

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District - Board of Directors Meeting Via Webinar
& at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Board Room | Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 12:30pm

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Dickinson convened 847th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance was Board Chair Marty Dickinson, Vice Chair Paul Read, and Board Members Ed Bruya and Cami Eakins. Board Member Harry Sladich was excused. District personnel attending in-person included, CEO Stephanie Curran, Jessica Deri, Jennifer Kletke, Paul Christiansen, Steve Marsh, Melissa Coulter, and Austin Baker. District personnel attending virtually included Nic Lawrence, Kay Riplinger, Andrew Dolan, Chris Weathers, and Tina Gallegos. Guests attending in person included Chris Varallo with Hawley-Troxell, and Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Scott Taylor with The Car Park, and Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment. Guests attending virtual included, Ryan Nackers with Levy, and Aiden Hubbard with The Car Park.

Board Chair Dickinson introduced Cami Eakins as the new member of the Spokane Public Facilities District Board of Director's. Ms. Eakins is the CEO of Career Path Services and She explained the mission of Career Path Services and her background adding she celebrates her 20th year in the industry a few days.

Board Chair Dickinson reflected upon the District's efforts the last several months and expressed appreciation for CEO Stephanie Curran for coordinating the partnership with SPS, as well as her diligent work to bring ONE Spokane Stadium to fruition.

In addition, Board Chair Dickinson expressed appreciation for the guidance of PFD legal Chris Varallo with Hawley-Troxell; especially the last year and highlighted his commitment to downtown and Spokane/CD'A area.

Ms. Curran stated this is the 20th anniversary of the PFD becoming a PFD and along with our new board member and ONE Spokane Stadium opening, celebration is warranted.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Dickinson presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2023**

Mr. Bruya moved to approve the September 13 minutes as presented, Mr. Read seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Approval of Hawley-Troxell Invoices for August 2023**

Mr. Read moved to approve the Hawley-Troxell invoices for July 2023, Mr. Bruya seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

Committees:

Finance:

Mr. Marsh provided a report for July month end with \$14.2m in gross revenues, and \$3.6m above budget. Net \$900k July YTD. It is estimated we are ahead of projections through August. For example, the space rent is \$1.1m above budget, while event expenses are \$1.5 above budget.

We changed from a +2 to a -464k and it is expected that it will resolve by the end of the year. This occurred as with comparing 2022 to what a 2023 budget would be and with Covid there was invoicing for a 6-month period which later was determined an anomaly. In addition, payment for Chiefs tickets did it occur and we had missed adding that to expenses.

The PFD 2024 First Budget Reading will be October 25 and Second/final Budget Reading is scheduled for November 29. Mr. Read added that the board understood going into 2023 that this year would be a learning year.

Mr. Marsh expressed appreciation to his team who has worked diligently to get all up to speed.

Mr. Pier added that Mr. Marsh has worked directly with Chiefs accounting which has streamlined communication.

Operations:

No report.

Project:

No report.

ITEM #6 MISCELLANEOUS

CEO Update:

Budget 2024: DMT and managers have been working the last several weeks on the 2024 budget. First Reading 10.25 and Second Reading scheduled for November 29.

WA Clean Buildings Act: This act was addressed in this morning's DSP Policy meeting. It has come as a surprise to most entities. Mr. Gaffaney has been working with a EEI since 12.2021 to assist and EEI will attend a manager meeting later this month to assist the PFD with the process. There are steep fines for non-compliance and as the PFD works to resolve would be facing \$500k in fines if act was implanted today.

Board Chair Dickinson added higher education is facing challenges to comply with the act.

Discussion about fire alarm system at the FICA. Other cities have remarked they do not have the same fire alarm requirements as Spokane and that Spokane is well out of industry standard. Mr. Christiansen stated if a venue does not want to use the 2-factor system, a fire marshal would need to be hired to be onsite for fire watch.

Macklemore Tuesday Night: Macklemore talked about Spokane on stage and how wonderful he felt about the area. The PFD and Visit Spokane was hosting a FAM of meeting planners at the event.

Events: From 10.10 to 10.16 the Arena has Macklemore, two Chief games, Tool, and Adam Sandler. The FICA, CC, and Stadium are booked with events as well.

Ms. Deri added there is a FAM of meeting planners in town with Visit Spokane. They attended Macklemore last night and are experiencing/visiting several local events and area highlights.

Appreciation was expressed to The Car Park and CSC. working together to provide a smooth system of parking. Despite media reports, traffic flowed fairly easily and attendees commented they had been able to get to the Stadium, The Podium, and Arena with ease. The attendee total at The Podium, Chiefs, and the Stadium 10.6 was less than an Arena sold out concert and very manageable by the Arena and partners.

Mr. Kobluk stated that there is a Grinch performance in November at the FICA. The Grinch is visiting Spokane will do the puck drop at the Chiefs game.

ITEM #7 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chair Dickinson opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

No Discussion.

ITEM #8 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Dickinson adjourned the Board to an Executive Session at 01:24PM per RCW 42.30.110 (i) regarding Real Estate for approximately (45) minutes with no action expected. The board returned to the board room at 1:58PM with no action taken.

ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:59PM.

Michelle McIntyre, Clerk of the Board

Approved by the Board of Directors at following meeting.

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.