



### **Minnesota Ballpark Authority Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2009**

Chair Steve Cramer called the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for October 16th, 2009 to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken. All Commissioners were present. Kathleen Lamb, Legal Counsel, was also present.

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

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Campbell moved approval of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wade and approved unanimously – 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wade moved approval of the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Work Session meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Barb Sykora and approved unanimously – 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

**APPROVED**

#### **CHAIR REPORT**

**Chair Cramer reported the following:**

- Chair Cramer recently accepted on behalf of the MBA the Construction Partnering Program 2009 Best Large Project Award for Target Field – Minnesota Twins Stadium Project. This year the award presentation was held at Regions Hospital, the recipient of last year's award. As this year's recipient, the MBA will host the award presentation next year.
- Next Wednesday, MBA Board members will participate in a ride of the Northstar Commuter Train including a stop at Northstar's Operations and Maintenance building. After departing from the train a tour will be given of the ballpark for attendees.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Executive Director Kenney reported the following:**

- The Metropolitan Stadium flagpole has been installed at Target Plaza. Also, the bronze glove was installed on the plaza and will be a key photo opportunity for kids across the Upper Midwest.
- Work continues with the Event Management Committee on communications planning. Mr. Kenney and Dave St. Peter met with a group of business owners along Hennepin Avenue that are interested in seeing how their efforts to improve Hennepin Avenue can also tie into what is being done at the ballpark.

- Mr. Kenney is in communication with City partners on how the public can be educated about changes in traffic patterns downtown. Good progress is being made on developing a robust public education campaign around the new downtown and how that connects to Target Field.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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

MnDOT has given approval to advertise the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Cedar Lake Bike Trail improvements being funded by ARRA stimulus funds. A bid received for this work amounted to \$700,000 which is well within the allotted budget of \$1.292 million. The City continues to work on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue landscaping and lighting improvements from Washington to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The North Access road which allows deliveries to the Twins will be finished this construction season.

**B. Construction and Planning Update – Troy Blizzard, Mortenson Construction**

Mortenson is working toward substantial completion and Certificate of Occupancy dates for early 2010. Those events will occur before the contractual substantial completion date of March 3, 2010. Of the million square feet of space, architects have punch-listed 5000,000 square feet (over 50% complete). This includes final cleaning of the ballpark. The last piece of temporary electric equipment will be removed this week placing the ballpark under permanent power. Field lighting installation is complete. The 100 hour burn-in is complete. Aiming of field lights will take place near the end of October. Mortenson is to be notified on November 9, 2009 for possible recognition of the MNSHARP safety program, as administered by OSHA, which is reflective of the project's good safety record through the 2009 construction season. Don Marinelli and the Twins Stadium Access Advisory Committee have been invited to tour the ballpark after January 1, 2010. Filing for LEED certification is on track. There are three levels of certification; Standard, Silver and Platinum and the project team is hopeful that Silver will be achieved.

**C. Community Participation Program – Lynn Littlejohn, Mortenson Construction**

Ms. Littlejohn said that the project is exceeding the 30% SWMBE goal at 32%. Mortenson has procured approximately \$307 million dollars of work with \$99 million committed to SWMBE firms. Workforce minority participation has exceeded goals of 26% and 6% female. In the Community Workforce Program, 62 individuals have been hired to date exceeding the goal of 50 placements. Of the SWMBE firms utilized on the project there have been a total of 126 companies of which 90% were local.

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

Ms. Juneau presented the MBA financial reports through September, 2009, for the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund. The project is within budget. Donations for the Twins Tradition Wall were deposited in the amount of \$540,707. Revenue received from MnDOT and Artist's contributions are noted in the reports. The General Operating Fund is showing a temporary deficit which will be realized once requested revenue from Sales Tax is deposited at the end of November.

Next meeting: November 20, 2009

*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 October 16, 2009, was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.*