

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District
Board of Directors
Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Board Room
Wednesday, October 25, 2017
12:30 PM

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened the 720th 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, Marty Dickinson, Nate Greene and Rita Santillanes. District personnel included Kevin Twohig, Mike Gaffaney, Stephanie Curran, Matt Gibson, Becca Watters, Brittany Garwood, Stephanie Huff, Andrew Dolan and Monte Koch. Guests included Eric Sawyer from the Spokane Sports Commission, Toby Hatley from the Washington Hospitality Association, Robert Enriquez from Visit Spokane, Mark Williams StaffPro and Dave Pier from Brett Sports Entertainment.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McDowell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Mr. Greene seconded and after discussion the motion passed unanimously including the following:

- Approval of minutes from October 10, 2017.
- Approval of Expenditures – September.

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

Executive Committee

CEO Search – The process to select a new CEO included over 100 applicants being narrowed down to five for phone interviews, then three face-to-face interviews. After consideration, the Board determined that Stephanie Curran would be the most qualified and best fit to be the new CEO of the District. Mr. Soehren distributed Ms. Curran's employment letter to the Board. Ms. Santillanes moved to approve Ms. Curran as the new CEO, effective February 1, 2018, Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Greene stated for the record that the Board did an outstanding job throughout this process and that it was nice to hear from the candidates how appealing Spokane's community is. Ms. Curran extended her thanks to the Board and District for their time and consideration throughout the hiring process.

Following the discussion at the October 10 Board Meeting the Board has decided to move the Board Meetings to the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The Board Rules will be updated to reflect this and brought back to the Board for approval at the November 8 District Board Meeting.

Project Committee

Arena Renovation

Mr. McDowell had some concerns regarding the finish date of this project. Mr. Twohig said that Clancy Welsh from Garco made a point at Monday's contractor lunch to say that the North Food

Court would be open for the Garth Brooks concert. Arena and Centerplate staff have a contingency plan in the event that it is not.

INB Renovation

The Notice to Proceed into the 50 day validation period has been issued to the Lydig/Integrus team. The plan is to have the GMP approved in phases due to some very long lead times for parts of the project; for instance, the window wall. The draft Department of Commerce's Financial Feasibility Review for this project was included in the Board Packet for the Board's review.

Operations Committee

District staff brought a plan for the 2018 budget, salary, and benefits that the Operations Committee found acceptable. Discussion followed about benefits. These items will be included in the 2018 budget.

Finance Committee

The numbers for September were positive. Revenues year-to-date are \$2,132,000.

The third Sportsplex Working Group met today. It consisted of City and County personnel, Sports Commission representatives, and Alan Dashen, the District's financial advisor, along with District staff. Within the next two weeks each organization that may be responsible for partial funding will go to their respective organizations and see if the funding can be made available through the organizations specific processes.

The bond sale to fund the INB Renovation will occur in New York City on October 31.

LTAC Committee

After discussion Mr. McDowell moved to appoint Travis Tramp as Chair of the LTAC Committee, Ms. Dickinson seconded, and it was unanimously approved. The LTAC Committee is in favor of building the Sportsplex and will meet in November to discuss further.

ITEM #5 MISCELLANEOUS

Mike Gaffaney outlined the events coming to the Convention Center and INB Performing Arts Center. Becca Watters presented the events coming to the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena.

The Avista Summary was put in the Board Packet for the Board's review.

The STR, TAP, and KPI reports were included in the Board Packets for the Board's review.

After eight years of service on the District Board, this was the last Board meeting for Rita Santillanes. The Board and the District thanked Rita for her service and stated that they look forward to working with her replacement, Travis Tramp.

ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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ITEM #7 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:11 pm.

Brianna Scott
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.