



## Five Flags Civic Center Advisory Commission Meeting

**Wednesday August 20, 2014**



**PRESENT:**

Approved by Commission 10/27/14

McKenzie Hill, Bryce Parks, Tyler Daugherty, Rod Bakke

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Don Howes, Ali Levasseur, Marie Ware

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kevin Eipperle of FEH Associates Inc.

**MINUTES**

**APPROVED:**

**VOTE:**

**UPDATES:**

Commissioner Parks motioned and Commissioner Bakke seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hill introduced Kevin Eipperle. Kevin was invited to the meeting to discuss the possible cost of the feasibility study. FEH Associates Inc. works on different feasibility and engineering studies through the region. Kevin discussed some different pieces of what would make up a feasibility study

- Engineering Assessments
- Code related issues
- Renewable energy
- Thermal envelope
- Additional seating
- What can/should this be? Public input.

Public input could be through an advisory taskforce, open design workshops, or surveys of general public and current clients.

Kevin presented hard copy examples of studies done for Dubuque County (estimated \$40,000 cost), City of Eldridge IA (estimated \$36,000 cost).

These booklets included site selection, conceptual designs, budgets, timelines, options, capitol and operating costs. All meeting notes included.

Kevin then discussed the study of Theisen Event Center in Sioux City conducted ten years ago (estimated \$70-90,000 cost). This is similar to Five Flags Center, an existing event center with a “re-invented” expansion.

Commissioner Bakke brought up the communication on the capacity shortfall to compete for sporting events and concerts.

Kevin stated the opportunity to create a task force with the public and current clients. Have the clients discuss their “dreams” to better their use of the building, have public discuss what they would like to experience.

Marie Ware entered meeting at this time - Kevin and Commissioners updated her on the information and discussion continued.

Commissioner Hill asked an estimated length of time for the process for a feasibility study. Kevin reported that it would depend on the amount of public input, he suggested it could be around four months. Kevin Eipperle

left the meeting.

Commissioner Parks began discussing his communication with council members. He received positive responses and now has some numbers to take back to them after listening to Kevin Eipperle's presentation.

Commissioner Hill verified with Marie the amount of money allocated for the study. \$30,000 from SMG is reserved for a study, the City would need to budget for the additional money needed.

Mare Ware cautioned delivering specific numbers at this time as there is not enough information for the specifics of the study to give a number.

Commissioner Daugherty reported on his communication with Joyce Connors and Ric Jones. They agreed with the importance of this study but were unsure of the costs. Commissioner Parks discussed his communication with Roy Boul, Lynn Sutton, and Kevin Lynch was just as positive. The council has had Five Flags in their minds and understands the information from the Commissioners. Dave Resnick and Karla Braig were not able to meet as they were out of town on vacation.

Commissioner Hill discussed the next steps:

- Reach out to council members to thank them for meeting with commission.
- Commissioner Bakke motioned the Five Flags Civic Center Commission return to meeting monthly as of 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of September. Commissioner Parks was concerned that this may not be the time for commission to meet monthly and asked Marie for the process and timeline if Five Flags is placed in the goals.
- Motion did not receive a second.

Mare discussed the timeline or journey in detail, Council goals will be released to public in January 2015. Public hearing for Five Flags Budget will be held February 2015, Commissioners and public can be at hearing to show support at this time. Final hearing night when budget is adopted takes place March 2015. Money is available July 2015, when work can begin on creating the RFP.

Commissioner Hill recommend that Commissioner Bakke bring his motion to meet more than quarterly to the table again at the October 27, 2014 meeting.

Commissioner Bakke asked about Commissioner Scott. She has missed meetings and if she is not able to give the time we should look into a new commission member. Ali Levasseur will talk to City Clerk about the city's attendance code for Commissioners.

**ADJURN:** Commissioner Parks motioned and Commissioner Daugherty seconded,  
**VOTE:** to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** *Next quarterly meeting held in the General Manager's Office on Monday October 27, 2014 at 3:30PM. Five Flags staff will place an email "Thursday before" to remind commissioners of the meeting.*