ELMORE COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

MINUTES
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Vice Chairman K.C. Duerig called the meeting to order. Members of the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission present were Dave Holland, Mitch Smith, Sue Fish and Ed Oppedyk. Also present were Also present were Attorney of Record Philip Miller, Director Alan Christy and staff members Beth Bresnahan and Kacey Ramsauer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Idaho Country Concerts, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for an annual 4 day country Music Festival that includes a primary stage, secondary small stage, children's activity area, food and craft vendors, wine and beer vending, sponsor exhibits, tent and RV camping in the Agriculture (AG) Zone. Case Number: CUP-2016-04. The site is located in portions of Sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, Township 1 South, Range 10 East, B.M., and Section 19, Township 1 South, Range 11 East, B.M. A common mean of locating the property is from Mountain Home take Hwy 20 for 33 miles, turn left on to South Pine-Featherville Road, the property is located on the right hand side

Mitch Smith recused himself from these hearings as he has personal affiliations with the applicant.

Miller read a statement into the record from Director Alan Christy. Miller stated that Christy is not participating in reviewing or preparing documents in this hearing and the reason for this is the landowner for this application is also involved in another development application which is currently before the Board of County Commissioners and the Board asked Christy not to take part in that application. He stated the Board thought it would be better if he didn't take part in this application as well.

Bresnahan gave staff report and background.

Anne Hankins is the applicant. She presented some information showing the infrastructure of the concert.

Duerig entered this into the record as Applicant Exhibit # 1.

Hankins stated that this will be the third Mountain Home Country Music Festival. She stated that they are very proud of the application and the infrastructure that is provided at the event. She

stated that everything is about safety and the experience for the attendees. She stated that they provide about 8,000 man hours for security and they also employ the Elmore County Sheriff's office to be onsite as well as an onsite command center. She stated that there is about 14 football field lengths of fencing. She stated that they have camping onsite as well.

Hankins stated that the reason they requested an extension of the hours is due to the very hot temperatures during that time of the year. She stated the attendance has not been what they would like to see in order to keep an event of this magnitude in Elmore County and it may be due to the heat.

Hankins stated that people will be able to walk around the event with alcohol this year but only in the fenced area. She stated that there is still no alcohol allowed in the camping area.

Hankins stated that they have an onsite hospital with doctors and nurses as well as volunteers. She stated that there is fire protection present at all times.

Hankins stated they also do a give back program. She stated in the past two years they have given back about $180,000 dollars to schools and nonprofit groups. She stated that they get to come out and volunteer at the event and earn money for their sports programs or their club or group. She stated that this is the footprint of their organization and they are very proud of it.

Duerig asked if it was the concert area where alcohol is allowed.

Hankins stated that yes the fenced area is the concert venue and those attending the concert must go through a wristband scanning area prior to coming into the venue.

Fish asked how people who come for the day park in the area.

Hankins stated that they have general admission parking but parking must be paid for prior and they cannot get in to the area without having a wristband. She stated they have certain placards for any type of package that is purchased and they go in the window of the vehicle.

Anne Hankins signed up in support but did not have any further testimony.

Lori Otter signed up in support. She stated that it's been a really good thing for the great state of Ada to see what's been happening in Elmore County and to be able to support that. She stated that she is thankful to the applicants for what they do for Idaho's nonprofits, especially in Elmore County. She stated that she has attended every year and she has been very pleased and continues to see great things for Elmore County.

Cherese McLain signed up in support. She stated that she is the attorney for the applicant. She stated that they don't oppose any of the conditions that staff has suggested but she stated regarding the alcohol that they wanted to use the Idaho Center or the Botanical Gardens as an example of the alcohol rules. She stated that you will be able to walk around with alcohol but not outside of the concert area and you will not be able to bring any outside alcohol in with you.

McLain referred to the last comment on page 4 of the staff report regarding updates on the concert. She stated that an event of this magnitude really is a yearlong planning process and if this suggestion is followed they would ask for 120 days in advance as opposed to 60 days prior as they are very busy 60 days out.

Jennifer Ann Hynek signed up in support but did not wish to testify.

There was no further testimony.

Duerig closed the public hearing.

Commission action:

Oppedyk moved to approve with the proposed conditions of approval as written with the addition of condition 24 regarding areas where alcohol is allowed.
Holland seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Duerig called a 5 minute recess.

Duerig called the meeting back to order.

Mitch Smith has joined the public hearing.

Alan Christy has joined the public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for ZDA-2016-01

Oppedyk moved to approve.
Holland seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Christy stated that the next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2017. He stated that he has some ordinance revisions for the commission as well.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:48 p.m.

Approved

Approved

KC Duerig, Vice Chairperson

1-18-17
Date:

Attest:
Alan Christy, Director

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Date: