

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### METROPOLITAN AUDITORIUM COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

9:00 A.M. ROOM A-31

PRESENT: Blake McDaniel, John Landers, Paulette Hanson, Rod Glatt and Christy Watkins.

ABSENT: Alice Chapman, and Aleah Armstrong.

GUESTS: Theresa Costonis, Attorney, Metro Legal Department; Jay McDowell, Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum.

**Mr. McDaniel called for the approval of the minutes for the special called meeting held on April 19, 2017. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Landers and seconded by Ms. Watkins. Vote – Unanimous.**

Mr. McDaniel invited Mr. McDowell to present the Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum (MHFM) report.

Mr. McDowell stated that the MHFM has acquired an iconic drum set belonging to Michael Shrieve, a drummer with Santana.

Mr. McDowell recapped the story of how the MHFM came to be located at the NMA.

Mr. McDaniel asked Mr. Skoney to present the report on the backstage improvements.

Mr. Skoney stated that he is having weekly meetings to get an update on the progress of the backstage improvements. He noted that the contractor is doing some asbestos abatement prior to repairing the steam leaks.

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In presenting the Manager's Report, Mr. Skoney reviewed the immediate past and upcoming events.

Mr. Skoney stated that we will issue an RFP (request for proposals) for additional supplemental security services.

Mr. Skoney stated that he and Mr. McDaniel appeared before the Council to present the budget. He noted that the good news is that we are on track to break even this year. He said he presented a budget of \$1.5 million and the Mayor included a subsidy of \$350,000 in our budget.

Ms. Watkins asked if there has been a story done to highlight our renovations.

Mr. Skoney stated that we have not.

Mr. McDaniel stated that we should consider doing that after June 30.

Mr. Landers suggested that if we do something, we need to include the museum.

Mr. Skoney stated that we are considering a reception this fall. He said that September would be a good date since our numbers would be finalized and the renovations will be completed.

Mr. Skoney stated that we are looking at acquiring a new booking program. He noted that we will look at updating our website as well.

Mr. Skoney reported that the Auditorium has not been painted in 10 years and that we are painting the interior and exterior this summer.

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Mr. Skoney stated that we were not included the first round of the Mayor's capital improvements budget.

Mr. Skoney noted that we are currently considering the renumbering of the sections on the lower level to reduce confusion and increase customer satisfaction.

Mr. McDaniel asked Ms. Hill for the Sales & Marketing Report.

Ms. Hill stated that all of our annual cheerleading events have rebooked for the next year. She noted that we are running into some resistance on the implementation of flex pricing.

Ms. Hill stated that the Council has approved funding for a city wide HUB project which will allow citizens to access information across all city services at a central location. She said that she is currently creating the knowledge database of articles for the Auditorium.

Ms. Costonis stated that the Auditorium Commission is now required by the Council to place the minutes on the web.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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