

**MINUTES**  
**Spokane Public Facilities District**  
**Board of Directors - Via Webinar**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 12:30 PM**

**ITEM #1 TO ORDER**

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened the 796<sup>th</sup> 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, Stephanie Huff, Brittany Garwood, Jessica Deri, Matt Meyer, Andrew Dolan, Kay Riplinger, Nic Lawrence, Holly Williams, Kay Riplinger, and Antwone Whaley. Guests included Andrew Brenner with Lydig Construction, Tom Paquette and Matt Lashoff with the Oak View Group, Meg Winchester with Visit Spokane, Mark Richard with Downtown Spokane Partnership, Tom McBride and Intisar Surur with McBride Public Affairs, Freddie Mercer with TicketsWest, Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Ryan Nackers with Levy, Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment, Tom Stebbins with Vision Marketing, Shae Blackwell with the City of Spokane, Stuart Boylan with LCD Exposition Services, Toby Hatley with Hatley and Associates, and Scott Taylor with The Car Park.

**ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Chair Soehren presented the Consent Agenda items.

- Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2021
- Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2021

Mr. McDowell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Mr. Tramp seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Finance Committee**

OVG (Oak View Group): Ms. Curran stated the District and the OVG have been in discussions for over a year. Mr. Meyer explained that an agreement with OVG will bring event diversity and add events that would not normally route through Spokane. Mr. Meyer introduced Tom Paquette and Matt Lashoff who expressed appreciation for the board's time, and provided a presentation to the board including OVG history, advantages to a partnership, and results in a comparison market. They added there is no financial risk to the District, OVG is paid via performance, and the financials presented are based on 5 years of District data. OVG owns the Climate Pledge Arena and The Kraken, schedules/books for (69) venues, partners with Live Nation who schedules 80% of live tours, and is a partner of the Arena Alliance. Mr. Meyer noted facility fees that go back to building improvements and admission tax with the city are not included in the financials.

Ms. Dickinson and Mr. Greene communicated support from the Finance Committee.

Ms. Dickinson moved to approve proceeding with the Oak View Group partnership contract, Mr. McDowell seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Arena Upper Deck Curtain/Arena Roof: Ms. Curran explained both items are in the approved 2021 budget. The Arena Upper Deck Curtain was originally specific to Spokane Chiefs. However, other events looking to this fall have been recently identified that would utilize closing off the all or part of the 200 level. The curtain is estimated at \$730,510.00 and needs (21) weeks from RFP to completion. The Arena Roof is the original roof from 1995 and (10) years past warranty. The roof bid is \$1.25m, and was budgeted for \$1.4m. The advantage to proceeding at this time with an RFP for the curtain and the current bid on the roof is that the Arena is closed for events, work could proceed uninterrupted and around the vaccination site and Chiefs, and these expenditures are within the approved budget. These items have been reviewed with the Finance Committee.

Mr. McDowell moved to approve proceeding with an RFP for the Arena Upper Deck Curtain and the bid for the Arena Roof, Mr. Tramp seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Operations Committee**

No report.

**Project Committee/Sportsplex/The Podium:**

**Project Update:**

Mr. Brenner presented a slideshow of work at The Podium. The project is on schedule and budget.

Connector to Park: concrete next week and landscaping to follow. Park Grand Opening dates to be released shortly.

Smoothing out lower level walls to a level (5) for vinyl graphics.

Elevator install moving along quickly.

The Fieldhouse is on the 5<sup>th</sup> bay of sprinkler pipe work and (10) days ahead of schedule. This opens up work for painting, electrical, and divider curtains.

North and south siding in-between wall and bleachers is ongoing.

There is great deal of planning and coordination each morning between trades with the large man lifts and maneuvering around pits, track, and sand features.

**CEO Update:**

Regional Gymnastics: Gymnastics last weekend in the Exhibit Halls. There were (1,300) total attendee's, (600) per day with (3) sessions a day to align with official directives of maximum capacity (200). \$1,200 in garage revenue.

Chiefs: The first game is in Seattle 3.19, first home game is 3.26. Games are fan-less per the WHL in the US division.

WA Venues Coalition Call to Governor: Focus on Convention Centers and the need for lead time planning. Governor to potentially release new guidelines this afternoon. Outdoor events expected to come online before indoor.

Shuttered Venues Operators Grant (SVOG): Awaiting application release. There is potential for the Convention Center to receive PPP.

State Capital Budget Ask: Appreciation to Representative Ormsby for sponsoring. District lobbyists are in discussions with legislators.

GSI State of the City March 17: The City is interested in streaming at The Podium. Thank you to Lydig/PFD teams for planning and logistics.

Stadium: DSP will present to Spokane Public Schools board tonight. Continue to work on terms, and forming an agreement along with the USL.

Levy: The District is in final negotiations on agreement and is implementing an interim agreement.

**ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Soehren opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

Mr. Pier reviewed the opening Chief games as presented earlier and added that (16) games will be televised.

Players were in isolation at home, then in Spokane in isolation for a week, and are tested 3x a week with all tests negative. This will be a great opportunity for player development and NHL scouting opportunities.

The next SPFD Board Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 12:30p.m. Via Webinar.

**ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Michelle McIntyre  
Clerk of the Board

Approved by the  
Board of Directors