

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District
Board of Directors – Convention Center Rooms 302AB and via Webinar
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 12:30 PM

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened 799th 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, Nate Greene, and Travis Tramp. Mick McDowell attended virtually. District personnel in-person included CEO Stephanie Curran, Monte Koch, Ryan Wilson, Ryan Eagon, and Tye Compogno. District staff attending virtually included, Mike Gaffaney, Stephanie Huff, Jessica Deri, Brittany Garwood, Matt Meyer, Jene Iceberg, Kay Riplinger, and Andrew Dolan. Guests attending in-person included Andrew Brenner with Lydig Construction, and Bobby Brett and Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment. Guests attending virtually included Meg Winchester with Visit Spokane, Ryan Nackers with Levy, Karen Corkins with Spokane County, Colin Anderson with Integrus Architecture, Ashley Blake from the Spokane Sports Commission, Intisar Surur from McBride Public Affairs, and Stuart Boylan with LCD Expo.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Soehren presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2021**
- **Approval of Expenditures for March 2021:**
PAYROLL VOUCHERS: #4077-4081, #4083-4085, #4088, #4090-4094, #4096-4097, #4101 + 2
WIRE TRANSFERS; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS: #109229-109241, #109244-109256,
#109259-109260, #109262-109286, #109288-109301, #109303-109323, #109325-109336, #109338-
109343, #109345-109361, #109363-109371, #109373-109374, #109377-109385, #109388-109390,
#109392, #109394-109395
- **Approval of Witherspoon-Kelley Invoices for March 2021**

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

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Mr. Greene reviewed Financials for March 2021, stating the District was (-/negative) \$241,000.

Bond Refinance: The bond presentations to rating agencies went well Monday.

Bond Timeline: The ratings are expected by May 10, with a close of June 30. At the May 12 Regular Meeting, the board is scheduled to adopt the Credit Enhancement Agreement, and May 19 there will be a Special Board Meeting for the board to adopt the Delegation Bond Resolution and Note Resolution.

Operations Committee

Levy: Ms. Curran reviewed the Levy Food, Beverage, and Merchandise Services Interim and Final Agreement process. The Convention Center has a few events in May that require a liquor license, and in order to obtain the license, agreements need to be approved and executed. The PFD, Levy, and counsel for both are currently in agreement with most all terms. An Operations Committee Meeting will follow with a Special Board Meeting to be held Friday, April 30 to review and approve.

The Governor will announce phases on Monday, May 3 which may impact upcoming events depending upon where Spokane County falls.

Project Committee/Sportsplex/The Podium:

Mr. Koch provided an update on ongoing projects.

The Arena Upper Deck Reduction Curtain project was awarded to Nickerson Curtain. Design process has begun with installation starting in August for (4-5) weeks.

The Korean War Memorial in Arena Plaza started work this past Monday, 4.26. This is located at the east end of Lot F. Land Expressions is the contractor and work is expected to conclude prior to Memorial Day.

The Arena Roof Project work will be performed by Axiom D7 with materials onsite May 6.

The Odom Corporation Sponsorship Agreement went into in effect late last year and Jameson Pub will be renovated and renamed the White Claw Lounge. It is located in the south concourse and is a three week project.

Lydig Pay Application #30 for March 2021:

A substantial portion of the March Pay App is electrical and mechanical and represents 84% of project completion.

Mr. Tramp moved to approve Lydig Pay Application #30 for March 2021 in the amount of \$ 1,869,464.10, previously approved by the Project Committee. Ms. Greene seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Project Update:

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

USATF, the governing body for the American Track and Field Association, was in Spokane earlier this week, were onsite for a tour, and were pleased with The Podium planning, progress, and design.

The east side power is wrapping up, and the scoreboard arrived yesterday with install beginning today.

Sand is going into sand pits.

The fieldhouse lights, overhead work, duct socks, and speakers are installed.

The track structure is complete and, in a few weeks, the rubber flooring install will begin.

Outside: the ticketing area stairs are progressing, and Baldwin Signs is finishing up bracket work for 'The Podium' sign on the exterior.

The south deck railing detail is coming along.

The Park Playground tentative opening is May 21.

The project is on schedule, on budget, and close to 90% complete.

CEO Update/Ms. Curran:

Stadium:

The Spokane Public Schools (SPS) School Board met last Wednesday, approved by majority to move forward, and included a list of requests. Meetings ensued with Ms. Curran, SPS Dr. Anderson and Dr. Swinyard, and PFD counsel. The PFD Executive Committee and SPS will meet tomorrow. If meetings result in agreement, a Special Board Meeting may be scheduled Friday, April 30. Ms. Dickinson added conversations are ongoing for additional clarity for the PFD Board and public.

Shuttered Venues Operators Grant (SVOG) via the Small Business Administration (SBA): The application portal opened Monday, April 26 and the District's application was submitted for the Arena and First Interstate for the Arts. Convention Centers are not eligible. The District is eligible for review of funding allocation in the SVOG third priority wave due to government status. Other government entities received CARES funding for which the District did not qualify.

State Capital Budget: Many thanks to Representatives Riccelli and Ormsby and Senators Billig and Holy, along with our lobbyists, as The Podium budget ask for the Fire Suppression System was approved.

The Governor may tour The Podium in late May.

USA Track & Field (USATF): The USATF governing body was in Spokane this week for a Podium site tour, and to meet with the Spokane Sports Commission and the District. The USATF will hold the Indoor Track and Field Championships in February 2022 at The Podium which will include Olympic athletes and world team members.

They discussed The Podium as a possible circuit tour. Ms. Curran reviewed a letter the Sports Commission received from USATF expressing appreciation for the meetings, and positive reviews of Spokane and The Podium.

American Institute of Architects (AIA): Ms. Curran is part of a panel including Colin Anderson with Integrus, Andrew Brenner with Lydig, Ashley Blake with the Spokane Sports Commission, CK Anderson with helveticcka, and Neil Davis of Davis Designs presenting The Podium to the AIA on Monday, May 3.

County Spotlight on Spokane - May Segment: Ms. Curran will join County Commissioner Mary Kunej this Friday to tape the May segment. Topics include highlights of The Podium, the FICA remodel, and upcoming events that have been announced.

Ms. Dickinson inquired as to the process of changing the system of metrics and mandates in Washington State, and would like to see a meeting by June with legislators.

Ms. Curran stated that she is part of a weekly Washington venues group that speaks directly to the Governor's office providing feedback, re-opening plans, new protocols implemented, and most recently discussing how neighboring states will affect Washington. The state focus now is on vaccinations.

There was discussion about promoting events that have been recently announced and are still scheduled to encourage the public to get vaccinated.

Vaccination Site at the Arena: The site is open for anyone (18) and over. Appointments are encouraged, walk-ups are accepted.

Mr. Soehren added there has been a group appointment scheduled for The Podium workers.

ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Soehren opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

Mr. Brett stated that Brett Sports and Entertainment (BSE) is not against Stadium, noted their experience in outdoor stadiums, offered services for Stadium details, and added they have owned the hockey team since 1990. Mr. Brett offered his views on any future potential ice rink development.

Ms. Winchester explained that Visit Spokane has partnered with the Washington Hospitality Association and are working on a PR campaign, syncing up with Oregon and California, to stay competitive. California has announced an opening date of June 15.

Ms. Curran remarked that Oregon has stated counties are moving back with capacity's reducing and noted caution to aligning with their metrics.

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.

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

There may be a Special Meeting on Friday, April 30. If this meeting proceeds, it will be posted tomorrow morning and held virtually without any in-person attendance.

ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:24 pm.

Michelle McIntyre
Clerk of the Board

Approved by the
Board of Directors