

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Present: Hunt Harris (Vice-Chairman/Acting Chairman), Mike Haney, Jennifer Walker, Thomas Thomas, Lew Steinbrecher, Don Welvaert, Ted Thoms

Present by Phone (non-participating/non-voting): Paul Mulcahey

Absent: John Hass, Reggie Freeman

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the minutes of December 19, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Financials

Mr. Jones reviewed the financial statements. Mr. Jones described a strong quarter coming up. Motion by Mr. Welvaert, seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending December 31, 2013. The motion to approve the Financial Statements carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Mr. Snodgrass reported that he implemented the December Resolution relating to Arena expansion (Resolution No. 13-20). Mr. Snodgrass more specifically identified a number of professional firms which were included among those deemed competitive and competent for the purpose of the proposed expansion. He stated that the firms providing detailed responses consisted of Gere-Dismer and Shive Hattery. Mr. Snodgrass identified Shive Hattery as being recommended by staff as most qualified and responsive to the invitation. Mr. Steinbrecher made a motion to accept staff's recommendation, subject to an emphasis that the selection criteria was professional-qualification-based (as opposed to cost-driven) and also that the selection was based on the criteria within the RFQ and the conditions within the previous Resolution (No. 13-20). Second by Mr. Haney. As a part of the discussion on the motion and at Acting Chairman Harris' request, Mr. Strandlund reminded Board members of the criteria within the RFQ and the contents of the previous Resolution particularly the following: the consultant's project shall consist of conceptual design and preliminary costs; the consultant's project should assume the contractors will be party to an Impact Agreement; the consultant shall be ineligible to be the ultimate contractor or construction manager; and the consultant's project shall be governed by an appropriate contract to be prepared by legal counsel. With Acting Chairman Harris calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Amendment to Smoking Policy

Mr. Mullen proposed that the Board consider modifying its existing Smoking Policy to include e-cigarettes. Mr. Strandlund distributed the proposed policy, with the amendment recommended by Arena staff. Messrs. Mullen and Strandlund identified the underlying findings and policy to support the amended policy. More specifically, the amendment addressed the more frequent use of electronic cigarettes, with a basis grounded in the Illinois Attorney General's concerns relating to health impacts, as well as the Arena's operational needs relating to enforcement on tobacco-related smoking. Motion made by Mr. Welvaert to adopt the amended policy to include electronic cigarettes within the definition of "smoking" (to thereby adopt the amended policy as written). Second by Mr. Haney. With Acting Chairman Harris closing discussion and calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Arena Staff Report on Parking Revenue and Related Board Resolution

Mr. Mullen gave an overview of the economics of parking revenue. Special attention was directed toward the trend-lines, including comparative information from other venues and the span of time from the last increases. In response to the presentation, Mr. Steinbrecher made the motion to raise parking fees. Mr. Steinbrecher, in making his motion, stated that motion should allow staff to maintain staff's present level of discretion in establishing prices, consistent with past practice and with limits of \$15.00 for the ramp, \$10.00 for other areas, with hockey maintaining its status as a special exception. Seconded by Ms. Walker. With Acting Chairman Harris closing discussion and calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Director's Update

Mr. Mullen continued his presentation on the following additional topics:

1. Arena staff acquisition and distribution of signage to address the revised Illinois Statutes concerning Concealed Carry.
2. The status of Arena staff efforts in cooperation with Ticket Master Plus (TM+) toward addressing the impact of third-party ticket brokers.
3. The status of Arena staff efforts toward exploring alternatives on additional hockey-related facilities.
4. Mr. Mullen reviewed previous and upcoming events with the Authority.
5. Mr. Mullen distributed the revised list of proposed Projects, and noted his anticipation of the future receipt of state funding. General Board discussion occurred, with approval by consensus.

Executive Session/Closed: Tenant Leases/License 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6); Property Acquisition/Leasing 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); Closed Session Minutes Review, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

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

Mr. Strandlund presented a proposed written Resolution on Closed Session Minutes. Acting Chairman Harris distributed the proposed Resolution, with Mr. Thomas making a motion to approve the Resolution and a second being made by Mr. Haney. Following general Board discussion thereon, Acting Chairman Harris called for a vote on the motion, a vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Joy Toporowski, Client Services and Acting
Board Secretary