



**Minnesota Ballpark Authority Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2007**

Chair Cramer called the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for January 19, 2007, to order at 1:05 p.m. The roll was taken. All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Wade. Kathleen Lamb, Legal Counsel was also present.

Commissioner Campbell moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sykora and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Campbell moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Vekich and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

**APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Roderick Southhall with the Metropolitan Council was present. He stated that he was representing a coalition of businesses that have structured a training workshop “2007 Constructing Success Workshop” for Small, Minority, and Women owned Construction and Construction related businesses. The workshop will focus on construction related business skills. The workshop will be held the same day as the March meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority in the Metrodome as well. This coalition works with 150 small businesses to assist in skill development. Mr. Southhall asked the Minnesota Ballpark Authority to be a sponsor of this endeavor and inclusion on the agenda for the MBA’s February 16, 2007 meeting.

Commissioner Campbell moved to co-sponsor this endeavor, seconded by Commissioner Cramer and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

**APPROVED**

**CHAIR’S REPORT** - Chair Cramer provided the following updates:

- Chair Cramer is working with Kathleen Lamb, Legal Counsel, and seeking input from Commissioners to get letters to key legislators and Chairs of respective Committees in the House and Senate with jurisdiction over the Ballpark. The Authority would like to update legislators on activities related to the ballpark pursuant to chapter 257.
- Contacting new State Auditor and will request a meeting with her to discuss financial reporting issues related to the ballpark.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**- Mr. Kenney provided the following updates:

- The Minnesota Ballpark Authority and the Hennepin County Ballpark Project Office have moved into the Minneapolis Grain Exchange Building, Suite 390N.
- The hearing to authorize the possible condemnation of the ballpark property is scheduled for January 22, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.
- The Ballpark Implementation Committee is scheduled to meet on January 24, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.
- A joint briefing to unveil schematic design for the ballpark is scheduled for February 15, 2007. Attendees will include the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, and the Ballpark Implementation Committee, and will be held on the 24th floor of the Hennepin County Government Center in the Commissioners Board Room. The County Board will vote on schematic design at the February 20, 2007 Committee meeting. Full Board action is scheduled for the February 27, 2007 Board meeting.

- Mr. Kenney participated in the selection process for project insurance with Mark Vanney and Jerry Bell of the Minnesota Twins– Willis was the broker selected. The Authority’s Risk Management advisory committee has met twice and will assist us in drafting an RFP for our own Risk Management Advisor.
- Discussions continue with the Minnesota Twins on the Use agreement for the ballpark.

ACTION ITEMS:

**07-MBA-01R1**

A resident contacted the Minnesota Ballpark Authority office last week asking if they could make a direct monetary contribution to the ballpark project. This resolution authorizes the Executive Director to accept donations, subject to approval by the Authority.

Background:

The Authority is authorized by law to accept monetary contributions, property, services, and grants or loans of money or other property from the United States, the state, any subdivision of the state, any agency of those entities, or any person for any of its purposes. Contributions received from the general public will be allocated to the public infrastructure and public realm improvements.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Director is authorized to accept donations from the public to support the ballpark project and further that the Executive Director shall compile a listing of donations received and submit it to the Authority for approval in the month following receipt.

Commissioner Vekich added a following **Be It Further Resolved** clause: contributions received from the general public will be allocated to the public infrastructure and public realm improvements unless specifically designated by the donor.

Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Vekich moved to accept a monetary contribution to the ballpark project in the amount of \$3000, seconded by Commissioner Sykora – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS

**APPROVED**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Rail Updates/Utility Relocation Planning – Ed Hunter

- Mr. Hunter addressed concerns about proximity of the light rail platform on 5th Street Bridge and the functionality of loading activities on the light rail line in conjunction with exit/entrance on game day. All parties agreed to revisit this issue and the design, and as a result HOK (Ballpark architect) has agreed to taper the ballpark at the street level to add sidewalk space along the platform.
- Mr. Hunter has been in discussions with representatives from NorthStar Rail and Metro Transit to discuss side loading capability. The Metropolitan Council has agreed that they will examine the possibility of a second platform for the Central Corridor.

Construction Schedule Update- Dan Mehls, Mortenson Construction - Dan distributed “Major Schedule Milestones” which summarized activities scheduled to take place with construction and included the following updates:

- Schematic design - Scheduled for completion in February.
- Bid pkg. #1 – Site preparation will be issued for bids in February- will be awarded in mid March
- Bid pkg. #2 – No longer exists able to relocate bridges and rearrange loading docks.
- Bid pkg. #3 – Bridges/Pile Foundations, issue for bids early June 07 – will be awarded early July 07.
- Remaining Bid packages issued July 07 – February 08.

Chair Cramer requested updates on the construction progress. Per Dan Mehls, monthly updates will happen as the project evolves.

LEED Certification efforts/ADA Design elements and outreach – Project Design team

*Dan Mehls provided the following updates:*

- Mr. Mehls was pleased to announce the LEED Progress/B3 Advancement team which includes representatives from HOK, Bill Odell, Bruce Miller, John Gockel, HGA, ME Engineers, Mortensen, and John Carmady from the U of M.
- 1st steps include a mock score card which includes sustainability strategies.
- Dan provided an update on ballpark accessibility design features – and noted that an Advisory Committee has been put in place and met this week with a consultant. The group plans to meet quarterly. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 29, 07.

FINANCE REPORT – Minnesota Ballpark Authority expenditures through the period ending 12/31/06

Total expenditures for the current month - \$209,976.07

Year to Date - \$290,532.72

*Chair Cramer stated that in 2007 staff will provide a more detailed quarterly report of operation expenditures.*

There being no further business, Commissioner Campbell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cramer, and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS. The meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for January 19, 2007 was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.