

Equine and Livestock Advisory Subcommittee--DRAFT

December 16, 2019

Subcommittee members: June Wall, Dianne Wilburn, Lisa Reader, Jake Trujillo, Nancy Boudrie

LA County Representatives: Dan Erickson, Jeff Humpton, Manny

Guests: Amy Rogers, Melissa Arias, Donna Hayden

The meeting was called to order by Jake Trujillo at 1110.

Discussions:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lots (6) held by the County
 - Dan will give information to Linda Matteson; she will research situation and see if there is any reason that lots are being held
 - Dan can't think of any reason why lots would be held
 - We should have an answer by the next ELAS meeting
2. Rodeo Arena Lights
 - Dan assures us that the rodeo arena light project is underway
 - Eight new poles will be erected
 - Poles will have double heads which will have LEDs
 - There will be no hot or cold spots; there will be 15 times the light for 1/3 the cost
 - Currently have 1000-1100 watts; new light system will provide 5000 watts
 - The lights will be on 2 circuits; will be able to operate lights from both sides of the arena
 - The whole job will be contracted out and cost approximately \$100,000
3. Non-Profit Addendum to Rules and Regulations
 - Melissa reports that operation of a non-profit is not an issue; there is currently no mechanism for non-profit organizations to own lots
 - Building permits are a problem for non-profits, as there is no specific "owner"
 - Question as to what happens to Lemonade lot post Melissa?
 - Melissa continues to work with the county to create a process for lot ownership by non-profits
4. BMX Track
 - The first big event for the BMX track will probably be in May

- Committee members requested that the access to the pit toilets from the BMX track be made more visible so horses aren't spooked by people suddenly appearing from behind trees
5. Update on rodeo contractor
 - LA County is not legally able to contract with rodeo contractors through the NM Rodeo Association (NMRA) as it is not able to waive insurance
 - We could use the NM Rodeo Association if the rodeo were run by volunteers such as it was when the Fair and Rodeo Board was in charge of the rodeo.
 - The NMRA takes care of all facets of the rodeo including handling all the money, insurance and other intricacies of the event
 - It's too late to make any changes for 2020
 - It's important to have a decent stock contractor in order to attract top competitors
 - ELAS should create a list of pros and cons for creating a Fair and Rodeo Committee
 6. Update on Rules and Regulations revision
 - This will appear as an action item at the next PROS meeting
 - Dena Pesenson worried about what happens if ELAS no longer exists. The revision includes a sentence which states, "Projects recommended by LASOA will be submitted for review by the Equine and Livestock Advisory Subcommittee OR the appropriate Parks, Recreation and Open Space Committee."

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Frustration with lack of response from County
 - There are issues that have not been addressed by the County in spite of inquiries over several years
 - Chris Wilson did a good job of being involved with stable owners and their issues. LASOA has not had a close relationship with the County since his leaving.
 - We are hopeful that the change in personnel in the Community Services Department will allow the new leadership to re-engage with the stable owners.
2. Fee Review
 - North Mesa Stable Owners request to see the costs of county services to the stables
 - The license fees are determined by the cost of services and water usage for the park
 - Stable owners have the right to see the costs
3. Trail Obstacle Course
 - Discussion tabled for future meeting

4. Use of County facilities for private instruction—Donna Hayden
 - A lot of gray areas
 - No one can profit from using County facilities because of anti-donation rules
 - Donna Hayden is working with the County to create a policy and procedure that will be used as the guideline for using County facility
 - ELAS will develop a list of concerns that relate to the use of County facilities

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Wall, Secretary
Equine and Livestock Advisory Subcommittee