



Five Flags Civic Center Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday April 1, 2020

**COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT:**

Nicholas Huff, Rod Bakke, McKenzie Blau, Tyler Daugherty, Bryce Parks

STAFF PRESENT:

HR Cook, Ali Levasseur, Shaun Rice, Jesse Gavin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marie Ware, Kristen Dietz, Nick Schrup, 1 caller no name given

**MINUTES APPROVED;
VOTE:**

Commissioner Parks motioned and Commissioner Bakke seconded, to approve the minutes of January 27, 2020 meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

**FIVE FLAGS CIVIC
CENTER UPDATES:**

General Manager [HR Cook] gave information on the government shut down due to COVID-19 Pandemic. As of now, Five Flags next event scheduled is in May 2020. Building will be closed until that time. Five Flags was very proactive with our promoters and were able to postpone 90% of our events to fall 2020 dates. Also, we have confirmed many concerts for the fall which should be announced in the coming months.

Five Flags staff worked quickly to get cash flow analysis for corporate, implemented cost saving procedures. Part time staff has not been scheduled as of March 13, 2020 and Full-time staff has been furloughed as of this Friday 4/3/20. Full time staff will be brought in with enough time to plan and set the first event.

**RECOMMENDATION
REGARDING FIVE
FLAGS CENTER
REFERENDUM DATE:**

Commission Chair [Nick Huff] began the discussion of a recommendation to city council on the referendum date.

Chair of Yes for Five Flags Committee [Nick Schrup] spoke up stating that the committee believes it is reasonable to asked for a rescheduled vote and they would recommend this to the commission.

Marie Ware discussed the legal dates available in 2020 are in March and September. The dates in 2021 would be in March, September, and November.

Commissioners had slight discussion and Commissioner Blau motioned Commission recommend to City Council postpone the scheduled referendum date September 8, 2020 to a later date in 2021. Commission will meet and determine the recommended date at a later time. Commission Bakke seconded the motion. Discussion of motion included the ability to meet during COVID.

Commission Chair [Nick Huff] took roll call for vote on the motion

Huff	Yes
Bakke	Yes
Parks	Yes
Daugherty	Yes
Blau	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Huff asked Ware how to communicate to Council. Marie will create a template memo and send to Huff. After Huff finalizes the memo letter, he will return to Ware to submit to city council.

OTHER BUISNESS: Comments left by public before scheduled meeting provided by City of Dubuque include:

Phone message around 11am from couple who did not leave contact information; they believe the money should be spent on another project and the Five Flags Center should be tore down for a parking lot or parking garage.

**ADJURN;
VOTE:** Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Parks, seconded by Commissioner Bakke. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was being held virtually, there was no physical location for the meeting. Commissioners and Public could join the meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone with the access code. Comments could be submitted prior to the meeting and after the meeting until noon Monday April 6th via the following options; [Facebook page: City of Dubuque Leisure Services](#), phone message to the City of Dubuque Leisure Service Department at 563-589-4263.