

CARNIVAL-AMUSEMENT SAFETY BOARD MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS had in the
above-entitled matter cause on the 29th day of
June, A.D., 2010 at approximately 1:10 p.m.

BEFORE:

MS. CATHERINE M. SHANNON, Chairman;
MR. ANTHONY J. URBK, Member;
MR. DANIEL S. KIRSCHNER, Member;
MR. BILL SPARKS, Member;
MS. PATTY SULLIVAN, Member;
MR. JAMES WRIGHT, JR., Member.

APPEARANCES: (Department of Labor)

MR. DOUG RATHBUN;
MR. MICHAEL HAGGERTY;
MS. CARMELA GONZALEZ.

ALSO PRESENT: (Members of the Public)

MR. ED DAME;
MS. MARGARET VAUGHN.



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1 MS. SHANNON: Well, the hour of 1:00 o'clock
2 has come and passed. The Carnival-Amusement Safety
3 Board will come to order. I'll take the roll.

4 Dan Driskill?

5 (No response.)

6 MS. SHANNON: Patty Sullivan?

7 MS. SULLIVAN: Present.

8 MS. SHANNON: Bill Sparks?

9 MR. SPARKS: Present.

10 MS. SHANNON: Dan Kirschner?

11 MR. KIRSCHNER: Present.

12 MS. SHANNON: Anthony Urbik?

13 MR. URBIK: Here.

14 MS. SHANNON: James Wright?

15 MR. WRIGHT: Here.

16 MS. SHANNON: Catherine Shannon? Here.

17 And also, I would like to -- first of
18 all, I would like to -- everyone has a copy of the
19 agenda, I believe. It's the draft agenda for the
20 meeting of Tuesday, June 29th, and the first order
21 of business would be approval of the agenda.

22 If you all want to take a minute to look
23 at it.

24 MS. SULLIVAN: I move to approve the agenda as



1 presented.

2 MS. SHANNON: Okay.

3 MR. SPARKS: I'll second it.

4 MS. SHANNON: A motion has been moved and
5 seconded.

6 Is there any discussion? Hearing none,
7 all those in favor say aye; opposed nay.

8 (Chorus of ayes.)

9 MS. SHANNON: Okay. The ayes have it.

10 Okay. The next order of business is
11 approval of minutes, and the minutes are contained
12 in Section 1 of your binders, the board meeting of
13 May 18th, 2009.

14 MS. SULLIVAN: I couldn't sleep the other
15 night so I read them. I'll move to approve them.

16 MS. SHANNON: Okay. Motion has been made.

17 MR. SPARKS: I'll second it.

18 MS. SHANNON: Seconded. All those -- is there
19 any discussion? Any amendments or modifications to
20 the minutes? Okay.

21 Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

22 (Chorus of ayes.)

23 MS. SHANNON: Opposed nay.

24 MR. URBIK: Abstain.



1 MS. SHANNON: One abstention.

2 MR. URBIK: I wasn't there.

3 MS. SHANNON: He can't say whether that's true
4 or not.

5 Well, the only order of business that
6 we really have all centers around the fee increase
7 proposal, and as provided in our statute, before
8 adopting, modifying or amending any rule, the
9 director is to -- the board has to consent to any
10 rule change, and so that's why we're having this
11 meeting.

12 In Section 2, if you turn to that, there
13 are two different sections of our rules, only two
14 this time, that we need to modify. The definition
15 section, and -- which is 6000.10, and the -- the
16 fee proposal section, which is 6000.50, Permit and
17 Inspection and Associated fees.

18 You will notice that we have two
19 different versions of 6000.50 because at the last
20 board meeting, we discussed a rate and we wanted
21 to -- we discussed it internally with staff and
22 with some of the inspectors, and so we have
23 actually in addition to the 1,000 fee for large
24 roller coasters and ski lifts, we have a version



1 that would make that \$500 for large roller coasters
2 and ski lifts. So we just wanted to show both
3 proposals to the board.

4 MS. SULLIVAN: Well, and we had talked about
5 that previously.

6 MS. SHANNON: Yeah. So I think what I'd like
7 to first do is just go through the definition
8 section, 6000.10, and we needed to define certain
9 words, such as, "Coaster-Intermediate," and that's
10 defined as any coaster which is more than 25 feet
11 but less than 50 feet in height at the highest
12 point above -- of the track above grade, and
13 according to what we've had in the past, Doug and
14 Marcia did some research, and we think we have
15 three to four that would fall into the intermediate
16 and -- but there may be more because depending on
17 shows that come in and out of the state.

18 And in terms of -- then the next
19 definition would be "Coaster-Large," meaning any
20 coaster which is more than 50 feet at the highest
21 point of the track above grade, and we have
22 identified 10 large coasters. It may be 11, but
23 we're sure there are 10, all of which are at Six
24 Flags, I believe; right, Doug?



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1 MR. RATHBUN: I'm sorry?

2 MS. SHANNON: All the large coasters are at
3 Six Flags, all those --

4 MR. RATHBUN: The Wade shows had one. I
5 wasn't exactly sure how tall it was. It was a
6 Pinfari Zyklon, and it may have been above 50.

7 MS. SHANNON: Yeah, I said 10, maybe 11,
8 depending on whether that Wade show one falls into
9 the intermediate or large.

10 MS. SULLIVAN: I would guess it's above the
11 50.

12 MR. RATHBUN: I would say it's above 50.
13 Catherine, Dan said -- according to Marcia, Dan
14 said -- he has not called to cancel, he said he
15 would be here. So Dan may still be on his way.

16 MS. SHANNON: Okay. Thanks.

17 MS. SULLIVAN: Well, with all the construction
18 down 55, jeez.

19 MR. URBIK: He may be driving around the
20 parking lot trying to find a place to park.

21 MS. SULLIVAN: Well, I parked illegally out
22 there because there weren't any places to park.

23 MR. URBIK: Not a single space.

24 MS. SULLIVAN: Does he know that the venue has



1 changed?

2 MS. SHANNON: I haven't talked to him.

3 MS. SULLIVAN: Because he could even be over
4 at the other building.

5 MS. GONZALEZ: I could go check to see if
6 anybody --

7 MS. SHANNON: Why don't you see if you could
8 call him on his cell phone. Marcia probably has
9 his number.

10 MS. GONZALEZ: His number. Okay. Let me call
11 Marcia.

12 MS. SHANNON: So -- so that's Coaster-Large,
13 and major rides. We had to amend that
14 definition -- and that's on page three of
15 6000.10 -- so that it didn't include the
16 intermediate -- or so that it didn't include the
17 large coasters, because it used to be the large
18 coasters were in major rides.

19 So now we've modified major rides so
20 that it's amusement rides or amusement attractions
21 that are designed for more than 75 pounds per
22 passenger unit and includes any coaster which is 25
23 feet or less in height at the highest point of the
24 track above grade.



1 MS. SULLIVAN: That's page three of four.

2 MS. SHANNON: It's --

3 MR. DAME: Mr. Driskill will not be joining
4 us. He has got issues with his show that he has
5 got to be dealing with.

6 MS. SHANNON: Okay. No problem.

7 MR. DAME: I'll give him crap later.

8 MS. SULLIVAN: I think some of these may need
9 to be changed only because everything is either
10 more than 25 feet and less than 50 or more than 50
11 or less than 25. So this does not include a
12 25-foot high or a 55-foot high. It needs to be
13 25 feet or more and 50 feet or more or higher.

14 MR. RATHBUN: Well, the major rides, Patty,
15 says 25 feet or less. So it does include the 25.

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. I -- 25 feet or less.
17 The 50 feet one then is the problem.

18 MR. RATHBUN: The large should say 50 or more.

19 MS. SULLIVAN: It just says, "More than 50."

20 MR. URBIK: It just needs to be modified to 50
21 or more.

22 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

23 MS. SHANNON: Fifty feet or more?

24 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah.



1 MS. SHANNON: So "Coaster-Large" means any
2 coaster which is 50 feet or more at the highest
3 point of the track above grade?

4 MS. SULLIVAN: Correct. That's the only thing
5 I see that's --

6 MS. SHANNON: And then "Coaster-Intermediate"
7 would be any coaster which is more than 25 feet but
8 less than 50 feet. So equal to or more would be
9 the large?

10 MS. SULLIVAN: Right. And then 25 feet or
11 less is a major ride. So we're all covered in
12 that.

13 MS. SHANNON: Okay. And then just for sake of
14 ease, because the next -- if you -- right behind
15 your section 6000.10 is a table because -- because
16 we have our permits and our inspection fees
17 separated, you have to go through and calculate
18 them each time. So I asked Marcia to put together
19 this sheet so it's easier to follow along with the
20 various proposals.

21 So the first proposal, as we discussed
22 last board meeting, would make kiddie rides go up
23 from their current level of \$35 to \$55, and major
24 rides would go from their current level of 85 to



1 130, amusement attractions are in the same category
2 as major rides, 85 current, up to 130; ski lifts
3 and aerial trams under the first proposal would go
4 from \$85 to \$1,000; inflatables, like kiddie rides,
5 they're in the same category, would go from 35 to
6 55, rope tows would go from 85 to 130, because
7 they're still in the major ride category or
8 amusement attraction category; intermediate
9 coasters would go from \$85 to 500, and as I said,
10 we have three to four of those, and large coasters
11 would go from 85 to \$1,000.

12 That is proposal one, which is the first
13 set of rules, you know, where under nine coasters
14 it says, 475, and you add that to the 25 for the
15 permit fees and it's \$500.

16 The second version, which immediately
17 follows, everything would be the same, the only
18 difference would be for ski lifts and aerial trams,
19 they would go from 85 to 500, if -- for coasters
20 intermediate they would go from 85 to 250 and for
21 large coasters they would go from 85 to 500. So
22 those are the only three changes.

23 MR. URBIK: Nobody likes increases in fees.
24 Has there been any significant discussion with the



1 people that were affected by the larger number
2 rather than the smaller number? In other words,
3 the 85 to 500 --

4 MS. SHANNON: Did Margaret have any
5 discussions with Six Flags?

6 MR. RATHBUN: Margaret had told Six Flags.
7 They passed it up. I don't think there was any
8 squawking. He never got back to her. Pretty much
9 as soon as this was passed -- and I even talked to
10 Chestnut Mountain and said, You might want to talk
11 to the other ski lift operators, we would post the
12 meeting. So they've all been well informed --

13 MS. SHANNON: None of them are here so they
14 must --

15 MR. RATHBUN: I didn't get the impression it
16 was -- it's not a significant expense in the big
17 picture of life. Like in Galena, they've got a
18 huge resort and everything else that goes along
19 with it. This is not a big expense on the expense
20 report, you know. So -- and probably the same with
21 Six Flags, if I had to guess. I mean --

22 MR. URBIK: Two meetings ago we had some
23 pretty significant discussion as to how long it
24 takes to inspect these things, and sometimes two



1 and three days. For a thousand-dollar inspection
2 versus a \$500 inspection to cover an inspector for
3 a two- or three-day period of time doesn't seem to
4 be overly oppressive to go to the thousand.

5 Anybody else have any thoughts on that?

6 MR. WRIGHT: I agree with that, too. The only
7 thing I was wondering, I think somebody else spoke
8 about it, if someone brings in a ride and is just
9 here for a day or so, I wouldn't want them to be
10 hit as hard as someone that's going to be here
11 permanently or for weeks at a time.

12 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. I have a question to go
13 off of that, but how many times do we -- do we
14 inspect, say, a large coaster in a year?

15 MS. SHANNON: At Six Flags, which is primarily
16 where they are --

17 MR. RATHBUN: It's generally once, maybe --

18 MS. SHANNON: But it's more than one day.

19 MR. RATHBUN: They spend -- Chuck and Margaret
20 both spend -- Margaret is closer to two months,
21 Chuck a month. So three man months, if you want to
22 put it that way, at Six Flags solid just to get
23 them open.

24 MS. SHANNON: That's for every ride.



1 MR. RATHBUN: That's not just restricted to
2 coasters, but -- and keep in mind, Margaret is
3 still going back to Six Flags, because when they
4 initially fire up everything, they may get one
5 train on the track to get that ride open, and then
6 she'll go back and do the next train later.

7 MS. SULLIVAN: When they get done refurbishing
8 it, yeah.

9 MR. RATHBUN: Right. Exactly. And so she's
10 still going back --

11 MS. SHANNON: She probably goes there once a
12 week, doesn't she?

13 MR. RATHBUN: -- this Friday. Yeah --

14 MS. SHANNON: I've seen her travel expenses,
15 so --

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Well, my feeling would be that
17 since they still have to do the complete inspection
18 and they still have to pay the fee, that they
19 should still pay the same as a permanent one.

20 MS. SHANNON: Oh, this is in response to
21 James?

22 MS. SULLIVAN: In response to James, because
23 we're putting -- we're putting the same amount of
24 the -- the department work in on it, and if it's



1 worth it for them to come -- and I -- I'll tell you
2 very honestly, I don't see any coasters coming in
3 for just one day.

4 MR. URBIK: It's an awful lot of work to set
5 up --

6 MS. SULLIVAN: They're not going to spend four
7 or five days setting up a ride for one day and then
8 four or five days taking it down, unless that one
9 day is so spectacular that it, you know, blows it
10 away.

11 MS. SHANNON: So usually it would be like a
12 10-day show or --

13 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

14 MR. RATHBUN: The closest example would be
15 like the Heart of Illinois Fair, which Wade Show
16 brought in their Zyklon, and that's, as you said, a
17 very well attended fair that lasts, what, a week,
18 maybe. I don't know for sure.

19 MS. SULLIVAN: A week to 10 days, I think,
20 yeah. Or at least a week. So they have time to
21 recoup that on it. And our inspectors still have
22 to spend that time on it, and our whole idea of
23 being willing to raise fees was to pay for that
24 extra inspector that we lost, and so we -- you



1 know, I guess I felt like we look at it as if, you
2 know, how do we fund getting another person back,
3 and so it should -- it should be tied to the amount
4 of time we spend doing what we could do.

5 MS. SHANNON: One thing I want to point out,
6 just so you know, the difference in revenue between
7 the two, if we went to 1,000 versus 500 is \$9,000
8 total. So either way it's --

9 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah, but if it's \$9,000 of my
10 pay --

11 MS. SHANNON: I just thought you'd want to
12 know that before you voted.

13 MR. SPARKS: Well, even as this group we have
14 the latitude to -- we can't go and say we're going
15 to just charge X amount of money for a one day
16 setup. I mean, it's already set, scheduled. If
17 they've got to get a permit for Illinois, it's for
18 Illinois.

19 MS. SHANNON: Yes, exactly. Even if they're
20 only here for --

21 MR. SPARKS: That's a moot point, I think.

22 MS. SHANNON: And that's true of every --
23 whether it's a kiddie ride or a major ride or
24 attraction.



1 MS. SULLIVAN: That's -- that's why we set
2 them at, you know, higher and -- now, I am
3 interested in that -- the -- the interdepartment --
4 or intradepartment thought that lower fees would be
5 better.

6 MS. SHANNON: Well, just given -- I mean, it's
7 just such a dramatic jump for --

8 MR. URBIK: From a percentage standpoint.

9 MS. SHANNON: From a percentage standpoint,
10 you know, to go from 85 to a thousand. I think
11 that just gave some of our inspectors pause,
12 especially those that have to inform them and face
13 them directly.

14 MR. URBIK: That's why I asked if there was
15 any significant opposition to it by the people that
16 are affected by it --

17 MS. SULLIVAN: Apparently not.

18 MR. URBIK: -- and apparently not.

19 MS. SHANNON: No, I mean, they didn't
20 really --

21 MR. WRIGHT: Well, someone from Great America
22 and Six Flags, that would probably be like nothing.

23 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah, and they're the ones that
24 have all the big coasters.



1 MR. WRIGHT: Right.

2 MS. SHANNON: It would be \$10,000, you know,
3 which currently they're paying a thousand for 10
4 coasters, so -- less than, so --

5 MS. SULLIVAN: But our people are spending
6 that time there.

7 MS. SHANNON: Oh, yeah, I'm not arguing that.
8 I'm just --

9 MS. SULLIVAN: And that's what I keep going
10 back to is if we're truly interested in funding
11 that person, then let's fund the time it's going to
12 take to get all this done, and, you know, that
13 9,000 is still -- if you're looking at hiring
14 somebody and paying their benefits, which is what
15 we would have to do, \$9,000 is still significant.

16 MR. URBIK: And I'd hate to have to come back
17 next year and say, We really need to go to the
18 thousand-dollar level after a huge increase.

19 MS. SHANNON: Well, yeah. Yeah, we just
20 thought we would present it. So, you know,
21 whatever the --

22 MR. URBIK: I make a motion to accept Proposal
23 1.

24 MR. WRIGHT: Second it.



1 MS. SHANNON: Is there any further discussion?

2 MS. SULLIVAN: Question: Are we also
3 including the changes in the definitions --

4 MR. URBIK: I think those should be separate
5 motions, shouldn't they?

6 MS. SHANNON: Yeah, we could do it separately.

7 MR. URBIK: We should probably do that one
8 first then.

9 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah, that's kind of why I
10 was -- I'll tell you what, I'll --

11 MR. URBIK: I'll withdraw my motion. Go
12 ahead.

13 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. I'll move that we accept
14 the definitions as amended.

15 MS. SHANNON: For 6000.10.

16 MR. URBIK: Second.

17 MS. SHANNON: Does anyone need me to clarify
18 what that change is or does everyone get it?

19 (No response.)

20 MS. SHANNON: Any discussion?

21 MR. SPARKS: I thought you got one down there.
22 I'll second it if nobody did.

23 MS. SHANNON: Oh, we had a second, just any
24 further discussion?



1 MR. SPARKS: Oh, discussion. I thought you
2 said second.

3 MS. SHANNON: Seeing none, all those in favor
4 say aye.

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 MS. SHANNON: All those opposed.

7 (No response.)

8 MS. SHANNON: The ayes have it. So the
9 definitions as amended are approved. And the next
10 would be Section 6000.50.

11 MR. URBIK: Again, a motion to accept Proposal
12 1.

13 MS. SHANNON: Which Proposal 1, to clarify,
14 would be the increasing the ski lifts, aerial trams
15 and large coasters from \$85 to 1,000, and the
16 intermediate coasters from \$85 to \$500.

17 MR. URBIK: Correct.

18 MS. SHANNON: Is there a --

19 MS. SULLIVAN: I'll second it.

20 MS. SHANNON: Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 MS. SHANNON: Okay. Seeing none, all those in
23 favor say aye.

24 (Chorus of ayes.)



1 MS. SHANNON: Opposed say nay.

2 (No response.)

3 MS. SHANNON: The ayes have it, and Proposal 1
4 is accepted.

5 MR. HAGGERTY: Pardon me, but it would also
6 include increasing the rope tows, everything listed
7 in 6000.50, correct?

8 MS. SHANNON: It would include everything. I
9 was just pointing out the difference.

10 MR. HAGGERTY: Between Proposal 1 --

11 MS. SHANNON: Proposal 1 and Proposal 2,
12 correct.

13 MS. SULLIVAN: So do we need to do -- that's
14 everything.

15 MS. SHANNON: I think that's all we needed to
16 act on. I did want to let the board know that,
17 pursuant to our statute, we actually have to have a
18 public hearing before we can present the rules to
19 the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, and so
20 we have tentatively scheduled that for August 10th
21 in Springfield, which is actually during -- I think
22 it's during the state fair.

23 MR. DAME: Two days prior -- three days prior.

24 MS. SHANNON: Oh, is it -- oh. I'm thinking



1 of the Labor Advisory Board. Yeah. It's two days
2 prior to the state fair, and we will be -- we will
3 put the proposed rule changes on our web site. We
4 have to publish them in the newspaper 30 days
5 before the meeting. So, you know, we'll get all of
6 that done promptly, and we would have the meeting
7 on August 10th.

8 Now, it's a department hearing, so every
9 board member does not need to come, but if there
10 are any modifications that we wanted to make to the
11 rule, you know, based upon discussion or the
12 comments we receive at the public hearing, you
13 know, then it would make it easier to do it if the
14 board members could make it.

15 And I know in the past we've -- you
16 know, board members have generally tried to come.
17 So we will certainly let everybody know. It's not
18 a mandatory meeting, but if you're around and can
19 make it, it might make it easier if we have to make
20 any modifications based on feedback. I mean, who
21 knows, maybe Great -- or Six Flags will come out
22 and say, This will push us out of business. I
23 don't know. But that's the public hearing, so --

24 MR. URBIK: Well, wouldn't you have to post



1 for a meeting if we're going to have a meeting to
2 make rule changes?

3 MS. SHANNON: Yeah, it would really delay us
4 so we would have to actually -- we'd have to do
5 it -- you know, the goal here would be to try to
6 get our rules filed with JCAR so that JCAR could
7 approve them in time for us to get our applications
8 out, which we generally try to do it in October.

9 This year we're looking at maybe doing
10 it in November, like first of November, because we
11 will let everybody know when we send them their
12 application what the fees are, and we'd like to
13 know what -- have that all finalized. And this is
14 an ambitious schedule for JCAR. We're keeping our
15 fingers crossed we can get it all done.

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Although it's not too much,
17 though.

18 MS. SHANNON: It's not much.

19 MS. SULLIVAN: And it's not like --

20 MS. SHANNON: There's only two sections being
21 changed so hopefully we can get that done. But
22 good point, we can't do that anyway. So the board
23 members don't need to attend, but you're more than
24 welcome and we'll let you know. It will be in our



1 building, like we had the last meeting, eighth
2 floor of the Meyers Building in Springfield.

3 MS. SULLIVAN: And if we could -- if we're
4 there and could attend in case there are questions
5 from the public, if we were there to support
6 Catherine in why we were doing this, I think it
7 would be good.

8 MS. SHANNON: That would be appreciated, yeah.

9 So that is the only other item. Is
10 there any other business that anyone --

11 MR. URBIK: Did we schedule a meeting for the
12 next board meeting?

13 MS. SHANNON: The next meeting is in January.
14 It's January 13th and 14th. I think Marcia may
15 have sent something out.

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah, I think she did.

17 MS. SHANNON: It's January 13th and 14th,
18 2011. It's during the --

19 MR. RATHBUN: Fair convention.

20 MS. SHANNON: -- state fair convention, and
21 it's usually at the Crowne Plaza. It's Thursday
22 and Friday. We have the public meeting Thursday
23 night and then the board meeting Friday morning.

24 MS. SULLIVAN: Hey, I have a question. Just,



1 when we have choices of whether to stay at the
2 Garden Inn or the Crowne Plaza, the state rate at
3 the Crowne Plaza was the same as Garden Inn, and
4 then we'd already be in that building. And that
5 time of year it's usually horrible. I mean, that's
6 typically or historically the coldest weekend of
7 the year, and if it's going to ice or snow, it's
8 usually that weekend.

9 Is there any reason why she couldn't
10 make reservations for us in the Plaza?

11 MS. GONZALEZ: I can answer that.

12 MS. SHANNON: Okay. Carmela.

13 MS. GONZALEZ: Probably what happens is that
14 each hotel has a certain amount of state government
15 rates that they apply, and if the Crowne Plaza
16 already had people staying there with a state
17 government rate, she couldn't get the block that
18 she needed.

19 MS. SULLIVAN: Maybe she could call early.

20 MS. SHANNON: We will certainly pass that
21 along to Marcia and see if she can't book those
22 rooms --

23 MS. SULLIVAN: It was just a whole lot easier
24 when we were right there then --



1 MS. GONZALEZ: And sometimes it's the hotel
2 that says, you know, we only have X amount, even if
3 they have room, it's the rule that they have, but
4 we can certainly check into that.

5 MS. SHANNON: We'll look into that. We'll see
6 if we can -- because if she does it now maybe we
7 can get in. And so we'll send you an E-mail about
8 that. We'll try to get those booked early.
9 Sometimes -- there are certain hotels that are
10 listed on the State of Illinois that are -- they're
11 like the -- what are they, the recommended hotels?

12 MS. GONZALEZ: The preferred hotel listing.

13 MS. SHANNON: The preferred hotel listing, and
14 I don't know whether the Crowne Plaza is on there,
15 but --

16 MS. GONZALEZ: It is.

17 MS. SHANNON: Is it? Okay.

18 MS. GONZALEZ: And I think that what happened
19 is that either there wasn't enough or they didn't
20 get approval for a certain amount of rooms.

21 MS. SHANNON: But still, you know, it's not
22 even July 1st so maybe we could do it now.

23 So, Carmela, you'll pass that along --

24 MS. GONZALEZ: Yep, I will.



1 MS. SHANNON: And I'll mention it to her
2 tomorrow. Maybe she could even do that this
3 afternoon.

4 MS. VAUGHN: They don't have a bigger room to
5 hold that meeting in, do they, when we have that
6 Thursday night meeting, because it's always like
7 standing room only.

8 MS. SHANNON: I don't know. I mean, we can
9 ask her to look. I know we had it one year in a
10 different room.

11 MS. GONZALEZ: Do they have dividers at the
12 Crowne Plaza? Maybe if we asked to have two rooms
13 versus --

14 MS. SHANNON: Well, that room, I don't know.
15 I think that room is limited by the --

16 MS. GONZALEZ: Limited space. We can look
17 into that.

18 MS. SHANNON: We'll communicate that to
19 Marcia.

20 MR. URBIK: There may or may not be a need for
21 that depending on what's on the agenda. If there's
22 nothing controversial, no one will show up.

23 MS. SULLIVAN: Oh, they'll show up.

24 MS. SHANNON: Well, there's always a pretty



1 good crowd.

2 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah. There's always a pretty
3 good crowd, sometimes more than others, but --

4 MS. VAUGHN: They're there for the convention
5 for the county fair. So they're there anyway.
6 It's just it's hard for people to speak in the
7 audience. Maybe you can -- if you can get a room
8 that's bigger and you have like a microphone or a
9 table or something and they come to it and they
10 have to speak rather than it just being a
11 free-for-all.

12 MS. SHANNON: And people probably wouldn't
13 come up to the microphone probably if they had to.

14 MR. DAME: Yeah, they would.

15 MS. SHANNON: You might. Is there anything
16 else that -- any other business to come before the
17 board?

18 MR. SPARKS: I'd like to ask Doug a question.

19 Doug, would it be beneficial to change
20 our permit structure from the calendar to yearly
21 where they would expire 12 months after they were
22 issued? Would that help out the department?

23 MR. RATHBUN: I haven't fully thought that
24 through, and I'll be honest, because it applies to



1 our computer program that would have to be totally
2 redone.

3 As far as time-wise, you still got to do
4 the same number of inspections, you know, and
5 transferring over at -- transitioning over, and I'm
6 just talking out loud, working it through in my
7 head, understand that, everybody is still going to
8 be due basically right at springtime, you know.

9 It's going to be the same month of hell
10 that we go through now until, you know, slowly you
11 drag out, Oh, I didn't get my wheel out until
12 August. Okay. Now we can roll that over until
13 next August. I don't know how big of an impact it
14 would make.

15 MR. SPARKS: It was just a thought.

16 MR. RATHBUN: And it's something I've kind of
17 chewed on as I'm driving around, and, you know, I'm
18 not against it. The bottom line is everything has
19 to be inspected once a year anyway.

20 The thing I don't like about it is I
21 like to see those things when they come out of the
22 shed because not everybody has nice winter
23 quarters. Sometimes they sit out in the field,
24 and --



1 MR. SPARKS: Good point.

2 MR. RATHBUN: I don't like that thing come
3 right out of the field, out of the weather, and
4 taking kids around without -- and, you know, I know
5 the operators try, but that's when also the
6 operators are stepping and fetching trying to get
7 their show up to get the money made because it's
8 been a long winter, and they want to get things
9 rolling.

10 So that's my personal bias against it.

11 MR. SPARKS: That's a valid point.

12 MR. RATHBUN: And that's really the only bias
13 I have.

14 MR. SPARKS: I was just curious.

15 MS. SHANNON: I guess we could look into it
16 and get back to you. I think we did have a little
17 bit of a discussion about this --

18 MR. SPARKS: Yeah.

19 MS. SHANNON: -- I thought, when we were
20 talking in the January meeting, because I think
21 some of the operators maybe mentioned that other
22 states do that where their permits expire
23 throughout the year, as opposed to always being
24 from January --



1 MS. SULLIVAN: All one time, uh-huh.

2 MS. SHANNON: -- through December. Now, ours,
3 I think we would definitely have to modify if we
4 wanted to pursue that, but -- and I think we'd have
5 to have a little lead time if we were to pursue
6 that, too, to get our --

7 MS. SULLIVAN: Our computer program --

8 MS. SHANNON: -- you'd almost have to have a
9 year -- a year in advance because people's permits
10 would be expiring. So you'd have to give them
11 some --

12 MR. URBIK: I believe two meetings ago Marcia
13 said that the current computer program would not
14 accommodate that, and the staff time it would take
15 to make that modification would be huge.

16 MS. SHANNON: Well, unfortunately, we are
17 operating on a dinosaur of a computer system.

18 MS. SULLIVAN: As are most of us in this
19 economic time.

20 MS. SHANNON: I mean, we use Fox Pro for
21 our -- most people don't even use that anymore.

22 MS. SULLIVAN: Some of us aren't even up to --

23 MR. RATHBUN: According to Marcia, the rooms
24 at the Crowne are reserved for those with



1 hospitality rooms, and with the convention and if
2 we wanted them, we'd have to pay extra.

3 MS. SHANNON: Oh, you've already E-mailed her?
4 Okay.

5 MR. RATHBUN: Yeah.

6 MS. SHANNON: Well, I'll pursue it more with
7 Marcia just to --

8 MS. SULLIVAN: Are they state people, though?

9 MS. RATHBUN: I don't know if they get a
10 government rate --

11 MS. SHANNON: I mean, if they're with the --

12 MR. RATHBUN: We can get with Marcia and get
13 back to everybody, but there obviously is an extra
14 fee for that because it is their convention.

15 MR. DAME: We have all those hospitality
16 rooms, people like us. We rent all -- like the
17 Governor's Suite, the suite next to us, that's
18 where all the big rooms go. We've already got
19 those.

20 MS. VAUGHN: What about the hotel next door?
21 Could we get a conference room there for the board
22 meeting?

23 MS. GONZALEZ: At the Hilton Garden Inn?

24 MS. VAUGHN: Do they have a conference room



1 there?

2 MS. GONZALEZ: I'm not sure. How about the
3 Hilton downtown?

4 MS. SHANNON: I thought we were talking about
5 hotel rooms.

6 MR. RATHBUN: I was, but I think we're
7 transitioning. The problem we had -- I know when
8 we changed it that one year, it screwed a lot of
9 people up because they were so used to going to
10 that same room. They didn't show up where they
11 were supposed to and we were sending people -- now,
12 maybe if we planned it far enough in advance to get
13 the word out --

14 MS. SULLIVAN: Oh, we're not asking for
15 hospitality rooms. We're just asking for regular
16 rooms.

17 MS. SHANNON: I think there's two
18 conversations going on here --

19 MR. RATHBUN: Right, there's the large room --

20 MS. SHANNON: -- there's one about the meeting
21 room --

22 MR. RATHBUN: -- and then there's the hotel
23 room.

24 MS. SHANNON: -- and then there's one about



1 the hotel rooms.

2 MS. VAUGHN: Yeah, the meeting room everyone
3 is standing in the back, and it would be nice if
4 they had a bigger --

5 MS. SULLIVAN: A bigger meeting room.

6 MS. VAUGHN: Right.

7 MS. SULLIVAN: But they have meeting rooms
8 downstairs that these guys don't touch.

9 MS. SHANNON: We get it for free, too. So we
10 may not get the highest preference in terms of
11 rooms.

12 MR. DAME: First floor, all you have is
13 ballrooms on the first floor.

14 MS. SULLIVAN: But that's what I'm talking
15 about because there are a lot of other meeting
16 rooms on the first floor.

17 MR. DAME: That would be a question for Bill
18 Pew, find out what they're using those rooms for.

19 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay.

20 MS. SHANNON: Well, we can certainly look into
21 this, but we're not paying for the room, which may
22 be why we're again --

23 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah, which is why we like
24 that.



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1 MR. DAME: The price is right.

2 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

3 MR. DAME: But see if one of the hospitality
4 rooms -- I know, like, on Thursday night when we
5 had the hospitality rooms, it was utilized by the
6 state fair for their hosting and their showcasing.
7 Pat Skinner, if she had the room on Thursday night,
8 she was setting up and it was a much larger room.
9 Well, maybe she can delay her set up until the next
10 morning, somebody can give her a hand or something,
11 and you could ask her if you could --

12 MS. SULLIVAN: We'll all pitch in after we're
13 done with the meeting.

14 MR. DAME: That's just it.

15 MS. SHANNON: Well, we'll certainly look into
16 that and see what we can do about both issues, the
17 actual rooms that people stay in as well as the
18 meeting room, see if it can be a little bit more --
19 better accommodation.

20 MR. DAME: Can I ask a question for
21 clarification on what occurred here today?

22 In your last meeting you had a vote on
23 the dollar figures, as far as increasing the rates.
24 You voted again today for the identical thing.



1 Why?

2 MS. SHANNON: Because we didn't have our rules
3 in front of the board for them to consider. We
4 have to modify our rules in order to --

5 MR. URBIK: Accommodate the --

6 MS. SHANNON: -- accommodate the increase. We
7 didn't know what the amount was, so we didn't have
8 time to actually have the rules in front of the
9 board for their consideration at the last meeting.

10 MR. DAME: So today's vote was for -- was for
11 two things, it was for the modification or
12 explanation, then definition of what a large and
13 medium roller coaster is. That was one vote. The
14 other vote was for a change of rules?

15 MS. SHANNON: They're both -- we are amending
16 Section 6000.10 and 6000.50 of the rules, pursuant
17 to the recommended increase that the carnival board
18 adopted at the May meeting. All of our rules --
19 before we can proceed with them, they all have to
20 be consented to by the board. That did not happen
21 at the last meeting. That happened today. And
22 rule changes are pursuant to the conversation that
23 was had in May.

24 MR. DAME: Just with a copy of the minutes



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1 that I got, it sounded very identical to that, and
2 I'm just concerned about voting for the same thing
3 twice when there is yet an additional board member
4 here who was not here last time or one that's not
5 here that was last time.

6 MS. SULLIVAN: Well, Ed, one of the things was
7 we did not have the written form of what an
8 intermediate coaster -- for the definition.

9 MR. DAME: Right.

10 MS. SULLIVAN: Or for the large coaster. So
11 what we had voted on last time for -- to have fees
12 different for an intermediate and a large, those
13 didn't exist in the rules at that point.

14 MR. DAME: Oh, I understand the modification
15 to -- for an explanation to the roller coaster.
16 What I was not understanding was a reiteration of
17 the identical thing that was in the last minutes
18 and voting for those again when there are different
19 board members present and basically the same
20 wording as here.

21 I didn't understand why there were two
22 votes on the dollar figures when you had already
23 voted on those in the last one and you had already
24 gotten that. That's all I didn't understand.



1 MS. VAUGHN: One has to be a rule.

2 MR. HAGGERTY: This morning the will of the
3 board was codified in a rule and it needs to be --
4 the will of the board as reflected in the vote at
5 last May's meeting, or whenever it was, was now
6 this morning codified in a rule that the board took
7 up, considered and approved, and that will now be
8 taken to the public.

9 MS. SHANNON: And then proceed to JCAR.

10 MR. HAGGERTY: And proceed to JCAR.

11 MS. SULLIVAN: Because there was nothing
12 written before. This is what it's going to look
13 like when it's -- when it's put -- added into the
14 rules. We just came up with the raw numbers and
15 what we wanted to do, because --

16 MS. SHANNON: And I think -- I think if you
17 review the minutes you'll see that, I think, the
18 board asked the department to do some research into
19 putting together the language, and so we did that
20 and we brought it before the board again, as we're
21 required to do under the statute.

22 MR. DAME: Correct, and in those meetings it
23 was stated, Do we need to determine the difference
24 between intermediate and large. Exactly. That



1 vote I didn't question today. I thoroughly
2 understand why you would have to define that. What
3 I did not understand was the second --

4 MS. SHANNON: Because any time we change the
5 rules, we have to have a board motion and they have
6 to approve them. That's exactly why we did that.

7 MR. DAME: Right, and that's why I said
8 earlier, so it was a vote for the rule change as
9 opposed to when the last vote was.

10 MS. SULLIVAN: That's correct.

11 MS. SHANNON: That's correct. Is there any
12 further business coming before the board?

13 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah, can we go shooting when
14 we're done?

15 MS. SHANNON: Sure. All right.

16 If there's nothing further to come
17 before the board, I entertain a motion to adjourn.

18 MS. SULLIVAN: So moved. Come on Bill.
19 Somebody.

20 MR. SPARKS: Second.

21 MS. SHANNON: There's a second. All those in
22 favor say aye.

23 (Chorus of ayes.)

24 MS. SHANNON: Okay. The board is adjourned.



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