

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners
Date: November 14, 2017 8:00 a.m.

On the above referenced date the November meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Wilson Hall at the Fairgrounds. Those in attendance were Chairman Ned Horton, Commissioner Caleb Hemmer, Commissioner Bonna Johnson and Commissioner Jason Bergeron. Vice-Chairman Erin McAnally was not present. Also present were Executive Director Laura Schloesser, Assistant Director Ken Sanders, and Metro Attorney Susan Jones. Finance Officer Doug Peters was not present. Jonathon Schneider with Commonwealth Development Group and Councilman John Cooper were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 and Chairman Horton read the Appeal Announcement. He then moved to the approval of the previous meetings minutes. The Board voted on the October 5th Joint Meeting with the Sports Authority first. Commissioner Hemmer made a motion to approve and Chairman Horton seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were no opposed and the minutes were passed. The Board then voted on the October Public Hearing Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve and Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were no opposed and the minutes were passed. The Board then voted on the Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve and Commissioner Hemmer seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were no opposed and the minutes were passed. Chairman Horton then moved to Public Comment Time.

There were several public comments made, including Councilman John Cooper. He stated that there were three documents missing from the stadium deal which were: 1) guarantees had never been written 2) there was no actual lease 3) the demo plan which requires 27 Council votes needs to be addressed. Since Finance Officer, Doug Peters, was not present, Director Schloesser explained that there would be no Financial Report that day, but that they would present numbers for October and November at the next meeting in December. Chairman Horton then moved to the Executive Director's Report.

Director Schloesser stated that she didn't have much to report. She stated that they were now just waiting to see if Nashville got a team. She talked a little about the site plan and stated that they were concentrating on how to keep the Fairgrounds up and running while the demolition of the old buildings and the construction of new buildings were going on and added that figuring this out was a priority. At this point, Councilman Cooper stated that the Council had not seen the new revised plan and that the Metro Council was only shown the old plan. There was some discussion about this and he thanked Director Schloesser for clearing this up. Chairman Horton then moved on to the Fairgrounds Improvement Project Update item on the agenda.

Mr. Jonathon Schneider went over the current happenings and explained that the bridge repairs were about half-way done and he went over some of those details. He added that they should be starting Fair Park construction at the end of the month. There was some more discussion about the plan that was presented to the Council. Councilman Cooper stated again that the revised plan had not been presented to the Metro Council and that they had only seen the original plan. Commissioner Hemmer asked if Director Schloesser would check with the Mayor's Office to see if there should be a groundbreaking ceremony for Fair Park and Director Schloesser stated that she would.

Chairman Horton asked if there was any update on the Stadium Plan and Director Schloesser stated not at this time. Commissioner Hemmer reminded everyone that a decision should be made about the team location selection in mid-December. There was no New Business so Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hemmer seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ned Horton, Chairman

Laura Schloesser, Executive Director