

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District - Board of Directors Meeting Via Webinar
& at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Board Room | Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 12:30pm

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Read convened 864th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance was Board Chair Paul Read, and Board Member Cami Eakins. Board Member Ed Bruya attended virtually. Vice Chair Marty Dickinson, and Board Member Harry Sladich were excused. District personnel attending in-person included, CEO Stephanie Curran, Mike Gaffaney, Matt Meyer, Steve Marsh, Paul Christiansen, Jennifer Kletke, and Ryan Gallagher. District personnel attending virtually included Nic Lawrence, Tina Gallegos, Holly Williams, Melissa Coulter, Andrew Dolan, and Jose Angel. Guests attending virtually included Ryan Nackers with Levy, and Aiden Hubbard with The Car Park. Guests attending in person included Chris Varallo with Kutak Rock, Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment, Dave Pier with Brett Sports & Entertainment, and Dustin Cleaver with the USL.

Board Chair Read opened the meeting with a thank you to staff and partners for all their efforts highlighting One Spokane Stadium, and a great Stadium one-year anniversary article in the Spokesman.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Read presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Legal Invoices for and Kutak Rock and Paine Hamblen for August 2024**

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

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

City of Spokane Lincoln and Boone Dedication

Mr. Varallo reviewed the documents and work to be done, explaining this is the same work performed two years ago on Washington and Boone that the PFD Board approved. The work will re-design/upgrade ADA ramps at Lincoln Street and Boone Avenue.

Ms. Eakins moved to approve the City of Spokane Lincoln and Boone Dedication and to authorize the CEO to execute this process. Mr. Bruya seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Finance:

The First Reading of the 2025 Budget is scheduled for October 23. The Finance Committee will be scheduled to meet prior to the October 23 Board Meeting.

Operations:

No report.

Project:

No report.

ITEM #5 MISCELLANEOUS

CEO Update:

Stadium: Events are ramping up with the start of high school football. The past Friday game was between Lewis and Clark and Gonzaga Prep. It was also a homecoming game night and several activities planned at another area prior to the game. A staff had called out and one of the metal detectors was down. As a result, a large number of guests arrived (15) minutes prior to kick-off causing a back-up at the entrance.

At the metal detectors, (49) items were confiscated. This indicates a need to keep metal detectors vs implementing the Evolv system. There were instances of backpacks, water, items being thrown over the fences. SPS/PFD will continue work together. There are two Resource Officers per game that work on relationships but do not have authority to act. There is a suggestion to have police presence as when calling; response time can be over (40) minutes.

Discussion about guest arrival to events. Communication to the public has been going our consistently. The Arena and FICA guests have grown accustomed to arriving early for events. Communication will continue for other venues, focus on ONE Spokane Stadium.

Events: Events ramping up Hockey, and entertainment with Track following.

DSP: Discussion of downtown core and individuals migrating to the core. In downtown core last report 174, July 139, in 2023 not even 100.

ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chair Read opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

Mr. Pier stated the Spokane Chiefs are 5-1, tied for first place, and have won the last four games.

The Spokane Chiefs submitted a bid for the 2026 Memorial Cup. In those efforts, the Chiefs consulted with Ms. Curran, PFD DMT & Sales, and West Coast Entertainment, Spokane Sports, Visit Spokane. A large portion of attendance/hotels is reflected by the local team standing and at the time of the Memorial Cup.

Bid award is expected in December.

The WSU/EWU basketball game is November 21, 2024 at the Arena.

Mr. Kobluk noted West Coast Entertainment just finished Funny Girl last week and are heading into a busy 3rd/4th quarter with holiday shows and Broadway shows.

Mr. Cleaver stated Spokane USL is looking to secure a spot in play-offs.

Things have run smoothly with high school, to painting, to practice, to games.

ITEM #6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Read adjourned the Board to an Executive Session at 12:54PM per RCW 42.30.110 (i) regarding Litigation for approximately (30) minutes with no action expected. The board returned to the board room at 1:22Pm with no action taken.

ITEM #7 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:23PM.

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.