

pbscommissions - Re: MHRB_2020-0005 Circus Changes to 2020 schedule and future dates

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To: Juliana Cherry <cherryj@mendocinocounty.org>, <pbscommissions@mendocinoc...
Date: 7/16/2020 10:15 AM
Subject: Re: MHRB_2020-0005 Circus Changes to 2020 schedule and future dates
Cc: Peg Levy <director@ccmendo.org>, Cally Dym <callyd@littleriverinn.com>

Planning and Building Services

Application: MHRB_2020-0005, Flynn Creek Circus

As the covid situation is rapidly changing daily, I want to make sure the board understands that our request for approval is not our only consideration or hurdle and there is a possibility that we will not proceed with the 2020 Labor Day weekend portion of our application. We have made significant changes to our service protocol in consideration of the pandemic including:

- *Assigned seating to keep arriving parties in their social bubbles
- *Limited seating with CDC distancing (less than 100 patrons per show down from 400)
- *Separate entrance and exit with hand free sanitizer at both
- *Required masks with signage
- *Wallings of the tent will be kept up with fans pulling air out of the tent to maximize the 'outside' feature and reduce danger of aerosols
- *Concessions served from enclosed trailer with service windows and plexiglass installed
- *ground markings for cdc distancing at entrances and selling points
- *staggered entry on tickets to limit cluster arrivals
- *Separate showings for adults only and families
- *Sanitation of all surfaces between and before each showing
- *Staff quarantined prior to event and practising all CDC guidelines

Despite organizing a strong safety procedure, we will need other permissions beyond the MHRB, namely the entering into a stage 4 reopening and the allowance both by the County and

State for live events. At the moment, these allowances look like they are not on track for our 2020 timeline. The epidemic is modeled to

pick up speed in the weeks ahead and could affect our business sector. We will continue to monitor the situation and hope for a better outcome.

Regardless of the trajectory, Flynn Creek Circus will need MHRB approval for 2020 and future years in the application in order to plan. We have no intention of pushing against state and county guidelines should the situation be as tenuous as it looks like it is trending. We want to keep

our patrons safe and our public image intact. Our application stands as an optimistic first step.

Respectfully submitted,

Blaze Birge

Artistic Director

Flynn Creek Circus

On Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 8:50 AM Juliana Cherry <cherryj@mendocinocounty.org> wrote:

Blaze, thank you for your message and conveying your concerns. Since we have previously spoken on this topic, I do understand your position. If you would like to prepare an email or letter, I can distribute your comments to the Review Board Membership. If you would like, the comments can also be posted on the meeting website (for the public to read as well). You can send your email or correspondence to me or pbscommissions@mendocinocounty.org. Please reference your application number in the subject line, e.g. MHRB_2020-0005. I am in the office today and Friday and my direct line is 234-2888. I am sorry to read that your performance schedule will be changed for this year. My family has enjoyed every FCC show that we have attended and look forward to the next!

Please call [707-234-2888](tel:707-234-2888) or email when I can be of further assistance.

Be well, and

Best,

Juliana Cherry

Planning and Building Services

Due to the Health Officers Order, the Planning and Building Services public counter hours in both Fort Bragg and Ukiah offices are available by appointment. Staff are also available by telephone and email.

If you have new permit applications, please either mail, e-mail or send the application through PBS's new E-Permit site at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services>.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Planning and Building Services at pbs@co.mendocino.ca.us, or call the Fort Bragg office at [\(707\) 964-5379](tel:707-964-5379) and Ukiah office at [\(707\) 234-6650](tel:707-234-6650).

>>> "blazebirge@flynncreekcircus.com" <blazebirge@flynncreekcircus.com> 7/15/2020 4:40 PM >>>

Hello Juliana,

Thank you for the report and links. As the covid situation is rapidly changing daily, I want to make sure the board understands that our request for approval is not our only consideration or hurdle. We are currently leaning toward not hosting the 2020 event. Despite organizing a strong safety procedure, we will need other permissions beyond the MHRB, namely

the entering into a stage 4 reopening and the allowance both by County and State for live events. At the moment, these allowances look like they are not on track for our 2020 timeline. Regardless of the strength of our limited seating, open air and sanitation plan, the epidemic is modeled to pick up speed in the months ahead will affect our business sector. We will continue to monitor the situation and hope for a better outcome. I am concerned that we may receive a denial from MHRB due to covid concerns that will affect our application for future years' events. Would it be appropriate to let the board know in advance of the meeting that we are waiting on additional approvals and better ground conditions before executing the 2020 event, but regardless need MHRB approval for 2020 and future years before proceeding?

I hope this makes sense. It feels a little hard to convey. Basically, we have no intention of pushing against state and county guidelines should the situation be as tenuous as it looks like it is trending. We want to keep our patrons safe and our public image intact.

Please let me know your thoughts. I hope you are all well and safe.

Respectfully,

Blaze Birge

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On Wed, Jul 15, 2020 at 2:14 PM Juliana Cherry <cherryj@mendocinocounty.org> wrote:

> Hi, Blaze

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> In the next day or so you should receive a printed copy of the July

> Staff Report. It is also posted on-line

> (https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mendocinocounty.org%2fhome%2fshowdocument%3fid%3d36695&c=E,1_dFvtotwFFtMPUGku6cXkDvq7tNIBu9mgC6BFh2oXHMqHcsyWWrOnfNx_wK66GoVmkIbXa9hX6urOHTmezGm3P23q8dCvGQzXomFnimuRqw,;

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> Please review the content of the report and contact me if any

> clarifications are need or if you have questions. There were several

> reports assembled last week and I anticipate refinements may be needed

> for some. If in your case clarifications are needed, I can easily

> prepare a memo to supplement the report.

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> Public comments will be posted here, as they arrive:

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> https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mendocinocounty.org%2fgovernment%2fplanning-building-services%2fmeeting-agendas%2fmendocino-historic-review-board&c=E,1_ZOg8saBdu-rdRb1_y6_ik45Gw0iP_90swAuGohtLqzXF9ALdOSK1Ajg-Y22PIVBTvzDeTxMT1yAvdxBXXkgtc9l7s5EgsXeoJmFYKBxyhB6_CwOOQ.,&typo=1

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> -- J.

> Juliana Cherry Direct Line [707-234-2888](tel:707-234-2888)

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