

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

Minutes of the November 17, 2007 Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Sommet Center Meeting Rooms J-K  
9:30 a.m.

**Board Members:** Arnett H. Bodenhamer, Lauren Brisky, Kitty Emery, Forrest Harris, Cathy Bender Jackson, Kevin P. Lavender, Rusty Lawrence, Steve North, Edward Temple, Helen Walker  
**Staff:** Emmett Edwards (Sports Authority), Monica Clayton (Sports Authority), Tom Cross (Legal)  
**Titans/Cumberland Stadium:** Steve Underwood, Don MacLachlan, Walter Overton  
**Predators/Powers Management:** Dwayne Smith, Beth Snider, Melanie Ainsworth  
**Visitors:** Jeff Diamond, Joe Mattioli, Norm Partin

Mr. Kevin P. Lavender called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved. Ms. Monica Clayton 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 the company/organization they represent.

***Music City Grand Prix***

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Jeff Diamond and Norm Partin to address the Board. Mr. Diamond reported that preliminary plans are underway to bring the Music City Grand Prix, a three day international street race and urban festival, to Nashville in May of 2009. Mr. Diamond reported that discussions have been held with Mayor Dean, Nashville Sports Council, Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Titans as well as different community leaders. Mr. Joe Mattioli stated that the plan is to create a public/private partnership involving investments by Metro as well as private entities. The event is expected to have a direct economic impact of \$50 million and an indirect impact of \$150 million on the city of Nashville. Daily average attendance is projected to be 40-50,000.

***Finance Committee Report***

Mr. Lavender recognized Ms. Cathy Bender Jackson to give the Finance Committee Report. Ms. Bender reported that the Finance Committee met on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sommet Center. The committee received the year- end report for FY2007 from the Sommet Center as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report for FY2008. Ms. Bender additionally reported that the committee received the report from Mr. Jeff Diamond, CEO of the Ingram Group and Mr. Norm Partin, General Manager of the Music City Motorplex, regarding the Music City Grand Prix. Finally, Ms. Bender shared that the committee received a report on LP Field from the Titans where Mr. Don MacLachlan announced that temporary barriers had been installed in parking lots S, H, J, and K. Mr. MacLachlan also announced that LP Field will host the finals of the Olympic Men's Soccer Qualifiers March 20-23, 2008.

### ***Metro vs. Kimbrough***

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Tom Cross to report on the litigation arising from a trip and fall at LP Field following a 2003 Titans playoff game. Mr. Cross reported that a resolution had been reached with the Titans insurer paying out. Although neither Metro nor the Sports Authority incurred any costs, Mr. Cross stated that he did need the Board to formally approve the settlement agreement. **Upon a motion duly seconded, the Board voted to approve the settlement agreement.**

### ***LP Field Report***

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Steve Underwood to give the LP Field Report. Mr. Underwood began by stating his regret over Ms Kimbrough's fall at LP Field. He reported that in 2003 Mrs. Kimbrough tripped and fell over a temporary orange barrel that was placed on one of the sidewalks on the west side of the stadium. The orange barrel, which was placed by a contractor to serve as a warning for a damaged light pole and box, had been moved, causing Ms. Kimbrough's subsequent fall. Ms. Kimbrough's suit was settled by both the Titans and the contractor.

Mr. Underwood continued by reporting that a summary of capital expenditures was included in the Titans periodic Report to the Board. Mr. Underwood stated that eighteen months ago when the Titans made their omnibus resolution they projected that by the end of 2007 the year they would be carrying \$500,000-\$1 million worth of expenses. Mr. Underwood announced that currently they are carrying just over \$800,000, that there is still money in the capital fund, and that they are where they thought expected to be.

Mr. Underwood additionally reported that, at the NFL's request, the Titans had hired a contractor to install 1800 linear feet of barriers inside the inner perimeter of lots J, H, K, and S. One hundred and fifty feet of highway barriers were also installed behind the bollards that currently exist. Mr. Underwood noted that the temporary barriers are being rented and that the Titans believe that the immediate securing of the facility was of the utmost importance- especially since the season was still in progress. Cost for the barriers is projected to be \$25,000-30,000.

### ***The Sommet Center Report***

Mr. Lavender recognized Ms. Beth Snider to give the Sommet Center Report. Ms. Snider reported that the Sommet Center ended both FY07 and the first quarter of FY08 \$500,000 to the good. Total actual revenue for FY2007 was \$5,318,526 compared to the budgeted \$4,125,874. Total actual operating expenses for the year were \$8,312,292 compared to the budgeted \$8,046,742. She noted that the increased revenue can be attributed not only to more events but to better events as well. Ms. Snider reported that in addition to Predators games, The Sommet Center has hosted events such as the Blue Man Group, Keith Urban, and Hannah Montana.

### ***Other Business***

Mr. Lavender reminded the Board that negotiation between Mr. Leipold and the local group of investors is being done exclusively by the Mayor and his staff. Mr. Lavender stated that as soon as an agreement has been reached the terms of the deal will be distributed to the members of the Authority. At that point a special called meeting will be held and the Board will come together for discussion and executive session if necessary.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.