

## Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2015

**Present:** Chairman Mike Haney, Thomas Thomas, Hunt Harris, Lew Steinbrecher, John Hass, Reggie Freeman, Ted Thoms

**Absent:** Paul Mulcahey, Don Welvaert, Jennifer Walker

**Staff:** Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Joy Toporowski and Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C.)

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Steinbrecher, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the minutes of June 18, 2015. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

### **Committee Assignments:**

Chairman Haney described proposed changes to the current Committee structure and announced proposed appointments of various Board members to serve on the respective Committees. The Chairman's 2015/2016 Committee Assignments Roster (attached) was distributed and discussed. Chairman Haney highlighted a change whereby he moved the "Special Projects" function from the Capital Improvements Committee and incorporated that function within the existing Long Range Planning Committee, to form a newly-named "Special Projects/Long Range Planning Committee". Motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Thoms, to approve the 2015/2016 Committee Assignments Roster. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Financials:** Rocky Jones reviewed the financial statements. Motion by Mr. Thoms, seconded by Mr. Harris, to approve the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2015. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

### **Directors Update:**

Mr. Mullen provided an update on the construction status of various new facilities potentially impacting the Arena's market (e.g. Iowa River Landing/Coralville). Mr. Mullen informed the Board of meetings that he and other Arena staff members have been conducting with certain suite holders and potential corporate sponsors, particularly iWireless and Deere & Company. Chairman Haney made the observation that Mr. Mullen's activities in connection with suite holders and corporate sponsors have been beneficial. Chairman Haney gathered consensus around the directive to Arena staff to continue to maintain and administer tenant rights/obligations and pricing in a non-discriminatory manner. It was noted, however, that in the future the Board would be supportive of Mr. Mullen's efforts toward developing innovative and tiered pricing; with the thought that a tiered pricing structure could create incentives for high volume users of the facility.

Mr. Mullen outlined upcoming events and furnished rough revenue projections. As to future Board-related events, he suggested the need for a Personnel Committee Meeting; and he received the invitation to proceed with scheduling.

**DCEO Grant and Related Projects:** Mr. Snodgrass reviewed the progress of construction projects. It was noted that the ceiling in front of the box office and lobby needs to be replaced, with a corresponding adjustment to scope and costs. Motion by Mr. Hass, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to proceed with the replacement of the ceiling in an

amount not to exceed \$15,000. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Mullen, with supplemental comments from Arena staff, informed the Board of the status of various additional construction items. The Board, by consensus, approved the balance of change orders described by Arena staff (with the financial impact being a lower construction cost, to the extent of approximately \$4,000).

Mr. Jones recited the amount of DCEO reimbursements to date, as well as projected future State funding requests. Mr. Mullen addressed the possibility of the State withholding funding. General Board discussion followed. Chairman Haney observed the essence of the Board's conversation as making this point: In connection with the threat of the withholding of State funding (brought about by the on-going budget battle in Springfield), the cost-benefit of ceasing work compels Arena staff to proceed with construction projects which are already underway, all as described by Mr. Mullen and Mr. Jones. It was acknowledged that Mr. Jones' estimate of unreimbursed exposure is in the range of \$450,000.

**Executive/Closed Session:** Chairman Haney noted that there would be no need to go into Executive/Closed Session; however, he invited Mr. Strandlund to address the statutory requirement of review of Minutes. Mr. Strandlund summarized the review of Closed Session Minutes. He presented a proposed written Resolution on Closed Session Minutes, with Mr. Thoms making a motion to approve the Resolution and a second being made by Mr. Hass. Following general Board discussion thereon, Chairman Haney called for a vote on the motion; a vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Mr. Thoms motioned for adjournment. Mr. Hass seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Joy Toporowski, Acting Secretary