

**SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE  
& DAVIDSON COUNTY**

Minutes of the June 15, 2007 Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Sommet Center Meeting Rooms J-K  
9:30 a.m.

**Board Members:** Arnett Bodenhamer, Lauren Brisky, Forrest Harris, Mike Hobbs, Cathy Bender Jackson, Kevin P. Lavender, Rusty Lawrence, Ralph Perrey, Steve North, Edward Temple, Helen Walker

**Staff:** Emmett Edwards (Sports Authority), Monica Clayton (Sports Authority), Tom Cross (Legal), Bob Lackey (Finance)

**Titans/Cumberland Stadium:** Steve Underwood, Don MacLachlan

**Predators/Powers Management:** Hugh Lombardi, Beth Snider, Brock Jones, Melanie Ainsworth, Dwayne Smith

**Visitors:** Butch Spyridon (Conventions & Visitors Bureau)

Mr. Kevin P. Lavender called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved without corrections. Ms. Monica Clayton stated that under Metro Code of Laws (Ordinance No. BL2006-1050, § 2.68.030) notice must be given at all meetings that decisions of the Sports Authority Board may be appealed to the Chancery Court of Davidson County for review under a common law writ of certiorari. Any appeal must be filed within sixty days after entry of a final decision by the Board. Any person or other entity considering an appeal should consult with an attorney to ensure that time and procedural requirements are met. Mr. Lavender asked that visitors of the meeting state their name and the company/organization they represent.

***Finance & Audit Review Committee Report***

Mr. Lavender recognized Ms. Lauren Brisky to give the Finance & Audit Review Committee Report. Ms. Brisky reported that the Conventions & Visitors Bureau (CVB) came before the committee to request that XM Radio, who has worked with the CVB for the last year and a half, be allowed to expand to the Sommet Center's Tower when the current tenant leaves. XM would put a stage and studio in the Visitors Center and use the second floor above the Visitors Center for additional studios. XM would pay fair market value for the space as well as all costs related to the build out. XM hopes to explore a five year lease with a five year option. Ms. Brisky reported that the Finance Committee voted to recommend approval. **Upon a motion duly seconded, the full board unanimously voted to approve the CVB's proposal.**

Ms. Brisky continued by reporting that the committee had received a thorough report from Mr. Steve Underwood regarding needed improvements to LP Field. Bids for the following potential future capital expenses included:

- Sound system repairs-projected to add 2-3 years of life to the system
- Protective event flooring or similar field protection system- would allow year-round field protection
- Parking Lot Repair and Sealant- re-striping could create an additional 268 spaces
- Concrete/drainage repair on upper deck
- Emergency lighting system repairs
- Security Camera Upgrades

Ms. Brisky reported that the Finance Committee voted to recommend payment of the capital expenses. Mr. Steve North requested that, prior to a vote, Metro Legal review the information to determine whether the requests are capital or maintenance. Mr. Underwood noted that the Titans

are not requesting reimbursement at this time and will submit a formal request to the Sports Authority at the appropriate time. He additionally noted that, under the stadium lease, any single repair in excess of \$10,000 is considered a capital expense, but that the Sports Authority still must approve all reimbursement requests. Mr. Lavender stated he was comfortable with approving payment of the capital expenses subject to the Sports Authority's processes which include reviews by both the Legal and Finance Department. **Upon a motion duly seconded, the Sports Authority voted (10-1) to approve the Titans expenses.**

Lastly Ms. Brisky reported that the committee had received the April financials for the Sommet Center as well as an update on the arena's capital projects.

### ***Conventions & Visitors Proposal***

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Butch Spyridon to address the Board. Mr. Spyridon requested the Sports Authority's formal support of the CVB's efforts to increase the Predators season tickets sales. Mr. Spyridon discussed campaign, "Our Team" which is bringing businesses and organizations together to increase ticket sales and keep the Predators in Nashville. After several board members commended Mr. Spyridon and the CVB's efforts, Mr. North stated that while he, as a private citizen, supports the campaign, he does not believe it is the Sports Authority's place, as a government agency, to actively support and help raise funds for a private corporation. Mr. Lavender reminded the Board that the Sports Authority is charged with promoting professional sports in Nashville and that while as members of the Authority they should not solicit funds, the Board should not be neutral when it comes to supporting professional sports in the city. Metro Legal determined a vote to be appropriate and, upon a motion duly seconded, all Sports Authority members voted to support the efforts of Mr. Spyridon and the community in expressing support of the Predators and encouraging them to stay in Nashville. Mr. North abstained from voting.

### ***The L.P. Field Report***

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Steve Underwood to give the LP Field Report. Mr. Underwood reported that he would be meeting with Emmett Edwards and Ralph Perrey to discuss preliminary long term capital expenditures and reminded the Board of the importance of such discussions. He further reported that there is currently 1.4 million in the Capital Stadium Fund with a deposit of \$1 million scheduled for the fall of 2007. The Titans are a few days away from sending a proposal to outside counsel for the Design Center for what the Titans believe could be a test area for them to do an Urban Forest. The Titans believe the area could hold between 100-150 new cars and are asking for a complete design plan for the test area including the location of trees and parking areas with the understanding that the Titans still have the final say as to whether the project moves forward. The area the Titans are suggesting be used as a test area is on the West side between Lots S and H. Mr. Underwood noted that the Titans are not sold on the Urban Forest concept but are willing to take a look at it.

Mr. Underwood asked if any members of the Sports Authority had questions pertaining to the capital expenditure items brought before the Finance Committee and noted that information and bids pertaining to the items were included in the periodic report.

### ***The Sommet Center Report***

Mr. Lavender recognized Mr. Hugh Lombardi to give the Sommet Center Report. Mr. Lombardi reported that the scoreboard will be removed in July and that the minor league hockey team that purchased the matrix boards will come to retrieve the parts at that time. The new score board will be installed in August. Mr. Lombardi additionally reported that they are installing their security system.

Mr. Lombardi reported that April was a great month. Total actual revenue was \$412,842 compared to the budgeted \$286,705. Total operating expenses were \$653,229 compared to the

budgeted \$610,425. Mr. Lombardi stated that he expects the arena to reach its all-time revenue high of \$5 million with the lowest loss in four or five years. Events included 5 Predators games, the Country Music Hall of Fame Concert, and WWE Wrestling event. Mr. Lombardi reported that the rehearsal hall has been booked by artist such Kenney Chesney and, previously, Faith Hill and Tim McGraw and has become a large part of their business. Ms. Brisky noted that while we think of the Sommet Center as a great venue for sports it is important to remember that it is also a great asset to the music community and very much appreciated by them.

***Other Business***

Mr. Steve North requested that the Board meet in Executive Session. Mr. Lavender reported that each Board Member will receive a call to schedule individual meeting where members will be briefed by Counsel next week. Should the Board need to meet in Executive Session following the individual meetings, a Special Meeting will be called.

Mr. North additionally reported that the lease agreement between the Sports Authority and the Nashville Hockey Club provides that there cannot be a sale or transfer of the team without the approval or consent of the Sports Authority. Mr. North stated the lease further provides that consent can be exercised by the Executive Director, Chair, or one of their representatives without the consent of anyone else and requested that the Authority be given assurance that such consent will not be given without the authority of the Board. Mr. Lavender responded that the Sports Authority previously determined that the Executive Director was not authorized to commit the Authority to anything without expressed consent of the Authority and that; likewise, he would never commit the Board to anything without its expressed consent. Ms. Brisky and Dr. Forrest Harris both expressed their confidence in the Chair and Executive Director to act with the highest integrity and Mr. North withdrew his request.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.