

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2020

Board Members Present: Chairperson Reggie Freeman, Jennifer Walker, Paul Mulcahey, Mike Haney, Larry Meeske, Randy Tweet, Stacey Happ, Jeff Nelson, Martin Vanags, Fran Prochaska
Other Persons Present: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Kim McVey, Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C), Andrew Dasso (Streamline Architects), Jeff Harrop (Bass Street Moline, LLC)

Introduction and Public Comment: Chairperson Reggie Freeman called the meeting to Order at 12:30 p.m. Chairperson Freeman noted that no members of the general public were in attendance. He also confirmed with Scott Mullen (Executive Director) that no written comments were received subsequent to the last meeting.

Presentations: Streamline Architects/Andrew Dasso and Bass Street Moline, LLC/Jeff Harrop presented renderings for: a hotel restaurant renovation; and a proposal for some joint activity in the lawn area between the hotel and the Arena. The presentation prompted a dialogue between several Board members and the presenters – all moderated by Mr. Mullen and Chairperson Freeman.

Executive/Closed Session: At 12:48 p.m. Chairperson Freeman invited Board members to adjourn into Closed Session for the purposes identified on the Agenda (with legal authorities duly cited). Motion by Mr. Vanags, second by Ms. Walker, to adopt the legal finding; and, on that basis, to proceed to conduct the meeting in Closed Session. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a roll call vote on the motion, the roll call vote was taken with all Board members voting “Aye”.

[The meeting transitioned to Closed Session.] No formal action was taken in Closed Session.

At 1:14 p.m., motion by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Meeske, to adjourn back into Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Freeman declared the motion carried. [Separate minutes (and tape thereof) relating to Closed Session has been retained in custody of Legal Counsel.]

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Prochaska, second by Mr. Meeske, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on September 17, 2020. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Financials: Rocky Jones presented the financial statements with commentary (handout). Motion by Ms. Walker, second by Mr. Prochaska, to approve the financial statements for the periods ending September 30, 2020. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Director’s Report: Mr. Mullen reported on concession changes and grant applications. Mr. Mullen next presented an overview of advances and projections on the subject of being prepared to provide cultural and entertainment events in a manner which promotes acceptable levels of public safety.

Staff Report on Sponsorship Implementation Items and Solicitations Which Are the Subject of Bids, Competitive Proposals, or Unique Vendors, Licensees, et al: Mr. Mullen reported that the projects involving the video wall in the lobby and metal detectors are subject to a competitive vendor selection process; with the process being consistent with Board policy and legal requirements. Mr. Mullen further noted that Arena staff is presently performing due diligence activities on specifications and other matters. The items will be brought back to a future Board meeting.

Committees: Chairperson Freeman announced a new assignment: Martin Vanags will Chair the Long Range Planning Task Force. The Task Force will initially take on the duty to coordinate with Mr. Mullen in moving ahead on exploring ways to maximize the opportunities apparent from the presentation (involving Messrs. Mullen, Harrop and Dasso – collectively “presenters”). Chairman Freeman’s reason for the appointment emphasized the visioning described by the meeting presenters (on the subject of the hotel restaurant, etc.). Membership on the Task Force will be further discussed with Board leadership as opportunities arise appropriate to the scope of responsibility for the Task Force. Motion by Mr. Meeske, second by Mr. Mulcahey, to accept the recommendation of Chairperson Freeman. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Matters Arising Out of Closed Session, consisting of the following:

Motion by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Prochaska, to direct legal counsel to draft a consent and/or resolution to allow the Radisson to operate under its existing use clause in a modified way. Mr. Strandlund recited the terms of the consent within the context of a proposed resolution. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion and resolution, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Vanags, second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Consent and Waiver of a potential conflict of interest involving the law firm of Califf & Harper, P.C. in transactions between the Quad City Civic Center Authority and the interested parties connected to the hotel and/or hotel restaurant (including Jeff Harrop). With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.



Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary