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'Peppers' Drummer Smith Honored In Birmingham, Talks Drum-Off

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BIRMINGHAM (WWJ) – Fresh off his viral "Tonight Show" drum-off with actor Will Ferrell, Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer Chad Smith returned home to Birmingham on Monday.

Smith received the key to the city from Birmingham Mayor Scott Moore, which he said he would probably be "the key to his mother's heart."

Smith recalled his troubled youth, as his family moved to Bloomfield Hills after being born in Minnesota.

"I went to three different high schools — no, I went to two. And over, I never left the parking lot," Smith said. "I struggled with a lot of things here, but this community is a great place to grow up."

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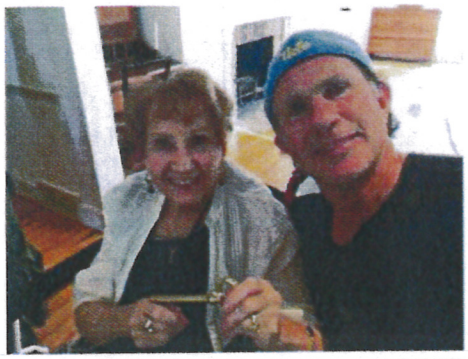

He said he would have gotten into a lot more trouble growing up like his band-mates in places like Los Angeles. Smith talked about how he felt that he often gets mistaken for Ferrell.

"That guy is an impostor — I am upset with him, I don't like him, he's not funny, he's a jerk," Smith joked.

Smith is now preparing for another drum-off, this time with Ferrell and Metallica drummer, Lars Ulrich.

"It just may turn into something really big," Smith said.

The ceremony was part of a meet-and-greet and charity auction at the Birmingham Historical Museum, where Smith will be a part of the Sounds of Birmingham exhibit this summer.

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June 9, 2014

Joe Valentine
Interim City Manager
151 Martin St
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dear Mr. Valentine,

I just wanted to take a moment to share with you my gratitude to the City of Birmingham for allowing United Shore to host our annual family event at the Birmingham Fair. As a long time community member of the city of Birmingham, this is by far one of my favorite events the city hosts. To be able to share this experience with my people and their families was a great honor. United Shore is an extremely family oriented company and the fair gave us a great opportunity to provide thanks to our people and their families for their dedication. It was a huge success, and for that I wanted to thank you personally.

I hope that the City of Birmingham benefited from this event and that it was perceived as such by you, your colleagues and the community at large. Our experience created a stronger community bond not only with our team members, but also with the City of Birmingham. We had many of our families visit the local restaurants and retailers along the way. The feedback from our 3000 teammates was extremely positive.

We would be honored if the city would consider United Shore to host this same event next year. Thank you, again.

Warm Regards,

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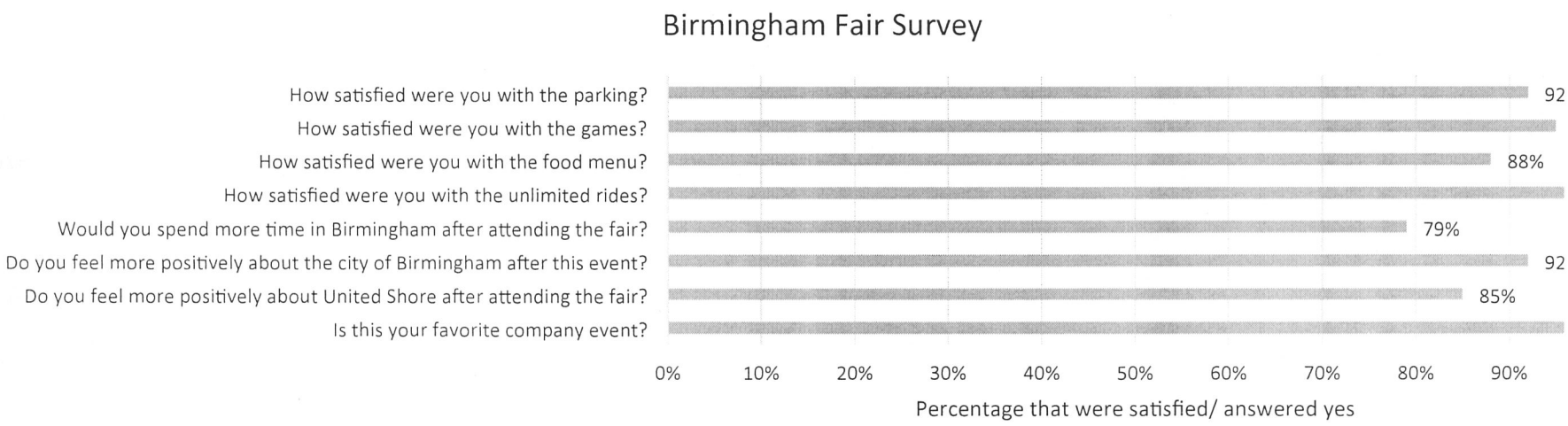
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