

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Present: Chairman Paul Mulcahey, Hunt Harris, Jennifer Walker, Lew Steinbrecher, Don Welvaert, Ted Thoms, John Hass, Reggie Freeman

Absent: Mike Haney, Thomas Thomas

Staff: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Joy Toporowski, Roger Strandlund

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Welvaert to approve the minutes of February 20. The motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

Mr. Jones reviewed the financial statements. Motion by Mr. Welvaert, seconded by Mr. Freeman to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending February 28, 2014. The motion to approve the Financial Statements carried unanimously.

Director's Update:

1. Capital Funding Bill and Future Arena Expansion and/or Additional Ice Facility. Mr. Mullen provided the Board a recap of the discussion at the Executive Committee relating to proposed property acquisition and development of an additional ice facility in the vicinity of the Arena. He stated that Mr. Steinbrecher was also in attendance at the meeting of the Executive Committee; and that Mr. Steinbrecher and the Committee agreed that the Board should be invited to generally "weigh in" on the topic of expansion. General Board discussion occurred on the topic, with Mr. Mullen identifying many of the threats which the Arena will face in the future from competition with new facilities entering the market and other economic pressures.

Some Board members inquired as to the basis for Mr. Mullen's identification of specific threats. Chairman Mulcahey expressed his appreciation for Mr. Mullen's forward-thinking in being diligent and aggressive in offering the Board ideas which are strategic in nature. Chairman Mulcahey noted that the process of sharing new ideas would naturally cause some of Mr. Mullen's efforts to not take root, yet those efforts should be recognized as positive.

Chairman Mulcahey summarized and interpreted the entire discussion of the Board as establishing the following direction to Arena staff: (1) Arena staff should pursue with diligence the documentation necessary to gain possession of the \$4,000,000 funding previously promised by the State; and (2) If other projects, such as the creation of a second sheet of ice in the vicinity of the Arena, appear to be operationally and strategically prudent, staff should formulate proposals and advocate them to the Board at future meetings. In response to Chairman Mulcahey's summary and direction, Mr. Steinbrecher stated that the City Council has been briefed on the conceptual idea of a second sheet of ice within the context of a larger mixed use development. Mr. Steinbrecher stated that the City Council is generally supportive of the concept of expanding and/or facilitating Arena-related land uses; however, there presently exists no specific plans for affirmation of that support. Mr. Steinbrecher concluded his remarks on the topic by expressing his intent to keep the topic alive within the City Council and provide more information to the Board from time-to-time in the future.

2. Promotion of Arena Interests Within Context of Quad Cities First Regional Opportunities Council (ROC). Mr. Mullen offered his assessment of the difficulties encountered in his attempts to maximize the value of the ROC. Mr. Thoms suggested that the Arena and other local entertainment venues have an interest in taking a fresh approach with the ROC: An approach which is centered on or driven by a larger vision of the entire region, as opposed to the promotion of the interests of an individual venue. Mr. Mullen agreed to further assess the value of the ROC and report back to the Board on the topic.

3. Mr. Mullen's presentation also included the following informational items:

- a. A rock festival is tentatively scheduled for July 19, 2014 with both indoor and outdoor performances.
- b. Mr. Mullen has fully implemented the Board's previous approval of the extension of the Hockey License with the Mallards (an extension for three years).
- c. Mr. Mullen provided an update on his pursuit of additional booking opportunities, including a bid for the Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament.

Approval of Final Budget Items for Capitol Bill Funding:

Mr. Snodgrass brought the Board up-to-date with regard to the Capital Bill funding. General discussion occurred regarding the projects and tasks involved in the proposal of the Arena staff (as shown on attachment). Motion by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Hunt, to approve the project list applicable to the Capital Bill funding. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session/Closed: Tenant Leases/License 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6); Property Acquisition/Leasing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

(No Closed Session occurred, although such a session was noted on the Agenda.)

Other Business: Chairman Mulcahey sought and received approval for the Authority to expand upon its 2013 20th Anniversary Celebration by giving special recognition to the legislators who played a significant role in making the Arena possible. Mr. Freeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welvaert, to implement Chairman Mulcahey's suggestion by bringing about the recognition of the individuals identified by Mr. Mulcahey (and other Board members), all in the form of a plaque or plaques placed at an appropriate location in the Arena. Following additional discussion on the topic, Mr. Mulcahey conducted a roll call vote on the motion. All voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Thoms who noted his objection. Chairman Mulcahey stated that the Anniversary-related recognition will be the subject of further investigation and the Board will be kept informed.

Adjourn: Mr. Harris motioned for adjournment. Ms. Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Joy Toporowski, Client Services and Acting
Board Secretary