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Meeting Minutes - Action Only Board of Supervisors

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8:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

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Receive a verbal update on the Solano360 Development and on discussions of successor funding and site management agreements with Solano County Fair Association (SCFA) for the Fairgrounds Property located in Vallejo, CA; and Provide general direction to staff for future funding and site management agreements with SCFA

Assistant Director of General Services James Bezek provided an overview of the item.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson, Mr. Bezek provided additional information on the property.

Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston provided the Board with financial information and a timeline of efforts and activities.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on costs of maintaining the fair and staff. She requested that staff look at the annual minimum cost for the County to provide security and maintenance of the facility and the management of the facilities on-site. She noted that there was a requirement to have a fair in order for the County to remain the owner of the property.

County Counsel Bernadette Curry advised that there was a deed restriction on the site and that staff was working with the City of Vallejo to release the restriction in order to move the project forward.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello advised that she had asked the Fair Association to provide these costs many years ago and that staff would not be able to produce those costs in the two month time frame.

Chairwoman Hannigan advised that she would like the costs to maintain and secure the site absent the Fair Association managing the site. She also requested an estimate of what the County would need to contribute toward the costs.

Fair CEO/Executive Director Mike Ioakimedes advised that the Fair Association was working on the financial plan and that it had provided information on the costs of providing the fair.

Supervisor Sperring noted that staff was bringing forth what the Board's subcommittee was asking for and commented on the financial information that the Fair Association had provided.

Chairwoman Hannigan noted that the subcommittee had not really had a lot of time to look at things. She advised that more information on the costs were needed.

Supervisor Sperring advised that there would be a cost no matter what and that the Fair Association could not fiscally carry the burden of the costs. He suggested that more discussions may be needed.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the need to keep the goals in mind of the Solano360 project and continuing the fair. He suggested that it go back to the drawing table to determine what information was needed by the County Administrator's Office from the Fair Association.

Mr. Bezek provided additional information on challenges that were arising from use of the site by the Fair Association.

Supervisor Vasquez commented that the fair belonged to the County and that the Fair Association was chosen to operate the fair for the County. He advised that he was looking for someone to manage the fair and that the County should operate the facilities as the property owner.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on the need to look forward and credit given to the efforts made by the Fair Association to respond to requests made by the County.

Supervisor Sperring requested that Mr. Ioakimedes and the Fair Association Board President meet with the Board subcommittee.