



Minnesota Ballpark Authority Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2010

Chair Steve Cramer called the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for March 19, 2010 to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken. All Commissioners were present. Kathleen Lamb, Legal Counsel, was also present.

Commissioner Barb Sykora moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mike Vekich and approved unanimously – 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

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

APPROVED

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Steve Cramer

- Presented a resolution to Roy Terwilliger and Bill Lester of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission. In appreciation to the Commission and staff for its assistance and support of the development of the new Twins ballpark, Target Field.

Chair Cramer reported the following:

- A very successful opening of Target Plaza on March 13, 2010. The Twins retail store also opened that day and single game tickets went on sale.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Kenney reported the following:

- A press conference was held on March 18 near the LRT station area on the 5th Street side of Target Field regarding modes of transportation to and from the ballpark.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Minnesota Twins Update – Jerry Bell, President, Twins Sport Inc. and Dave St. Peter, President, Minnesota Twins

Jerry Bell presented an overview of the Minnesota Twins Total Ballpark Project Contribution. Original contribution was \$130 million, incremental team owner contribution has been an additional \$65 million earmarked for a variety of uses, but primarily focused on enhancements for the overall fan experience and ballpark design, architecture and sustainability.

Dave St. Peter, in accordance with Section 3.2 (a) of the Ballpark Lease Agreement with the MBA, provided the *Minnesota Twins Affordable Seating Plan* for the 2010 season. Mr. St. Peter also noted that over 22,000 season tickets have been sold and over 2.2 million tickets total have been sold so far. Some games are sold out, there will be tickets made available and standing room tickets may be an option. Commissioner Mike Vekich made a motion to accept the ticket plan and it was passed unanimously.

B. Target Field Transportation Action Plan – Steve Mosing, City of Minneapolis

Mr. Mosing presented an overview of the Traffic Management Action Plan that includes traffic signals, signage, staffing, parking restrictions, road closures and operational changes.

C. Report on Agreed Upon Procedures – Russell Fleming, Baker Tilly

Mr. Fleming reported that the cost review of Pay Requisitions number 37 - 39, the quarter ending December 2009, have been reconciled. Three Change Orders 35 - 37 have also been approved by the Twins and Mortenson. Mr. Fleming thanked the the MBA for allowing Baker Tilly to be a part of the Target Field process.

D. Construction and Planning Update – Ed Hunter, MBA Project Manager

Mr. Hunter informed the committee that the infrastructure work is almost done. There is some landscaping work to finish. An agreement has been drafted to close out all Northstar/Ballpark cost issues, and MBA staff is prepared to brief the Commissioners on the closeout status of ballpark and infrastructure budgets and remaining cost exposures.

E. Construction Planning Update – Troy Blizzard, Mortenson Construction

There are approximately 25 – 35 workers on-site, they are working on punchlist items and cleanup. Everything is on schedule for Opening Day. Workers will be on call for the first few games into the season, otherwise the transition from Mortenson to the Twins has gone smoothly and on track for certification.

F. Construction and Planning Update – Lynn Littlejohn, Mortenson Construction

Ms. Littlejohn noted that this will be the final Community Participation Program Report. The SWMBE project goal was 30%, participation achieved is 34%. 130 different SWMBE firms were awarded work with 90% being local firms. \$314M dollars of work was procured with \$108M spent on SWMBE firms. The Community Workforce Program was very successful and the internship program provided six students with valuable exposure to the construction trade and its career options.

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

Ms. Juneau stated that we are heading towards closeout and that the Capital Project Fund balance is at \$33M and does include the \$10M from the Twins. \$2M dollars of that money is designated for the Fan Recognition Wall and future enhancements. The Capital Project Fund should come in under budget. The General Operating Fund is also under budget so far. There is a small variance in the budget but should even out at closeout.

Next meeting: April 16, 2010 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 March 19, 2010, was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.