is up 8% from last year at this time. The City and County Commission extended the deadline for the Sales Tax Projects until on or before November 1, 2007.

Soccer Complex and Legends Field Update was presented by Paul Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation. The contractor is currently working on the soccer complex expansion. The contract calls for completion in eight months. Some work will be halted during the winter, but will be completed late spring of 2008. A gas line adjustment had to be completed that wasn't budgeted. Paul would like to revisit at a later date, the cost of additional landscaping at the entrance ways of the complex and soil additives. Signage for both the Soccer Complex and Legends Park will be presented at a later date. At Legends Field there is some needed maintenance items that may be presented for the 2008 budget.

Dodge City Raceway Park Update was presented by Brad Maxwell, Manager. A report including attendance numbers and car count was handed out. Both attendance and cars counts have increase from the previous three years. World's of Outlaw weekend was successful. The racetrack has been struggling with issues in the concession stands, and many of these issues are the results of not enough good employees available. Brad has requested that air condition be installed in the concession stands.

Southwest Sports Update presented by Gary Turner. Team numbers at Legends Field are about the same as last year and the payout was cut slightly this year with no complaints.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Two (2) meetings have been held and included in the discussions were Roundup, 4-H, Ford County, Extension Service, Ford County Fair Grounds, and local interests. Heritage Development Group submitted line drawing/conceptual plan/ideas on a building that is 225 x 125.

Location that was discussed was out by the Dodge City Raceway Park since there is enough land to support an RV Park to buffer the Racetrack and Expo Center. Rick Sowers inquired about a list of events that would be used at an Expo Center. Sowers also stressed that we are under a Court Order to get the Special Event Center built, that we need to put CFAB efforts towards meeting that goal. It was decided to ask for community input on the needs and wants of an Expo Center. The Sub Committee will bring information back to the CFAB Board.

Greg Starks announced that he will be taking a leave of absence from the CFAB until the required endorsement by either the City and/or County is given to the selected casino management applicant. Greg indicated his reason was to eliminate any appearance of conflict of interest since he has been recently involved with Butler National, who would be the casino manager under the Boot Hill Gaming proposal.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.