

Minnesota Ballpark Authority Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2006

Chair Steve Cramer called the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for Friday, August 18, 2006 to order at 2:01 p.m. The roll was taken, and Commissioners Campbell, Vekich, Wade and Chair Cramer were present. Commissioner-designate Sykora was also present. Assistant Hennepin County Attorney David Hough appeared as interim legal counsel.

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

Commissioner Vekich moved approval of the minutes of the August 4, 2006 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion was approved unanimously – 4 YEAS 0 NAYS **APPROVED**

Public Comment

There was no one present to give public comment.

Chair's Report

- Friday, August 18, 2006, executed the Executive Director's Contract with Dan Kenney
- Announced next meeting – September 15, 2006, in the Halsey Hall Room at the Metrodome
- Bill Lester and Mike Duckett will discuss their experiences in developing and managing a new stadium – Stadium 101

Action Items

06-MBA-12 To establish standards of conduct for the Ballpark Authority members and staff

Commissioner Campbell moved approval of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the Authority that members and employees of the Authority not take gifts or anything else of value from lobbyists, lobbyist principals, vendors, potential vendors or others with an interest or likely interest in the work of the Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the Authority that members and employees of the Authority not have a direct or indirect interest in contracts or other financial matters of the Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the executive director is directed to propose, by October 1, 2006, standards of conduct for promulgation by the Authority based on state statutes involving conflicts of interest, receipt of gifts, interest in contracts and other such matters as the executive director deems appropriate.

David Hough, Assistant County Attorney spoke of several statutes currently in place and used by Hennepin County which are appropriate for the Minnesota Ballpark Authority.

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

Commissioner Wade updated the Board on establishing a formal process for selection of general counsel and upcoming interviews on August 28, 2006.

06-MBA-13 To establish an amended process for the retention of outside legal counsel for the Authority

Commissioner Campbell moved approval of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the executive director, with the additional signature of the chair, is authorized to retain outside legal counsel on terms deemed acceptable by the executive director and chair, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent this resolution is inconsistent with Resolution No. 06-MBA-7, this Resolution controls.

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

06-MBA-14R1 To grant consent for the Twins to provide for the design and construction of the ballpark and related public infrastructure, subject to the terms and conditions of consent by Hennepin County

Commissioner Vekich moved approval of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that, subject to the terms of the ballpark authorizing legislation, the Authority authorizes the Twins to provide for the design and construction of the ballpark and related public infrastructure, provided, however, that such authorization is valid only to the extent consented to by Hennepin County and is subject to any limitations and reservations made by the County as detailed in the attached letter from Deputy Hennepin County Administrator Richard Johnson to Jerry Bell of Twins Sports, Inc., dated August 8, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authority believes a critical future consent condition for the county with the Twins is agreement on a schedule of approvals at critical intervals in the architectural design and plan development process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chair is authorized to execute the delegation of authority agreement outlined in the attached letter from Jerry Bell of Twins Sports, Inc., to Steve Cramer of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, dated August 16, 2006.

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

Discussion Items

- Twins design feedback from the public – Dave St. Peter
- Dave St. Peter distributed “New Ballpark Ideas”, a compilation of various ideas, highlighting the following topics:
- Surveying public, collecting ideas
 - Conducting a number of focus groups in late summer, early fall
 - Opportunity at State Fair for Fair-goers to give ballpark feedback

- County design framework process – Chuck Ballentine
Mr. Ballentine distributed a draft memo of staff responses regarding next steps for- the design process.
- Briefing on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – John Carmody, University of Minnesota – College of Architecture, Landscape and Design
- Report from Dan Kenney on temporary operating plan and initial work plan priorities
 - Mr. Kenney distributed a memo outlining his initial plans as Executive Director.

- Financial Report

Nothing to report at this meeting

- Commendation

Commissioner Wade presented to Dave St. Peter of the Minnesota Twins a token of gratitude for the Twins' involvement and contributions for the development of the Miracle Field in Rochester for children with disabilities.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wade moved to adjourn. Commissioner Vekich seconded the motion and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS 0 NAYS. The meeting of Minnesota Ballpark Authority for August 18, 2006 was declared adjourned at 3:23 p.m.