

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District
Board of Directors – Via Webinar
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 12:30pm

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Marty Dickinson convened 819th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance was Board Chair Marty Dickinson and Board Members Nate Greene, Paul Read, and Harry Sladich. Board Member Ed Bruya attended virtually. District personnel attending in-person included CEO Stephanie Curran, Brittany Garwood, Mike Gaffaney, Paul Christiansen, Matt Meyer (via conference phone), Jamie Gwinn, Paul Christiansen, Andrew Brenner, and Tye Compogno. Guests attending in-person included Chris Varallo with Witherspoon-Kelley, Andrew Brenner with Lydig, Ruth Fitzgerald and Jamie Rand with Visit Spokane, Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment, Ashley Blake and Anna Henry with Sports Commission, and Scott Taylor with The Car Park. District Personnel attending virtually included Jene Iceberg, Nic Lawrence, Kay Riplinger, and Sue Stoll. Jessica Deri, Kay Riplinger, Nic Lawrence, Andrew Dolan, and Antwone Whaley. Guests attending virtually included Ryan Nackers with Levy, Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Tom McBride and Intisar Surur from McBride Public Affairs, Nicolette Ocheltree from the City of Spokane, and Toby Hatley with Hatley & Associates.

Board Chair Dickinson adjourned the Board to an Executive Session at 12:32 PM per RCW 42.30.110 (i) regarding Potential Litigation for approximately 30 minutes with no action expected.

The board returned to the board room at 12:52 PM with no action.

West Coast Entertainment Agreement (WCE):

Mr. Meyer provided an overview of the PFD and WCE partnership and current agreement noting legal teams for both parties are finalizing some legal terms.

Mr. Kobluk thanked the board and for the past 35 years of partnership.

Mr. Sladich moved approve the PFD/WCE agreement pending legal revisions, Mr. Read seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

SPFD 2021 4th Quarter Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena and First Interstate Center for the Arts (FICA):

Mr. Meyer presented the 2021 Arena/FICA 4th Quarter Report citing returning shows and several announcing for Q1-Q3 of 2022. Ticket sales are down nationally, and due to Covid, some events are re-scheduling.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Dickinson presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2022**

Mr. Read moved approve the Consent Agenda, Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Mr. Greene and Ms. Garwood stated the SVOG funds have been received. Initially the District applied in April 2021. The funds are for the Arena and FICA and are held to specific guidelines.

Ms. Garwood is working on Period 13.

Operations Committee

No report.

Project Committee:

GMP #10 - Lydig

Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Brenner reviewed GMP #10 in which the Design Build team returns savings of \$243, 350.48. The District requests these savings fund projects at the Podium that had been moved to deferred costs such as throw cages (a product procured from only a few vendors due to uniqueness of the Podium as a venue), subfloor work, and other planned projects but were deferred.

Board Chair Dickinson stated approval from the board for the District to utilize GMP #10 Design Build savings to fund Podium projects and enhancements previously moved to deferred costs, Mr. Read seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 22-02 Sole Source – NorPac Seating:

Mr. Gaffaney presented Resolution 22-02 Sole Source for NorPac to install Hussey seating. This seating is compatible to existing equipment and staff is trained with this equipment. Vara rise is telescopic seating to sync with the fat stack on the inside of the dasher. There is a (10) day window in early summer to install the vera rise, the fat stack will install later in the year. This equipment has been previously budgeted.

Discussion regarding this equipment; it is original equipment from 1995 and is becoming a safety issue.

Mr. Greene moved approve Resolution 22-02 Sole Source for NorPac, Mr. Read seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 22-04 Sole Source – Vimar Equipment:

Mr. Gwinn presented Resolution 22-04 Sole Source for Vimar Equipment to trade-in the 2006 Olympia ice re-surfacer. Discussion reveals there are two ice re-surfacer vendors; Zamboni and Olympia. This equipment has been budgeted, staff is trained on this equipment, and it is compatible with District components.

Mr. Sladich moved approve Resolution 22-04 Sole Source Vimar Equipment Olympia re-surfacer, Mr. Read seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

SPFD 2021 4th Quarter Convention Center and The Podium:

Ms. Deri presented the 2021 4th Quarter Report and reviewed the current Convention Center and Podium sales team. The Convention Center hosted (20) events in Q4 with 21,907 in attendance, and in 2021 the sale team generated \$2.3m in new business. Ms. Deri added the Podium hosted its first track event in December generating \$1.1m in economic impact.

Visit Spokane 2021 4th Quarter Report:

Ms. Fitzgerald and Mr. Rand presented the 2021 4th Quarter Report for Visit Spokane. The report included an overview of room nights at year end for 2021 and preview for 2022, the 2022 event calendar, re-scheduled business, pace, and upcoming tradeshow. In addition, Visit Spokane has been able to rescue 66% of 'lost' business to re-scheduling.

Spokane Sports 2021 4th Quarter Report:

Ms. Blake and Ms. Henry presented an overview of 2022 events at The Podium including (29) events with an economic impact of \$119m, and close to 40,000 room nights. And, both reviewed the February 2022 Track & Field calendar as well as 2023 and 2024 business the Sports Commission is currently bidding on.

Board Chair Dickinson expressed appreciation for Visit Spokane, the Sports Commission, and the PFD teams.

2022 Board Elections & Committee Appointments:

Chair Dickinson proposed the PFD Board Committee slate and described the PFD Board elections and committee appointment process. Board Chair Dickinson will remain Chair through 2023 in order for all members to be acclimated to the board. The following is the slate of board committees: Project – Nate Greene, Ed Bruya; Operations - Harry Sladich, Ed Bruya; Finance – Nate Greene, Paul Read; Art – Board Chair Dickinson; Executive – Board Chair Dickinson, Vice-Chair Paul Read.

At the prior board meeting, Ms. Curran reviewed board committee policies and described each committee purpose, function, and provided examples of meetings in each committee. Each board committee is comprised of (2) board members and includes Operations, Project, Art, and Finance. The Executive Committee is comprised of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Mr. Greene moved approve the slate as presented, Mr. Read seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

CEO Update/Ms. Curran:

Value Village Property: The PFD has closed on this property.

Stadium: Working on an easement and seating.

Warming Shelter at Convention Center: The City Council did not approve PFD invoices from the shelter and have requested all receipts before approving.

Podium: We need to commission a third piece of art for The Podium and would like to involve the Park Board in this process. Garrett Jones, with the Park will be presenting to the Park Board.

Discussion about the background of the third art piece. There was confusion among partners and the certificate of occupancy was held until art was resolved. The District agreed to commission a third piece of art and will begin that process shortly. Traditionally, we have commissioned an interactive pieces.

ITEM #5 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chair Dickinson opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

Board guest Mr. Taylor discussed Canopy Credit Union and staff parking on Dean Avenue. Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm it is closed for staff only. After 5pm, it is pay-to-park. Mr. Brenner stated meeting with Canopy Credit Union, there is a plan in place, and will proceed with a proper curb cut which will open up the remaining (15) stalls.

The next SPFD Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #6 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 2:43 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.