

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District
Board of Directors – Convention Center Rooms 302AB and via Webinar
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 12:30 PM

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened 798th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance in rooms 302AB was Board Chair Larry Soehren along with board members Marty Dickinson, and Travis Tramp. Mick McDowell attended virtually and Nate Greene was excused. District personnel in-person included CEO Stephanie Curran, Jessica Deri, Monte Koch, Ryan Wilson, Ryan Eagon, and Tye Compagno. District staff attending virtually included, Mike Gaffaney, Stephanie Huff, Brittany Garwood, Matt Meyer, Jene Iceberg, and Kay Riplinger. Guests attending in-person included Andrew Brenner with Lydig Construction. Guests attending virtually included Meg Winchester with Visit Spokane, Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Ryan Nackers with Levy, Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment, Karen Corkins with Spokane County, Colin Anderson with Integrus Architecture, Eric Sawyer from the Spokane Sports Commission, Intisar Surur from McBride Public Affairs, Stuart Boylan with LCD Expo, and Scott Taylor with The Car Park.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Soehren presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2021**

Ms. Dickinson moved to approve the Minutes from March 24, Mr. Tramp seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **SPFD CARES Act Fund Purchases**

PCMA Strategic Marketing: Ms. Deri described the Convention Center national marketing re-opening and awareness campaign partnership with Visit Spokane. Plans include acquisition of partner status into the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA), the largest meeting planning association in the nation. The campaign will start July 2021 and accelerate in Q3 and Q4 of 2021.

Ms. Dickinson inquired as to what coordinated marketing efforts would look like. Ms. Deri explained plans to incorporate parts of the District's ticketed venues marketing plan along with Visit Spokane campaigns. Campaign will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

COVID Clean Air Device Installation and Startup – Phase 2: Mr. Koch reviewed phase 2 of work with ATS Inland NW involving installation of bi-polar ionization units in the large capacity air-handlers, back-of-house areas, and the FICA Lounge. This completes coverage in all District buildings with the exception of lobby spaces adjacent to outdoor areas.

Mr. Tramp moved to approve the PCMA Marketing Strategy and ATS Clean Air Devices with CARES Act funding, Ms. Dickinson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Ms. Garwood stated the bond is expected to go to rating agencies the week of April 26 to see if we get the County's rating, then it will go to the Board for approval/signatures, and settle the end of May. Ms. Curran and Ms. Garwood will be on a call tomorrow with financial advisors. The bond savings will be distributed over three years, 2021-2023. Further discussion ensued regarding the District's June interest payment and December interest and principal payment.

Operations Committee

No report.

Project Committee/Sportsplex/The Podium:

Arena Upper Bowl Reduction Curtain:

Mr. Koch reviewed the curtain system planned for the Arena which would reduce house capacity by about 4,600 seats (the upper bowl), leaving just over 6,000 open in the lower bowl. The ribbon is just below the curtain and will not be obstructed.

The RFP resulted in three responses. The Selection Committee recommends Nickerson Arena Curtains for board approval with a bid of \$409,588.00. The 2020-21 board approved CIP budget allocated \$650,000.00 for the project, and the current total project cost with noted upgrades and contingency fund is estimated at \$544,332.00 to be completed mid-September, and includes a 5 year warranty. A photo of the Amway Center in Florida with the same curtain was shown. Board Chair Soehren noted the Project Committee has reviewed these bids and approves of the recommendation.

Mr. Tramp moved to approve the Arena Upper Bowl Reduction Curtain project as presented, Ms. Dickinson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Project Update:

Mr. Brenner presented a slideshow of ongoing work at The Podium.

Landscape along the connector to the plaza is complete and loading dock concrete in place.

The ADA ramp runs from the Northbank Park to the main entrance level.

The video wall feature in the main concourse is prepared for installation of the 15' LED screen.

Orange perforated panels in the concourse are installing quickly, and piping and mechanical systems going well.

The hydraulic track work started a couple of weeks ago, is (4) days ahead of schedule, and hydraulics have been sourced from a local company.

Fieldhouse lighting is in place and windows will have Mecco shades.

The track installation contractor noted the in-house Lydig concrete crew work is incredibly accurate.

The Podium is the first facility world-wide with a hydraulic track that places volleyball and basketball courts on the track. It has a 12 degree bank turn, one of the highest in the nation, with a tight turn radius that will propel athletes.

The track will be certified by the World Athletic Track and Field Association.

The Podium will have (16) volleyball and (9) basketball courts, and it is the sixth of its kind in the nation.

Landscaping on the west side to start soon. Dean Avenue will be closed the month of May.

The project is on schedule, on budget, and 83% complete.

CEO Update:

Vaccination Site at the Arena: Starting Thursday, 4.15, vaccinations are open to everyone over (16) years of age.

Governor Calls/Venue Coalitions: Discussion with Governor's office regarding California opening June 15.

Officials are focused on vaccines and metrics at this point.

SVOG (Shuttered Venues Operators Grant): Applications were open April 8, our team was prepared with documents, and the portal site crashed. No applications were submitted/accepted and a new application date has not yet been announced.

SPS/Stadium: Spokane Public Schools Board Meeting tonight to review the Thought Exchange. Ms. Curran is in ongoing conversations with the USL as well as partners at STA, Civic Theater, and BSE.

Levy: Interim contract nearing completion.

Diamond: Reviewing contract, a proposal has been sent to Diamond.

State Capital Budget: Worked with our lobbyists to send letters to members of the Budget Committee, and our Representatives requesting support of The Podium budget request.

Oak View Group (OVG): In Spokane last week for District building tours, and to discuss potential shows and ideas.

Contracts: Discussion with legal regarding a resolution on contract approval procedures.

Spokane Shock: Starting in May with away games. Capacity plan is at 50% up to (600); still working on plans.

Board Chair Soehren welcomed public attendance at board meetings noting there is limited seating due to social distancing. Instructions will be provided on spokanepfd.org regarding public seating at future meetings.

ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Soehren opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion. There were no comments.

The next SPFD Board Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 12:30p.m.

ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:22 pm.

Michelle McIntyre

Clerk of the Board

Approved by the

Board of Directors

The SPFD Board's minutes are intended to be a reasonable summary of the Board's deliberations and actions. The minutes are not a verbatim record of everything said at the meeting. The minutes include all actions taken by the Board.