



Minnesota Ballpark Authority Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2011

Chair Steve Cramer called the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for February 18, 2011 to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken. Commissioners Barb Sykora, Michael Vekich, Joan Campbell and John Wade were present. Kathleen Lamb, Legal Counsel, was also present.

Commissioner Wade moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and approved unanimously – 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

Commissioner Campbell moved approval of the November 19, 2010 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wade and approved unanimously – 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

CHAIR REPORT

- Chair Cramer had no official report but stated that he was looking forward to the upcoming season and wished the Twins and the organization luck.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Executive Director Kenney stated that work continues on finalizing various easement agreements with adjoining property owners, and assisting Project Manager, Ed Hunter with the Interchange Project.
- Dave St. Peter, President, Minnesota Twins, gave a presentation on the Minnesota Twins Affordable Seating Plan for 2011 and also reported on the Team Contributions to Youth Activities and Amateur Sports.

ACTION ITEMS

02-18-11 Proposed Resolution 11-MBA-65

Purpose:

To acknowledge and thank Jerry Bell for his work on the Target Field project and to wish him well in his new role with the Minnesota Twins.

Background:

WHEREAS, Jerry Bell joined the Minnesota Twins in 1987 serving as President for 16 years before signing on as President of Twins Sports, Inc in November 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell spearheaded the Twins efforts to ensure the long-term viability of the Twins in the state of Minnesota working in partnership with Hennepin County, the Minnesota Ballpark Authority and other project partners to oversee the development, design, construction and opening of Target Field; and

WHEREAS, the ballpark project finished ahead of schedule and on budget, achieving LEED Silver Certification, and opened to rave reviews including being named the #1 Sports Stadium Experience in North America in 2010 by *ESPN The Magazine* and the Best Ballpark of 2010 by *Ballpark Digest*; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Ballpark Authority has had the honor of working with Mr. Bell on the Target Field project since the organization's inception in 2006 and in that time has formed a strong working partnership with a common goal of building a world-class facility for the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell retired as President of Twins Sports, Inc. in January 2011 and is now serving as Chairman of the Twins Executive Board;

Action Requested:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority hereby expresses its most sincere appreciation to Jerry Bell for his many years of dedication and persistence on the Target Field project that led to ensuring that Major League Baseball would stay in Minnesota for generations to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MBA expresses its best wishes to Mr. Bell in his latest role with the Minnesota Twins.

APPROVED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Target Field Operations– Matt Hoy, Vice President, Twins Ballpark Operations

Mr. Hoy gave an overview of operations that occurred over the winter months. Populous came in to do a warranty review and found the building to be in excellent condition architecturally. A few issues need to be addressed regarding ventilation in some retail areas, bolts holding down seats may be an ongoing issue, water for the showers in the clubhouse not getting warm fast enough, drainage issues, these are or have been worked on. Minor fix ups such as dinged light poles and signage posts will be repaired by Opening Day. Center field trees will be removed and a new background will be applied to improve the batter's eye. Some of the trees will be retained on site and the DNR will replant trees in State Parks. Improvements to Target Field over the winter included, limestone rock applied to Metropolitan Club exterior, new video board and Twins tower are being built, more radiant heating being installed and the statue of Tony Oliva should be ready for presentation by Opening Day at Gate 6. Mr. Hoy also informed the Board that because of the dome collapse, Gopher Baseball will play some games at Target Field.

Larry DeVito, Target Field Head Groundskeeper

Mr. DeVito reported on the field conditions of Target Field. February 17th is the day that snow removal will commence. Mr. DeVito hopes to remove the blankets from the field March 2-4, 2011. The temperature should be at least 58 degrees with lots of sunlight for the grass to grow. The first use of the field will be a Gopher baseball games against Purdue, April 1 and 2.

Dave Horsman, Senior Director, Ballpark Operations

Mr. Horsman spoke about operational objectives that would increase the diversion rate from 65% of waste going to compost to 75%. To maximize and utilize the Pentair Water Filtration System, the Twins would like to power wash the concourse and bowl after every game. Another objective is to make all Target Field employees aware of being energy efficient and to remind staff to turn off lights and computers when not in use. The Twins Organization is

applying for LEED-EBOM certification. Target Field would be the first sports facility to have LEED Certification for environmental and engineering.

B. Pete Spike, General Manager, Delaware North

Mr. Spike gave reviewed DNC concessions to date. Delaware North has hired a new Human Resources Manager, Elizabeth Bongard, and the Food and Facilities Manager is Greg Gaskins. DNC had a very successful first year at Target Field. The Target Field Culinary Team was awarded the DNC Culinary Award, and a Top 10 Vegetarian Award. Changes this year will be more signature and local options at the concessions, a supervised kosher hot dog cart and the Legends Club Carew Buffet will change to Best of the Ballpark. Two local concessions, Kramarczuku's Sausage and the Murphy's Steak Sandwich did extremely well and went beyond DNC expectations.

C. Hennepin County Interchange Project – Ed Hunter, Project Manager

Mr. Hunter stated that after an Open House in December and a workshop in January the universal choice for the Interchange Project is an elevated platform with a plaza to connect to the Target Field Promenade. As a result, design concept is being worked on now.

D. MBA Financial Report – Brenda Juneau, MBA Finance Coordinator

No presentation, materials in packet.

Next meeting: May 20, 2011 Target Field Tour Theatre

There being no further business, Chair Cramer moved to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously -5 YEAS, 0 NAYS. The meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for February 18, 2011, was adjourned at 2:50P.M.