

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners
Date: May 9, 2017 8:00 a.m.

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

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. and then read the Appeal Announcement. He then moved the Fairgrounds Nashville Evaluation & Site Improvement Study Update item on the agenda up first since Mr. Larry Atema had another meeting to attend.

Mr. Atema then introduced Monique Odom with the Parks Department and explained that he and Director Schloesser and Ms. Odom, along with some others, had been working together on the park component of the Fairgrounds and that they wanted to give the Board an overview of this park component. He stated that they would need to go before the Storm Water Variance Board, which was very detailed, to get their "blessing". He then introduced Kim Hawkins who then went through a power points presentation of the Proposed Fair Park Plan (see attached). She reported that Brown's Creek was on the 303D list which meant that there was some existing contamination and for 5 different reasons (which was a lot) but that, hopefully, over time they could remove some of the contaminants from the creek. There were several questions from the Board. She finished by stating that the same presentation had been presented to the Parks Board as well.

Mr. Atema reported that it was the plan to start the park construction after the State Fair was over. Vice-Chairman Hemmer asked who would be responsible for what concerning operations between the Parks and the Fairgrounds and Director Schloesser stated that they were working on the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) now so that this would all be clear. Metro Attorney Susan Jones stated that Board approval was not needed right now but that the Board would need to approve the MOU at the next meeting in June.

Chairman Horton then moved to the approval of the minutes. Commissioner McAnally made a motion to approve and Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were no opposed and the minutes were passed. Chairman Horton then moved to the Public Comments item on the agenda. There were a couple of public comments and Chairman Horton then moved to the Financial Report.

Finance Officer, Doug Peters, then briefly went over the Financial Report. Chairman Horton then moved to the Executive Director's Report.

Director Schloesser reported that the Mayor's recommended budget had come out since the last meeting and that the Fairgrounds would be held flat for this year and the next process would be to address the Metro Council on May 24th. She added that on the 24th they would already know their capital going into the budget hearings. She reported that China Lights was about to start and invited the Board to come. Chairman Horton then moved to the New Business item on the agenda.

Director Schloesser stated the Metro Council had just recently adopted a new ordinance to update how boards and commissions operate in regards to their agendas and minutes. This ordinance would make boards and commissions consistent with timing on postings of their agendas and minutes. This would also need to be in a searchable format for the public to view. She stated that there was a draft in their packets and that this was to address that ordinance. She stated that the only change to their current practice was posting minutes on the website in a searchable format and that they would need the Board to adopt this policy. Ms. Jones stated that it would be okay for them to vote at this meeting. Commissioner Bergeron then made a motion stating, "*I move to approve.*" Commissioner McAnally seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were no opposed and the motion was passed. Chairman Horton then moved to the East 10 Drift Event item on the agenda.

Director Schloesser stated that the drifting matter on the agenda had been resolved. Chairman Horton then moved to the Speedway RFP Update item under Old Business.

Director Schloesser reported that the deadline for RFP submissions was June 6th at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bergeron stated that his main concerns with the new RFP coming out were: 1) the number of increases of races and events 2) limits on curfew

from the noise aspect on events. He stated that he hoped these two concerns would be brought into the RFP process. Metro Attorney Susan Jones stated that if the Board had any input that this was the time to do that to either Director Schloesser or their representative. Commissioner McAnally asked if there were any curfews written in the current contract. Assistant Director Ken Sanders stated that only Tony Formosa's (racetrack operator) contract had curfews that stated the races must end by a certain time unless there were certain circumstances such as weather or accidents on the track that might delay the race. He added that the All-American 400 Race also had certain time limits for races which were in the contract. There was a brief discussion. Commissioner McAnally asked Commissioner Bergeron if he had gotten some idea about what the curfew should be and he answered, not specifically, but that a stricter curfew during the week and how long events were going on were some of the concerns. He stated that he would continue to meet with folks about this. Ms. Jones then read the current language from the speedway lease.

Commissioner McAnally then made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chairman Hemmer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ned Horton, Chairman

Laura Schloesser, Executive Director