

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

METROPOLITAN AUDITORIUM COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

9:00 A.M. ROOM A-31

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

ABSENT: None.

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

Mr. McDaniel called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting held on August 1, 2018.

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Landers and seconded by Ms. Lisk.

Vote – Unanimous.

Mr. McDaniel invited Mr. McDowell to speak to the Commission regarding the MHFM (Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum).

Mr. McDowell stated that the MHFM has officially opened the Mike Curb Gallery. He said that the Museum had a great summer and that everything about the Rolling Stones exhibit was a smashing success.

Mr. McDaniel called for staff reports.

Ms. Hill reported that Metro Public schools is holding dates for 2019 graduation ceremonies, and there is the possibility that we will be hosting nine high school graduations. She noted that Jamfest and America's Best cheerleading competitions have holds through 2024. She stated that Live Nation is continuing to hold dates through the end of 2019.

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Mr. McDaniel called for the Manager's Report.

Mr. Skoney stated that beginning August 12th, we operated 36 days straight with various events. He noted that Real Country will be airing November 13 on USA Network.

Mr. McDaniel thanked Ms. Owens for all of the hard work she has done assisting with the promotional video that Real Country is giving us as part of the contract negotiations.

Mr. Skoney noted that Real Country is holding dates in April-May 2019. He noted that because Real Country builds a set, we cannot host other events around their dates. He said that Live Nation bookings are very strong and that as a result of those events, we are fielding more calls than ever to book the venue.

Mr. McDaniel said that business begets business.

Mr. Skoney stated that the increase in business has enabled us to raise our rental rates and become more selective in the events that we host.

Mr. Skoney noted that a new event for us is the CMA Radio Remote, November 7-15. He said that we did not have the internet wiring needed to host this event, and the Convention Center ITS team helped us with placing routers and fiber around the building.

Mr. McDaniel asked if the public would have access to the new IT setup.

Mr. Skoney stated that the capability is only large enough for our tenants and not the public.

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Mr. Skoney reported that Ms. Hill will be retiring in December, and that Ms. Bailey will take over the Commission duties. He stated that Mr. Pentico will be assuming some of Ms. Hill sales duties.

Mr. Skoney said that he asked for funding for new risers and that will probably be approved in December or January.

Mr. Skoney stated that the budget numbers for the fiscal year will be finalized in mid-November. He said that we had a good financial year again this year with revenues exceeding projections.

Mr. McDaniel called for nominations for Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

Ms. Armstrong nominated Mr. McDaniel for Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landers. The floor was closed for nominations. Vote – All approved.

Mr. McDaniel called for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Watkins nominated Ms. Chapman for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Armstrong. The floor was closed for nominations. Vote – All approved.

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

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APPROVED:
