QUAD CITY CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY MINUTES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

<u>Present:</u> Chairman Paul Mulcahey, Hunt Harris, Mike Haney, John Hass, Jennifer Walker, Thomas Thomas, Lew Steinbrecher, Reggie Freeman, Don Welvaert, Ted Thoms

Absent: None

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

<u>Others:</u> Moline Mayor Scott Raes, Rock Island County Board Chairman Phil Banaszek, East Moline Mayor John Thodos, Rock Island Mayor Dennis Pauley

Chairman Mulcahey called the meeting to order with all members present at 12:30 p.m. Chairman Mulcahey introduced and welcomed the Mayors and County Board Chairman, all of whom were special guests, invited to observe and participate in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Thoms, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the minutes of November 21, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Financials

Mr. Jones reviewed the financial statements. Mr. Jones also responded to a revenue-trend observation by Mr. Harris. Motion by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Welvaert to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending November 30, 2013. The motion to approve the Financial Statements carried unanimously.

Committee Reports/RFQ on Arena Expansion

Ms. Walker, chairing the Long Range Planning Committee, reported that the Committee had met (with minutes available) and, by consensus, directed Mr. Mullen and his staff to proceed with work consistent with the Board's previous directives related to expansion alternatives. She suggested that the progress be reported to the Board by Mr. Mullen as a part of his "Director's Update".

Director's Update

- 1. As to the Concourse/Box Office expansion, Mr. Mullen stated that his staff had completed a Request for Qualifications.
- 2. As to the possibility of additional hockey-related facilities, Mr. Mullen stated that the matter is still in the feasibility/conceptual stage. He stated that he intends to have additional communications on the subject with third parties. Those communications will have some connection with the task of discussing a license extension with the owners of the hockey team. Mr. Mullen stated that, as additional information becomes available or is formulated, he will report back to the Executive Committee and/or Board.
- 3. Mr. Mullen reviewed previous and upcoming events with the Authority.

4. Motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hass, to approve the Director's Update, as reported by Mr. Mullen (refer to above). Discussion: (a) Mr. Hass noted that there is a good possibility that the already-state approved funding (\$4M) will not be sufficient to thoroughly examine and/or complete all the projects described within the Director's Update; (b) Mr. Steinbrecher requested that Mr. Mullen and his staff address the prioritization of projects in light of Mr. Hass' comment (above), with Mr. Steinbrecher expressing his preference that the most diligence and vigor be applied toward the hockey-related expansion; and (c) various Board members and guests (elected officials) entered into a general discussion regarding the market demand and feasibility of alternate hockey-related capital projects, with the consensus being that the public interest is best served by Mr. Mullen investing additional resources toward the effort. With Chairman Mulcahey expressing his appreciation for the comments by all, he called for a vote on the question; and the pending motion to approve the Director's Update carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Mulcahey noted that an Executive Session is listed on the Agenda. Chairman Mulcahey announced that he sees no topic which merits discussion in Executive Session; and, therefore, no Motion was made and the Board did not adjourn into Closed Session. Accordingly, the Agenda item was deemed moot.

Other Business

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