



Minnesota Ballpark Authority Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2008

Chair Steve Cramer called the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for October 17, 2008 to order at 1:00 PM. The roll was taken. All Commissioners were present. Peter Cooper, 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 July 18, 2008 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wade and approved unanimously – 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

CHAIR REPORT

- No report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Dan Kenney reported the following:

- The RFQ for Public Art was posted on September 30th with a proposal due date of October 24th. There was a very broad distribution and the RFQ is posted on the Minnesota Ballpark Authority's website.
- Discussions continue on the effort to construct the pedestrian walkway between the "A" Ramp and the ballpark. The MBA hopes to have a joint powers agreement with MnDOT negotiated for this project in the next few months. This agreement will be presented to the MBA Board for approval.
- Next week the Minneapolis City Council will take up Mayor Rybak's proposal for \$3 million in pedestrian improvements for the area surrounding the ballpark. Mr. Kenney and Ed Hunter gave Mayor Rybak, his staff members and Council Member Paul Ostrow a tour of the ballpark site recently.
- The next meeting of 2010 Partners will be October 28th. Mr. Kenney and Commissioner Campbell will attend on behalf of the MBA.

- Mr. Kenney presented a letter from the Target Field Access Advisory Committee to the MBA, the Twins and Target Corporation expressing their thanks for the efforts to dedicate additional funding for the extension of the pedestrian bridge along 6th Street.

ACTION ITEMS:

- None

Discussion Items:

A. Introduction of Gary Glawe, Director, Building Systems – Matt Hoy, Minnesota Twins. Matt Hoy introduced Mr. Glawe to the MBA Board. Mr. Glawe previously worked for Medtronic, Inc. as Facilities Manager.

B. Construction & Planning Update – Ed Hunter, MBA

- By the end of November, BNSF’s property will be secure from ongoing construction activities negating the expense for their flaggers and outside inspections.
- As-built documents have been received for all major utility systems; sanitary, sewer, storm-sewer and water and the operation of these utilities will be turned over to the City of Minneapolis for ownership and ongoing maintenance.
- Discussions continue with Northstar for installation of equipment and occupancy of the Core Building. This is scheduled to happen early next year. Finalization of improvements on the HERC property is also underway.
- Discussions continue with the Met Council on the possibility of a claim for relining of the sewer tunnel but this issue is not being viewed as a likely cost exposure.
- Along 7th Street there is a gap in the limestone placement where a wood louver system is to be located. The project is currently exploring the use of Ipe (“Ironwood”) for this installation, which is a renewable resource that may help the project achieve an additional LEED point.

Troy Blizzard, Mortenson Construction

Mr. Blizzard reported that the project is on schedule. The last concrete deck on the roof of the administrative building will be poured on November 21, 2008 which is two months ahead of the initial target date. This will move some masonry work ahead of schedule. With the exception of exterior paint there will not be any activity that will not be performed this winter. The terrace level of structural steel is taking place and sections of the canopy will be visual in two weeks. The Retail Store will start to be enclosed with glass and the Metropolitan Club follows. Foundations are 99% complete. Final improvements are being made to the Environmental Services Building lot and the chiller pads on the other side of the railroad tracks will be installed soon. Structural steel is progressing in the outfield by the 5th Street Ramp. Freight elevator number 8 will be functional by Thanksgiving. The grass for the playing field is growing on a sod farm in Colorado and will be installed on the ballpark playing field from June – August 2009. Bid Package No. 7 has been awarded and Bid Package No. 8 for Food Service Equipment is open for bids through the end of October. Bid Package 7.5.5 for Interior Signage is open and already twenty bids have been received. Bids will be taken through the middle of November.

Lynn Littlejohn, Mortenson Construction

Ms. Littlejohn reported that the project is still exceeding the 30% SWMBE goal at 31%. This represents about \$86 million of the \$280 dollars that has been committed to SWMBE owned firms. Approximately 65 SWMBE firms are involved on the project to date. Workforce reports an upper trend at 23% minority participation and overall 6%

female. The goal is 25% and Mortenson has done some projections and anticipates reaching the minority participation by spring 2009. In the Community Workforce Program, to date 33 individuals have been hired. The expectation is to hire 50 individuals by the end of the project.

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

Ms. Juneau reported that the monthly financial report includes revenue and expenses through the end of September, 2008. A year-end forecast column was added to the general operating fund. There is a \$158,000 savings forecasted in overall expenditures for 2008.

Next meeting: November 21, 2008

There being no further business, Commissioner Wade moved to adjourn. Commissioner Vekich seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously - 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS. The meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for October 17, 2008 was adjourned at 1:44 P.M.