

Questions from the 2019 Annual Meeting for Pacific Raceways

October 9, 2019

**Question & Answers** 

(Responses may be paraphrased)

1. Asking for resolution of the Loud Speaker issue – the volume has been readjusted, the speakers redirected, to no avail. Track comments they are working on it. Numerous instances where announcer can be heard a mile away and music broadcasted. When will this get resolved?

Jason Fiorito committed to continuing to work on noise levels. John Ramsey said speakers were re-directed. Hired a company (My Audio Video) to help them with the redirecting. Ongoing issue and he pledged to work on it better for next year. Replaced old speakers and attempted to re-aim away from the neighbors as best they could. Jim Chan: Yes, CUP says the noise will not go beyond the boundary of the track. Nuisance noise is under King County Sheriff's Office and is a low priority for them. The best way to resolve this issue is to work with the operator. The alternative is to go down the path of litigation and it takes a few years. Nonconstruction noise is nuisance noise and is also in the CUP. It can be processed as a violation of the CUP but will take an extraordinary amount of time to process. John Taylor spoke and said if we don't get the results we want, we can go the legal route. Our preference always is to work collaboratively with businesses and the community. We have a duty to the public to make sure agreements are abided by. The CUP says the track will comply with the noise levels and Pacific Raceways will comply with the community to get the loud speaker are a problem. He will work with the community to get the loud speaker issue off the table for next year. He has heard loud and clear.

- 2. Where are the berms and sound barrier walls? Jim Chan said all of this is in the IUP. Sound mitigation, construction associated with it and the construction of garages. It is not intended for the racing season.
- 3. Where is the gravel extraction reducing the height of the track and building a berm to reduce the noise level? Jason said that is an IUP issue, this meeting is about the CUP. CUP governs current operations where the IUP is about the expansion. In the IUP, parking lot C (40-acre lot) predominantly national event parking has taken place over the last 33 years; that material is coming out of there to lower the field to mitigate for some of the impacts of the buildings that are being planned there. Is it going to mitigate race track noise? JF: NO.

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- 4. Labor Day racing on Monday violated CUP. That day was available only if there was a major event. **Why did that happen?** Jason said the ET Bracket Finals is a major event and went Thursday through Sunday. Largest bracket event; Division 6 regional finals.
- 5. **Night police/fire activities?** Late night hours are especially impactful to neighbors. Children trying to sleep. CUP says quiet and non-impacting. Permitting has stated that police and fire training activities are not subject to noise limitations.
- 6. **Is it true Go Karts cannot be raced on the Go kart Track**? JF: There is a restriction against racing 2-stroke engine Go Karts on the Go Kart track.
- 7. Is there anything on the Pacific Raceways' real estate disclosure that requires notice to the buyer that during certain times of the year the decimal amount will be X? There are real estate laws of this nature that are administered by the County.
- 8. **The Master Plan is still a go, right?** Yes, the Interim Use permit is just that. The Master Plan says as the Master plan is adopted, there will be an operating agreement that will govern all aspects of the track operations (everything).
- 9. How do we take the last document (CUP) that has been here 35 40 years and make it better? Jason said he lost arguments with the Courts about how to run the track and lost revenue. He is going to be lobbying the legislature for revenue streams he had before and were advantageous to the business. He knows the community will lobby for more restrictive guidelines.
- 10. Moving parking to the west of the development over by the Kart track what is status of the permit for the parking lot? JF: Met with the County of the ability to park up there. As governed by the 1984 plot plan there is not ability to park race spectators there. He will be asking for that when He reapplies for the race participant camping that allows for camping in the expanded areas for the NHRA nationals and NHRA Divisional. He will tag a rider on that to include spectator parking at the 40-acre lot north of the Kart track. Initial meeting with County, it was recommended he apply for a TUP and ask for both things at once spectator camping and spectator parking. Will this take an ordinance? JF: A TUP is administratively permit unless it is appealed then it goes to the Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner subsequently granted the TUP the last time. Jim Chan: It is Type 2 permit will the community will get a chance to comment and to appeal.
- 11. Are water samples going to be taken from Soosette Creek? JF: Does not know of a requirement to take samples of water in Soosette Creek, but Fiorito will talk with Huling to do that voluntarily.

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- 12. Who will be the Designated Noise Coordinator required by the Hearing Examiner? JF: When Huling and Fiorito met, Fiorito designated Kevin from Rimble as the Noise Coordinator.
- 13. **Water Main expansion status?** Covington Water District said it will go out to bid in January or February and be installed March or April.
- 14. Is Pacific Raceways going to become a private track? JFiorito: Not on his watch.