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METROPOLITAN AUDITORIUM COMMISSION

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

10:30AM NMA Meeting Room: Room A-31

PRESENT: Blake McDaniel, Adam Knight, Nancy Menke, Nancy VanReece, Jerry Pentecost, Fletcher Foster, Juanita Traugher, Taneisha Alexander-Harvey, and Don Harris

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Theresa Costonis, Attorney, Metro Legal Department; Angela Smith, Musicians Hall of Fame & Museum; Antoine Teeter, Tracey Rhodes, Darrin Howard, Municipal Auditorium

Pursuant to the provision 268030 the metropolitan code of laws please take notice that the decision of the Metropolitan Nashville Municipal Auditorium commission made the appeal to the chancery court of Davidson County for review under common law. Any appeal must be filed within 60 days after the entry of a final decision by the commission. Any person or other entity considering an appeal should consult with an attorney to ensure that time and procedural requirements are met.

Mr. McDaniel: We'll go ahead and read the public comment period, so we have that on the record.

(reading of public comment clause)

Mr. McDaniel: Fantastic! We'll move to the approval of the minutes. Has everyone had a chance to look over the minutes? Alright, I would like to entertain a motion to move. 2nd? Thank you. All in favor? (collectively "I"). The minutes have been approved. So, now we will move into the public comment period. Any public comments? (silence) Alright, we'll move into the Musicians Hall of Fame Museum report. Hello!

Musicians Hall of Fame

Ms. Smith: Hello, good morning, everyone! I've got some business to take care of first. I've addressed this one other time I believe maybe a couple of times before, when the Gunna concert was here the other day, the building reeked of weed for 2 days and I am not talking lightly, I'm talking heavy. I don't know what can be done about that, but again I don't feel like Bridgestone would allow patrons to "stick up their joint", so just throwing that out there.

Mr. McDaniel: So, you can smell it downstairs?

Ms. Smith: Oh My Gosh! Yes! Our maintenance manager got there that morning, he texted me saying "I'm opening up the garage doors trying to air it out" and when I came in around noon

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and I was like “oh my gosh, are you high?” because they were just sitting there.....it’s about preservation I guess, because there’s no way that that can’t get into any material that you have, whether it be the cushion in your seats, your drapes, it’s just not preserving the building or respecting the building. We’ve had some leaks downstairs, the one that was the most damaging was the Grammy Gallery, and it did take out a monitor down there. It’s not the first time that this area has leaked before. I was just wondering that when a leak is found, is there any way that that spot can be sealed, instead of just cleaning up the water that’s coming out, can that be sealed or repaired, so that it will stop coming down from at least the same space again. That would be helpful. Last business that I have to take care of. I’ve been working with Don in trying to get some information for our insurance company. They requested this back in as far as September, and they need to get a confirmation of the updates to the HVAC; the plumbing, the roof, and the electrical, and Don was just like “we make repairs as needed” but, that’s not going to satisfy our patron, so what can we do?

Mr. Harris: We’re not required to do annual inspections, other than fire inspections. We had the flood (pipes busting), and I think that’s what they’re asking for, is the repairs after the flood. I can give you the repairs that were completed after the flood. But, as far as doing an annual inspection, it’s not required. We make repairs as needed. I can give you financials on that.

Ms. Smith: No, the inspection that they listed was for four things, so they just want the information on the updates on those four items, or if you have an inspector or contractor that will provide that information.

Mr. Harris: The leak that you’re referring to was the drain for the air conditioners. The washing machines run into that drain as well. That drain has been cleared out, cleaned out. I’m not sure where it’s coming down from or where it leaks through, but it has been coated.

Ms. Smith: Ok, great, thank you. Ok, so fun stuff, we are really looking forward to the Redken event that’s taking place this week. We also have a 60th birthday party coming Friday, so that’s some good things going on. I invite anyone who has not come down to the museum to please come down and check out the new Johnny Cash 54th Plymouth exhibit and the Glenn Campbell exhibit. That’s all I have. Thank you.

Mr. McDaniel: Thank you very much. Alright, so we move onto staff reports.

Mrs. Alexander-Harvey: Good morning, everybody. All of our financials are through April 30. May has not closed out, so we do not have the May report yet. I’ve provided you with the information through April. Our revenue is coming in right at \$3 Million. We’re back to the pre-Covid numbers we’ve been trying to work up to. Everyone should have a projection of revenue. This last line under the blue Live Nation, we haven’t received any of the payments for. This finalizes our year end. Right now, we are at \$2,400,000, and we should have another several hundred thousand dollars coming in to end our year at \$3 Million.

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Mr. Harris: As far as operations, the upgrades we're scheduled to do in July are; July 8 is scheduled for the showers in both locker rooms. We will have new tiles installed. On the upper concourse, we're going to replace all the ceiling tile. That's scheduled for mid-July. Security cameras are scheduled for August-September; we're bringing in new security cameras all the way around; wiring in August, camera system installation in September. The LED Boards are scheduled for September. Lead time on the boards is a couple of months. By mid-September we should have new LED Boards.

Mrs. Alexander-Harvey: Also, we have our concessions contract going around for final signatures. Southern Hospitality Concessions will be our new concessions vender. They're slated to move in July-August as the transition.

Mr. McDaniel: Nice. So, what is their deal like, based on our previous deal?

Mrs. Alexander-Harvey: We asked for \$100,000 capital improvements, so they're going to come in to make the investments into the concession stands and give them a facelift. It's 30.....

Mr. Harris: Our rates are I think, off the top of my head are 35% up to \$300,000, from \$300,000-\$500,000 it goes to 45%, and then after \$500,000 it goes to 50%. We do \$1.7million annually.

Mr. McDaniel: So, it's accumulative over the entire year then, right?

Mr. Harris: Yes.

(small talk regarding the concession stand deal and percentages)

(Ms. VanReece begin to speak)

Mr. McDaniel: Oh, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is new commission member, Nancy VanReece

Ms. VanReece: Hello! It speaks, if I'm understanding the concession contract correctly, it speaks towards us really uploading that 1st quarter, right? I mean, to have as much concessions as you can.

Mr. Harris: Correct. Our current one is 40% across the board, so it's an increase.

(more small talk about the concession deal, effective date, etc.)

Mr. McDaniel: Alright, moving into new business. Is there any new business to discuss?

Ms. VanReece: I'd like to bring it up, I sent you a note about it as well. I have been getting feedback from council members that this is one of the only commission meetings that is not recorded, and whether we can get M&N to record and post later, because it does take a while

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for the minutes to be available. As we move into some of these new agreements, to kind of anticipate that. I wanted to get everybody's feedback on the best way to make that happen.

(small talk on options on video recording the commission meetings in the future, as well as potentially relocating the meeting. Motion was also made to start the process of recording the meetings)

Mr. McDaniel: Alright, if there's no new business? Then we will officially adjourn.....oh, yes ma'am!

Ms. Menke: May I ask, is there any update on The Venue Group (TVG) situation, or any feedback we've had from the mayor's office? Where does that stand?

Mr. McDaniel: I think it's still with the mayor's office, is that correct?

Mr. Harris: It is. The last time that I talk to Bob Mendez, he said nothing has changed since the meeting that I had with Sam and that it's still on hold for now.

Ms. Menke: Ok thank you. And the last thing is, Fisk was interested and talking with us about the gymnastics, are they still kind of pursuing that?

Mrs. Alexander-Harvey: Yes

Ms. Menke: Good!

Mr. McDaniel: Alright, meeting adjourned.