

**MINUTES**  
**Spokane Public Facilities District**  
**Board of Directors - Via Webinar**  
**Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 12 PM**

**ITEM #1 TO ORDER**

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened the 795<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12 PM.

**ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE**

In attendance via webinar was Board Chair Larry Soehren along with members Marty Dickinson (exited the meeting at 12:55pm), 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, Kay Riplinger, Holly Williams, Antwone Whaley, Nic Lawrence, and Jason Lund. Guests included Mark Richard and Kevin Campbell with Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP), Mark McCullers from McCullers Sports, Justin Papadakis and Dan Holman from USL (United Soccer League), Andrew Brenner with Lydig Construction, Meg Winchester and Maureen Dodroe with Visit Spokane, Eric Sawyer, Ashley Blake, Cherie Gwinn, Paul Christiansen and Anna Henry from the Spokane Sports Commission, Bobby Brett and Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Freddie Mercer and Denys Hammond with TicketsWest, Ryan Nackers and Harold Froewiss with Levy, Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment, Colin Anderson with Integrus Architecture, Stuart Boylan with LCD Exposition Services, Tom McBride and Intisar Surur from McBride Public Affairs, Arthur Whitten with Spokane County, Tom Stebbins and Karen Stebbins from Vision Marketing, Toby Hatley with Hatley Associates, Jake Schaefer and Brianna McCracken with Spokane Civic Theater, Alex Crescenti with KXLY, Megan Carroll with KREM, Dan Geiger and Andrea Pierce with Diamond Parking, Tom Reese, and Keary Judd.

**ITEM #3 PROPOSED SPOKANE DOWNTOWN STADIUM**

Board Chair Soehren introduced Mr. Richard with the Downtown Spokane Partnership.

Mr. Richard expressed appreciation for the opportunity to present to the SPFD Board today. Mr. Richard, along with Mr. McCullers, Mr. Papadakis, and Mr. Holman reviewed a slide show presentation of the proposed Spokane Downtown Stadium. The proposed stadium would be located between Dean and Boone Avenues and Howard and Washington Streets. It is a versatile multi-use facility for USL, school sports and events, and concerts with seating for 5,100 and 10,000 for concerts. Mr. Richard explained the relationship with Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and the proposed stadium.

Mr. McDowell and Ms. Dickinson noted the need to investigate staff band-width capacity. Ms. Dickinson expressed the need to explore the ability to build the project, the upfront costs to the PFD, and how to fund them. Ms. Curran stated the sporting and other discussed event schedules layer one another well and Board Chair Soehren noted there may be pro-forma work already performed.

Mr. McDowell moved that the PFD Board supports this project and the general terms outlined in the term sheet, subject to more in-depth negotiations with the USL and SPS. Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Richard closed with appreciation to the board and conveyed the positive impact to our community. The next step is to reiterate this request to the School Board and possibly be on their March 10 agenda.

**ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Soehren opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

Ms. Judd inquired via the chat feature; what are the soccer participation rates for the last seven years at the existing soccer plex?

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Mr. Christiansen explained the SSC (Spokane Sports Commission) has researched local youth sports in Spokane finding soccer as the strongest and as the financial driver for sports groups in our area. He added that soccer and lacrosse are growing sports and currently we do not have enough fields/complexes to host larger events.

Mr. Papadakis described the unique direct connection between professional and youth soccer and expressed appreciation to the SPFD board.

Mr. Pier expressed that BSE has questions and inquired to the process of discussions going forward. Board Chair Soehren acknowledged the BSE/PFD relationship and contracts and noted the PFD will continue with due diligence.

Board Chair Soehren closed with contact information for media inquiries.

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

**ITEM #8      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Michelle McIntyre  
Clerk of the Board

Approved by the  
Board of Directors

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