

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: January 9th, 2024 4:00 p.m.

On the above referenced date, the January meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held at the Fairgrounds in Expo 2. Those in attendance were Chair Jasper Hendricks, Vice-Chair Todd Hartley, Commissioner Anthony Owens and Commissioner Diego Eguiarte. Also, in attendance from the Fairgrounds were Executive Director Laura Womack and Finance and Administrative Manager Satrice Allen. Metro Attorney Terri Costonis was also present. Ron Gobbell and David Hickenbotham from GHP were in attendance as well as Ed Henley with Pillars Development. Lindsey Paola with the Nashville Soccer Club was present. Dirk Melton with Market Street Enterprises and Bob Sargent with Track Enterprises were in attendance as well. Councilwoman Terry Vo was present. And Catherine Sarrett with Strategic Venue Studies was also in attendance via Webex.

Chair Hendricks read the legal notice and called the meeting to order. He then moved to the approval of the December meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were passed. There were no public comments. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Financial Update.

Ms. Allen gave an update and there were a few questions and comments. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Events Update item on the agenda.

Ms. Paola gave a brief report on the soccer club and stated that the 2024 soccer schedule had been posted. Mr. Melton gave quick update about the mixed-use project and added that residents would be moving in during the month of July. Mr. Sargent gave a quick update about the speedway and passed out a tentative 2024 schedule. Director Womack gave an update on some events and the schedule. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Update on Capital Projects item on the agenda.

Mr. Henley gave his report on the financials of each project at the Fairgrounds. There were a few questions. Mr. Gobbell gave an update on the construction at the Fairgrounds and added that the construction timeline/schedule had not changed since the last meeting. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Executive Director's Report.

Director Womack gave an update about the Food & Beverage Request for Proposal (RFP) and stated that since there were no bidders, the RFP would be changed and reissued. There were some questions and a brief discussion about this. Chair Hendricks moved to New Business and the Consideration of an Amendment to Contract with Track Enterprises to Allow a Thursday Evening Race in June 2024 item on the agenda.

Mr. Sargent explained that they would like to add a race to the schedule and went over some of the details. After some discussion and questions, Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion stating, *"I move this amendment as presented for discussion."* Commissioner Eguiarte seconded the motion. There were more questions and discussion. Chair Hendricks then called for a vote. All were in favor and the motion was passed. He then moved to the Fee Study Presentation by Strategic Venue Solutions – Informational Only item on the agenda.

Ms. Sarrett introduced herself and then went through the power points presentation concerning the fee study. There were many questions and a lengthy discussion. Director Womack stated that they would put this on the next meeting agenda for the Board's consideration.

Chair Hendricks then asked for a motion to adjourn, and Vice-Chair Hartley stated, *"So moved"*. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Jasper Hendricks

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Executive Director, Laura Womack