

**SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE  
& DAVIDSON COUNTY**

Minutes of the March 16, 2007 Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Predators Conference Room – Gaylord Entertainment Center  
9:30 a.m.

**Board Members:** Arnett Bodenhamer, Lauren Brisky, J.D. Elliott, Kitty Moon Emery, Mike Hobbs, Kevin P. Lavender, Rusty Lawrence, Steve North, Ralph Perrey, Edward Temple, Helen Walker

**Staff:** Emmett Edwards (Sports Authority), Monica Clayton (Sports Authority), Tom Cross (Metro Legal)

**Titans/Cumberland Stadium:** Steve Underwood, Don MacLachlan, Walter Overton

**Predators/Powers Management:** Ed Lang, Hugh Lombardi, Beth Snider, Melanie Ainsworth, Gerry Helper, Brock Jones, Dwayne Smith

**Guest:** Deana Ivey (Convention & Visitors' Bureau), Frank Curry

Mr. Kevin P. Lavender called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Minutes from the January meeting were unanimously approved without corrections. Mr. Lavender stated that under Metro Code of Laws (Ordinance No. BL2006-1050, § 2.68.030) notice must be given at all meetings that decisions of the Sports Authority Board may be appealed to the Chancery Court of Davidson County for review under a common law writ of certiorari. Any appeal must be filed within sixty days after entry of a final decision by the Board. Any person or other entity considering an appeal should consult with an attorney to ensure that time and procedural requirements are met. Mr. Lavender asked that visitors of the meeting state their name and company they represent.

Mr. Lavender recognized Ms. Deana Ivey to address the board regarding the Convention & Visitors' Bureau's (CVB) signage request. Ms. Ivey reported that the CVB would like to bring greater awareness to its visitors' center located in the Gaylord Entertainment Center (now known as the Nashville Arena). Ms. Ivey requested that the Sports Authority approve the installation of a translucent wrap on the arena's tower. The wrap, which would be installed for a two year period, will not extend above the CVB's space on the third floor. Ms. Ivey noted that the CVB will maintain the wrap at its own expense, and that the wrap, which the CVB hopes to have installed in the next two months, can be easily removed, if needed. Mr. Emmett Edwards added that Metro Codes must approve the signage. **Upon a motion duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the sign as presented.**

Mr. Steve Underwood reported that the Titans have signed the release drafted by Metro's Legal Department protecting the Sports Authority from any liability and/or responsibility of reimbursement for capital improvements to LP Field. Mr. Lavender stated that he, with Metro's guidance, would sign the release should the Sports Authority grant its approval. **Upon a motion duly seconded, the Sports Authority unanimously voted to approve the release.**

***LP Field Report***

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Underwood to give the LP Field Report. Mr. Underwood reported that the 2007 TSU football schedule, the preliminary Flood Mitigation Plan for LP Field, and photos of wind damage that occurred to the upper southeast concourse were included in board member packets. He additionally reported that a summary of capital expenditures for LP Field, including the initial payment for the video boards, was also included.

Mr. Underwood continued by reporting that the Country Music Association's (CMA) draft agreement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> five year option was executed the week before the meeting. He stated that no material changes had been made from the original agreement and that a copy of the executed version would be made available in April. Mr. Lavender requested that Metro Legal present the board with any net/net changes that may result from the new agreement.

Mr. Underwood additionally addressed the riverfront redevelopment, reporting that the Titans will formalize their position on the proposed changes to the redevelopment. He stated that the Titans are not opposed to making the parking area more aesthetically pleasing, but want to make sure it remains functional.

Mr. Underwood reported that a review done by Mr. Mike Hobbs and members of the Titans staff has found that parts of the parking lot, as well as the concrete along the upper deck, have begun to erode. Mr. Hobbs added that much of this stems from water that has seeped under the concrete as a result of cracks in the pavement. Mr. Hobbs stated that a structural engineer is needed. Mr. Underwood noted that this is considered a capital expense and that funds for the repair will come out of the capital fund. He stated that the Titans will likely do the work and seek reimbursement.

Finally, Mr. Underwood reminded the board that, under the lease, the parts of the video boards are property of Metro Government and the Sports Authority and can be sold. The board stated that economics and timing are the issues at hand and suggested that decisions regarding the removal of the parts be made in accordance with the deadline for removal of the parts- May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### *GEC Name Change*

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Ed Lang to report on the Gaylord Entertainment Center's name change request. Mr. Lang reported that changing the name back to Nashville Arena is a temporary/ transitional change that will hopefully generate awareness that the name is available and for sale. Mr. Lang stated his hope that the Predators will find a new naming rights partner in the next twelve months. New signage will not go up, but the old name will be taken down. **Upon a motion duly seconded, the Sports Authority unanimously approved that the GEC's name be changed back to the Nashville Arena immediately.**

### *The Nashville Arena Report*

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Hugh Lombardi to give the Nashville Arena Report. Mr. Lombardi reviewed the January income statement, acknowledging the month to have been a strong one. January events included 7 Predators games and several concerts, including the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Actual total revenue for January was \$661,173, compared to the budgeted \$463,074. Actual total operating expenses for January were \$685,225, compared to the budgeted \$652,168.

Mr. Lombardi continued by announcing that the Durrell sound equipment lease had been approved and that Dwayne Smith and Terry McConnell were promoted to Director of Facilities and Director of Operations, respectively. He further reported that Powers Management may with draw its \$65,000 request for a roof after finding that a roof survey showed the roof to be acceptable.

Mr. Lombardi also informed the Board that Powers Management has chosen a company to do the security upgrades which include the addition of 31 cameras as well as securing the doors. A scoreboard vendor, ASC, has also been chosen and Mr. Lombardi hopes to begin work on the improvements to the arena in the near future. Mr. Lang recognized Mr. Blake Grant for his hard work and dedication to the scoreboard project. Mr. Emmett Edwards expressed his appreciation to Mr. Lombardi and staff for hosting a tour of the arena for the members of the

Metro Council. Mr. Gerry Helper reported that there are ten games left in the Predators regular season and that the countdown to the playoffs has begun.

***Sounds Ballpark Report***

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Steve North to give the Sounds Ballpark Report. Mr. North reported that in February he sent a follow up letter to Sounds attorney, Mr. John Lewis requesting a guaranteed maximum cost for the ballpark, with a bond; revised design documents showing changes suggested by MDHA; and documentation of “irrevocable financing.” Mr. North informed the Board that he received a letter from Mr. Glenn Yaeger on March 15, 2007 acknowledging the Sounds’ need for another extension. Mr. North stated that the request for an extension must, once again, come before the Metro Council.

***Other Business***

Mr. Lavender stated his desire, as the new chair, to express his gratitude to Ms. Kitty Moon Emery for the leadership she has provided to the Sports Authority as well as the friendship she’s given to him. He stated his desire to formalize the committees and committee chairs at the April meeting and asked that board members come prepared to discuss issues such as meeting times, locations, and frequency.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.