

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

METROPOLITAN AUDITORIUM COMMISSION

TUESDAY, March 5, 2019

9:00 A.M. ROOM A-31 of the Municipal Auditorium

PRESENT: Blake McDaniel, Alice Chapman, John Landers, Aleah Armstrong, Perri duGard Owens and Christy Watkins.

ABSENT: Leeanne Lisk

GUESTS: Theresa Costonis, Attorney, Metro Legal Department; Jay McDowell, Musician's Hall of Fame & Museum; Angie Smith, Musician's Hall of Fame & Museum; Peter Heidenreich, Hall Strategies

Mr. McDaniel called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting held on February 12, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Owens and seconded by Ms. Chapman. Vote – Unanimous.

Mr. McDaniel opened the discussion on the replacement of the retiring Auditorium Manager with an interim manager. He asked if anyone else had any other candidates other than the 3 individuals for which the commission already had resumes. No one replied. He suggested there were 2 options: 1) Review the resumes today, and vote on hiring one of them or 2) Have a meeting next week and bring in the 3 candidates next week to interview them – then vote on them at that meeting.

Mr. Landers asked if these candidates knew this position was an interim position at this time. It was discussed that two of them definitely understood that it was an interim position. Mr. Skoney stated that he would make sure the 3rd candidate was aware of this as well.

Ms. Owens asked if there were any re-location expenses being offered. Mr. McDaniel replied "No." Mr. Skoney was asked if he would relay this to the candidates and he said he would.

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Mr. McDaniel made a motion to invite the 3 candidates to a meeting next week for interviews. Motion was approved and seconded.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to make next week's meeting for Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 9:00 am. Motion was approved and seconded.

Mr. McDaniel moved into the discussion of the possible outsourcing of the Auditorium management. He stated that as the committee of one, he thinks it is best course of action for the commission to move forward with an RFP. The RFP itself will not bind the commission to outsourcing management, but will allow for further information to see what interest there is out there; what everyone's visions are; what kind of money is being offered. Mr. McDaniel stated that having a firm proposal offer on the table would make it easier for the commission to go to the city and say this is what we need in order to move forward with this outsourcing option.

During discussions, Ms. Owens stated she would like something put in the RFP that would protect the current employees of Municipal Auditorium. That it should be in the evaluation criteria of the RFP.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to move forward with the RFP process for the possible outsourcing of the Auditorium management. Motion was approved and seconded.

Mr. McDaniel asked Ms. Chapman to be the committee of one, to write the RFP. He then proceeded to make a motion to make a committee of one to draft the RFP for outsourcing management and that the committee of one consist of Ms. Chapman. Motion was approved and seconded.

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Mr. McDaniel asked the commission to review the resumes in more detail and send any questions for the interviews next week to Mr. Skoney.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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APPROVED:
