

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District
Board of Directors - Via Webinar
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 12:30 PM

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened the 792nd Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance via webinar was Board Chair Larry Soehren along with members Marty Dickinson, Nate Greene, Travis Tramp, and Mick McDowell. District personnel included CEO Stephanie Curran, Mike Gaffaney, Monte Koch, Ryan Wilson Stephanie Huff, Brittany Garwood, Jessica Deri, Matt Meyer, Andrew Dolan, Holly Williams, Kay Riplinger, and Nicole Foley-Litz. Guests included Andrew Brenner with Lydig Construction, Meg Winchester with Visit Spokane, Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Ryan Nackers with Levy, Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment, Dusty Kurtz and Freddie Mercer with TicketsWest, Eric Sawyer and Ashley Blake from the Spokane Sports Commission, Tom McBride and Intisar Surur from McBride Public Affairs, Toby Hatley with Hatley and Associates, Tome Stebbins with Vision Marketing, and Dan McDowell.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Soehren presented the Consent Agenda items.

- Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2020
- Approval of Expenditures - December 2020
PAYROLL VOUCHERS: #3980-3984, #3986-3988, #3991, #3993, #3995-4000, #4002-4003, #4004, #4007, #4009-4011, #4013, #4015-4016, #4021, #4023 + 3 WIRE TRANSFERS;
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS: #108698-108702, #108704-108710, #108712-108714, #108721-108722, #108724-108729, #108732-108735, #10839-108764, #108766-108803, #108805-108827, #108831-108837, #108839-108860, #108862-108871, #108906-108907 #108909
- Approval of Witherspoon-Kelley Invoices – December 2020
- SPFD CARES Act Purchases

Mr. Greene moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Ms. Dickinson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Mr. Greene reviewed Financials. For December 2020, the District was + \$ 231,000 mostly in part to the District's bond covenant. December events: The FICA had two virtual/streaming events and the Arena hosted CHAS Covid testing.

Ms. Garwood outlined Period 13. December had three pay periods making (27) for the year increasing payroll cost. CARES reimbursement will be in Period 13 and possibly some Hereos invoicing as well as January and February tax revenue.

Next debt payment is due May and June.

Operations Committee

Ms. Curran reported the Levy agreement is in final negotiations.

Project Committee/Sportsplex/The Podium:

Lydig Pay App:

Mr. Koch reviewed Lydig Pay App #27 for December 2020 in the amount of \$ 5,037,504.04 previously approved by the Project Committee. The majority of this Pay App is ongoing MEP working, glazing envelope construction, and includes 73% of GMP #6 approved in a prior board meeting.

Mr. McDowell moved to approve Lydig Pay App #27 for December 2020, Mr. Tramp seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

GMP Amendment #7:

Mr. Koch reviewed GMP Amendment #7 to include infrastructure enhancements identified by District staff and the Project Committee, will not increase construction costs, and is from the budgeted contingency funding in the amount of \$ 881,627.00.

Ms. Curran explained the fire suppression portion of GMP #7. Fire codes are different for sports venues versus assembly venues. Expanding The Podium event capabilities will allow the District to adjust for Covid recovery, focus on strategic planning, and maximize revenue and economic impact. The Parks events will remain a priority. Live Nation has identified (29) concerts through 2022 in an attendance range of 3,000 – 5,000 that is needed in Spokane. The Spokane Sports Commission has identified sports conferences preferring sports venues. The first phase is fire suppression and is a critical component to implement now as it aligns with current construction. Future work will include rigging, acoustical work, and sound systems. Board Chair Soehren added the GMP also includes electrical upgrades and enhancements.

Ms. Dickinson moved to approve GMP Amendment #7, Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Project Update:

Mr. Brenner presented a slideshow of ongoing work at The Podium. The project is 75% complete, on schedule and budget.

Roofing work over the multi-purpose room, glazing, and window trim are wrapping up.

Grading out the back of house where ESPN trucks are staged, and in the waste and delivery area.

Work has begun on shell of east public vestibule.

Coordination of the upper level mechanical room and pump room has been smooth.

Restrooms on main concourse are ready for drywall and tile.

Fieldhouse: begun pouring a critical part of concrete and vapor barrier in place to keep out moisture. The bleachers are 90% complete.

The west side spine feature is coming together and has remarkable angles.

CEO Update:

CHAS: Vaccination site at the Arena opened today. It is operated and a collaboration of CHAS, SRHD, DOH, and the National Guard onsite to assist and set-up.

Vaccinations require prior approval and registration, are approved in Phases, beginning with certain age groups, job functions, and other categories. CHAS will continue to operate the drive-thru/drive-up Covid testing site at least through the end of the month.

Board Chair Soehren and Vice-Chair Dickinson expressed appreciation for the site logistics and entire team.

Mr. Meyer explained the first dose will be administered and second is scheduled at that time as well. The current plan is for vaccinations through May depending upon Covid and vaccination levels.

Process: Call CHAS or register online for an appointment. Enter the building, process paperwork, move to vaccination area then to observation area, and exit. Traffic route Howard and Boone.

HEROES ACT: This Act is geared towards the live entertainment industry such as Arena and FICA. The formula to determine relief is a comparison of April – December 2019 revenue with April – December 2020 revenue resulting in eligibility of 45% of 2019 revenue with a maximum of \$10 million. The Act has passed and

application process is forthcoming. First priority is 90% loss, second priority 75% loss. The number of staff stipulation was removed January 20.

Ms. Curran noted meetings are scheduled with Senators Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell, and Representative Cathy McMorris-Rogers to discuss Heroes/SBA/SVOG (Shuttered Venues Act).

OAK VIEW GROUP (OVG): The OVG owns the Climate Pledge Arena, the future Kraken NHL team and is a partner with Live Nation. Ms. Curran and Mr. Meyer have been in deal points discussions to bring events to Spokane that previously have not booked in Spokane and other mid-markets. Once partnership is finalized it will be brought to committee and to the board.

GOVERNOR: Governor Inslee requested a call Monday with CHAS, SRHD, and the District to review the Arena vaccination site plans, share ideas, and to express appreciation for the expedited site coordination.

Ms. Curran expressed appreciation for the District team and the board for diligent work and support as the PFD has and is navigating through Covid.

ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Soehren opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

Mr. Meyer addressed Ms. Dickinson's inquiries about vaccinations at the Arena. During the first dose appointment, CHAS will schedule the second dose appointment. Current expectation is for the site to run through May, possibly June is dependent upon dosage. Appointments are scheduled online with CHAS. Entrance is southeast of box office. Clients move through stations including paperwork, vaccination, observation area, and second does scheduling, then exit.

Mr. Stebbins requested a visual of Financials in future meetings and inquired about viewing Financials on the website. (Inquiry addressed after meeting as it was received after board adjourned to Executive Session).

The next SPFD Board Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 12:30p.m. via Webinar and not held at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena.

ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:04 PM per RCW 42.30.110 (i) Personnel for approximately 30 minutes. No action is expected.

Mr. Soehren returned to the Board Room at 1:32 PM to check on any remaining attendees; there were none. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:32 PM.

Michelle McIntyre
Clerk of the Board

Approved by the
Board of Directors