

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District
Board of Directors
Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Board Room
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
12:30 PM

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened the 776th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance was Board Chair Larry Soehren along with members Mick McDowell, Nate Greene and Travis Tramp. Marty Dickinson was excused. District personnel included Stephanie Curran, Mike Gaffaney, Monte Koch, Brittany Garwood, Stephanie Huff, Ryan Wilson, Jessica Deri, and Andrew Dolan. Ashley Blake, from the Spokane Sports Commission, Andrew Brenner from Integrus Architecture, Dusty Kurtz and Freddie Mercer from TicketsWest, Dave Pier from Brett Sports and Entertainment, Justin Kobluk from West Coast Entertainment, Toby Hatley from Washington Hospitality Association, and Stuart Boylin from Lilac City Decorators.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McDowell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, including the following:

- Approval of Minutes from February 12
- January 2020 Expenditures
- Witherspoon-Kelley January 2020 Invoices

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

Art Committee

Ms. Curran stated we have an art RFP we are currently working on and included Melissa Huggins, Executive Director of Spokane Arts has a plan for the Sportsplex. Mr. Greene is appointed as Chair.

Finance Committee

Ms. Garwood presented January Financials. January 2020 included PBR and 2019 was comparatively was comprised of Dierks Bentley, Monster Jam, and Lion King.

Mr. Greene, indicated the Exit Audit Conference went well.

Operations Committee

This is the second Reading of the Spokane Public Facilities District Drone Policy and Procedure #5.30. After review, Mr. McDowell moved to approve. Mr. Tramp seconded and the Policy and Procedure was approved unanimously.

Project Committee.

Sportsplex:

Mr. Brenner with Integrus Architecture shared a brief video of Sportsplex construction with meeting attendees. Mr. Brenner explained the last Lydig Pay Application allowed for purchase of steel and added that (70) seventy trucks of steel will be arriving starting in May.

A business neighborhood meeting held yesterday February 25 went well.

Mr. Brenner included that foundation work along the northside is half complete, some of the west walls are vertical and continuing south along the bluff. Water is draining nicely and building permits are issued. We are on budget, neighbors and city relationships are going well.

Mr. Koch stated discussions are ongoing with the city regarding the ramp.

Spokane Sports Commission / Q4-2019 Report:

Ms. Blake reported that Spokane was selected for the 2020 National Karate Championships in July at the Convention Center. This is their last stop prior to Tokyo Olympics.

Ms. Blake summarized Q4 2019 as having close to 25,000 athletes, including 62,000 fans. There were (17) sporting events, \$39,000,000 in economic impact, and \$41,000,000 in hotel nights.

Ms. Blake announced that the Spokane Sports Commission was recognized as Sports Commission of the year for our region size.

Four (4) site visits are planned for the SportsPlex in the upcoming months.

FICA/Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena / Q4-2019 Report:

Mr. Meyer gave the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Q4 2019 report including 126,000 attendees at events such as Disney On Ice, Slayer, a sold out Spokane Chiefs Teddy Bear Toss Night, and Luke Combs

Mr. Meyer reported at the FICA there were 34,000 attendees at events including Miss Saigon, Jason Mraz, Cirque Musica and Cirque Holidaze, and A Historic Night with Anne Frank's Step-Sister (sold out-had overflow to Convention Center Ballrooms).

ITEM #5 MISCELLANEOUS.

Ms. Curran stated that an RFP is out for Food, Beverage, and Merchandise. We are working with consultant Chris Bigelow. There will be a walk-through March 6 and bids due April 3.

Mr. Pier reported that Spokane Chiefs play Portland Friday, 3.13 with projected attendance of 8,000 and Saturday, 3.14 against Tri-Cities with projected attendance of 9000.

Portland, Everett, and Spokane are in the top three currently.

ITEM #6 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

ITEM #7 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:04

Michelle McIntyre
Clerk of the Board

Approved by the
Board of Directors