

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

Minutes of the June 19, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Directors
Sommet Center –Meeting Rooms H-K
9:30 a.m.

Board Members: Arnett H. Bodenhamer, Lauren Brisky, Forrest Harris, Mike Hobbs, Steve North, Ralph Perrey, Edward Temple, Nancy Vincent, Helen Walker
Staff: Emmett Edwards (Sports Authority), Theresa Costonis (Legal)
Titans/Cumberland Stadium: Steve Underwood, Don MacLachlan
Predators/Powers Management: Hugh Lombardi, Beth Snider, Michelle Kennedy

Mr. Arnett H. Bodenhamer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m, noted a quorum, and recognized Ms. Theresa Costonis to read the Metro Code of Laws (Ordinance No. BL2006-1050, 2.68.030). Minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Bodenhamer recognized Mr. Emmett Edwards to give the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Edwards reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is out for general automotive and excess liability insurance at LP Field. He additionally reported that Civic Event Applications for parking were received from Bridge Ministries and the Frostbite Running Club for events held at LP Field. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve both the Bridge Ministries' and the Frostbite Running Club's applications.** Mr. Edwards continued by reporting that staff is continuing to follow the inclusion of Metro buildings in the plan for an energy audit for the use of federal stimulus dollars. Metro is examining projects submitted by departments to determine how funds, if received, could be distributed. Mr. Rusty Lawrence requested that Siemens Corporations attend the next Finance Committee Meeting in order to revisit the energy savings project.

LP Field Report

Mr. Bodenhamer recognized Mr. Steve Underwood to give the LP Field Report. Mr. Underwood began by reporting that the Titans have reduced their casualty items to \$3,000- the lowest amount in some time. He further reported that leak damage has occurred in the suite area, noting that pictures were included in the Titans Periodic Report. Mr. Underwood continued by reporting that, for the first time in the history of the building, there is no pending litigation at LP Field. The Titans are very pleased with the job the stadium staff does in keeping liability risks managed. He continued by commending the staff on their work during the recent CMA Music Festival, and noted that the festival obtained record attendance.

Mr. Underwood reported that the Titans have recently provided the Music City Bowl Association with a renewal lease agreement and stated that a preliminary proposal has been made for LP Field to host the FIFA World Cup Soccer in 2018 or 2022.

Current receivables for capital expenses are just under \$1 million- approximately where the Titans anticipated they would be at this time. Mr. Underwood reported that an expenditure for a laser surveillance system for the Titans perimeter fencing was recently approved. The Titans were uncomfortable with the cost of the surveillance system and are looking at less expensive options. As a result, a bid in the amount of \$10,000 has been approved for a perimeter system that involves laser motion detection. Titans Security Director has been involved in the selection.

Finally, Mr. Underwood reported that the General Assembly has passed the enabling legislation for the ticket tax. Once the governor assigns the measure it will be up to the Metro Council to enact the tax. Mr. Bodenhamer requested that the July Sports Authority meeting be

held at LP Field and include a tour of the facilities. He additionally requested that copies of the civic events agreement be distributed to all board members.

Mr. Bodenhamer introduced Mr. Bill Farmer, the Sports Authority's outside legal counsel, and recognized him to address the Board. Mr. Farmer noted that changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement will have to go through Metro Council, and the Board stated its desire to discuss and approve the Intergovernmental agreement at its July meeting. In response to questions on independent counsel, Mr. Farmer stated that the scope of his engagement is currently limited to the issue involving seat use tax and bond issue. He would be available but that Metro Legal would have to approve an expansion of the scope of the engagement.

Finance and Audit Review Committee Report

Mr. Bodenhamer recognized Mr. Rusty Lawrence to discuss the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) and location of stored contracts. Mr. Lawrence reported that the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of the AUP but would like to call upon Metro Finance to provide audit support to the Sports Authority for content they have questions about. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Sports Authority voted to approve the Agreed Upon Procedures Report.**

Mr. Lawrence additionally reported that he viewed the stored contracts at the Sommet Center and had a "pleasant and accessible experience." He noted that the Finance Committee did request Powers Management to find a location that is not congested. **Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Sports Authority voted to have contracts stored at the Sommet Center**

Sommet Center Report

Mr. Bodenhamer recognized Mr. Hugh Lombardi to give the Sommet Center Report. Recent events at the Sommet Center included the CMT Awards. Mr. Lombardi reported on April 2009 revenue and expenses. Total actual revenue for 2009 was \$448,891 compared to the budgeted \$189,892. Total operating expenses were \$867,007 compared to the budgeted \$826,317.

Mr. Bodenhamer recognized Mr. Ed Lang to discuss the proposed Predators renovation. Mr. Lang reported that the Predators are proposing a renovation project of Sections 201/224 in the arena bowl in order to improve the capacity and increase revenue. The renovated space would become an all-inclusive area catering to high net worth individuals and small/medium sized corporations. A concierge would be available along with valet parking service. Sections 201/224 which currently has 250 seats would be converted to a different lay out with 128 seats and marketed as a premium area. The purchase costs would be \$20,000 per seat with a two seat minimum. The Predators would fully fund the \$500,000 project and assume the risks. **After much discussion, the Board voted to defer the discussion of the proposed renovation project by the Predators until the July meeting.** Mr. Lawrence requested that Metro Finance analyze the revenue and expense impact prior to the Finance Committee Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.