

Minnesota Ballpark Authority Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2006

Chair Steve Cramer called the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for Friday, July 21, 2006 to order at 10:00 a.m. All Commissioners were present (Chair Cramer, Joan Campbell, Mike Vekich, and John Wade), and roll call was taken. Interim legal counsel, Howard Orenstein, was also in attendance.

Barb Sykora informed the Commissioners of her intent to commence official service on the Authority upon formally resigning from the legislature in September.

Commissioner Vekich moved approval to adopt Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion was approved unanimously – 4 YEAS 0 NAYS

Commissioner Campbell moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Wade. Chair Cramer recommended that the minutes be amended to indicate the names of the Commissioners who were present at the July 7, 2006 meeting, and that suggestion was incorporated into the motion. The motion was approved unanimously – 4 YEAS 0 NAYS

Chair Cramer recommended that time be allocated at each meeting of the Authority for public comment. After discussion, Chair Cramer announced that this would be the policy of the Authority beginning with this meeting.

Public Comment:

Richard Stafford from Brooklyn Park addressed the board.

06-MBA-09 To authorize payment of daily compensation and expenses to Authority Commissioners

Commissioner Vekich moved approval of the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that the Authority authorizes Commissioners to receive a per diem payment for each day spent on board activities, as defined herein, at the rate provided in Minn. Statutes section 15.0575 as now or hereafter amended; and

Be it further resolved, that for purposes of this resolution, a “day spent on board activities” means a day in which a Commissioner attends an official meeting of the Authority, or attends a meeting of a standing or ad hoc committee of the Authority. In addition, the Chair, or in his or her absence the Secretary, shall approve attendance and participation of Commissioners at a meeting other than that of the Authority or of its committees which constitute representation of the Authority for which daily payment is to be paid and payment therefore shall be based upon written authorization in support of same; and

Be it further resolved, that any Commissioner who is also a state employee or the employee of any political subdivision of the state shall not receive the daily payment unless such Commissioner takes vacation or other compensatory time from his or her non-Authority employment for board activities that take place during working hours; and

Be it further resolved, that for any Commissioner who lives outside the seven-county metropolitan area, the Authority authorizes reimbursement of mileage to and from any meetings for which such Commissioner's attendance makes the Commissioner eligible for per diem under this Resolution; and provided further that such reimbursement shall be as authorized under the plan prepared by the state Commissioner of Employee Relations, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 43A.18, subdivision 2, and at the rate provided therein; and

Be it further resolved, that the Authority authorizes reimbursement of actual out-of-pocket parking expenses for any Commissioner for any meetings for which such Commissioner's attendance makes the Commissioner eligible for per diem under this Resolution; and

Be it further resolved, that the Authority authorizes reimbursement of actual and reasonable out-of-pocket long-distance telephone charges incurred by any Commissioner as necessary for official business of the Authority; and

Be it further resolved, that the Chair or his designee may develop forms for submission of requests for daily payments and expense reimbursements; and

Be it further resolved, that the executive director is authorized to approve and pay requests for compensation and/or reimbursement as provided herein; provided that until an executive director or interim executive director is appointed, the Chair may approve such requests for other Commissioners and the Secretary may approve such requests for the Chair; and

Be it further resolved, that the executive director or interim executive director may submit other reimbursement policies for the Authority's consideration, consistent with state law.

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

MOTION To change the location for the August 4, 2006 meeting of the Authority

Commissioner Wade moved that the location for the August 4, 2006 meeting of the Authority be changed from the Metrodome to the Hennepin County Environmental Services Building, 417 N. 5th Street, Suite 320, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1397, and that the chair or the chair's designee provide sufficient notice of the meeting location in compliance with state law.

Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously –
4 YEAS 0 NAYS **APPROVED**

Chair Cramer and Commissioner Vekich reported on their meeting with Hennepin County staff.

Commissioner Campbell and Chair Cramer reported on their meeting with Jerry Bell, Executive Director of Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.

Commissioner Campbell reported on her meeting with the City of Minneapolis.

Howard Orenstein answered questions regarding salary cap and provisions surrounding published minutes.

Carolyn Marinan, Hennepin County Director of Public Affairs, reported on communications plans for the Authority.

Commissioner Wade reported on the search process for General Counsel and Solicitation

Chair Cramer reported on the search process for the Executive Director.

The Authority discussed topics to be discussed at future meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for July 21, 2006 was declared adjourned at 11:05 a.m.