

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: October 12, 2021 8:00 a.m.

On the above referenced date, the October meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Expo 2 at the Fairgrounds. Those in attendance were Chairman Erin McAnally, Vice-Chairman Jason Bergeron, and Commissioner Sheri Weiner. Commissioner Caleb Hemmer was not present. Also, present were Fairgrounds Executive Director Laura Womack and Finance and Administrative Manager Satrice Allen. Metro Attorney Matthew Garth was in attendance. Bob Sargent with Track Enterprises was present. Ed Henley with Pillars Development was in attendance, as well as Ron Gobbell and Tim Debus with Gobbell Hays Partners (GHP). Mary Cavarra with Nashville Soccer Club (and the Ownership Group) was also present.

Chairman McAnally called the meeting to order and read the legal notice. She then moved to the approval of the September meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Bergeron made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Weiner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were passed. Chairman McAnally then moved to Public Comment Time.

There were no public comments. Chairman McAnally then moved to the Financial Report.

Ms. Allen gave a brief report. She reported that Metro Council had approved the \$663,000 CDBG Grant and that it would post on next month's financials. Chairman McAnally then moved to the Executive Director's Report and Event Update items on the agenda.

Director Womack went over some things that were happening at the track surrounding the upcoming All-American 400 Race and the Hall of Fame Banquet. She also announced Brittney Zamora made history the previous weekend when she became the first female to win the Pro Late Model race at the Speedway and Director Womack wanted to recognize her for her win and place in racing history. She then went over some of the events coming up at the expos. She added that October was pretty full, and they were excited to having a full schedule again after the pandemic. She stated that the Flea Market would be opening in its entirety also in October. She announced that the new software, Marketspread, had been implemented and thanked the staff that had been working so hard to get Marketspread up and running. She also thanked the vendors for their patience. She reported that Christmas Village was coming up soon. Chairman McAnally then moved to Old Business and the Fairgrounds Improvement Project, Stadium, Mixed Use, and Infrastructure Update item on the agenda.

Ms. Cavarra gave a quick report of the stadium progress and added that all was on budget and on schedule. She stated that they would give a DBE update once that was complete and that it was currently at approximately 36%. She also reported that Mortenson-Messer, working with Nashville Soccer Club and others, had recently raised \$10,000 for Fall Hamilton School supplies. She stated that they would soon give updates of their work with Stand Up Nashville and the Community Advisory Committee after their next meeting in November. She added that they were also focusing on stadium jobs as well. Ms. Cavarra also gave an update concerning the Mixed Use and stated that there would be regular updates to all and that the process of the Mixed Use would be similar to the Stadium process with neighborhood meetings, etc.

Mr. Henley then gave a brief update on each of the projects at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Gobbell introduced Tim Debus with Gobbell Hays, and Mr. Debus gave an update on the Maintenance Multi-purpose Building Project and the Infrastructure Project and stated that there had been good coordination with all. Mr. Gobbell gave an update on Fair Park Phase 2, which was a Parks project, and stated that it was coming along well. Chairman McAnally then moved to the Bristol Motor Speedway Project item on the agenda.

Director Womack reported that the city was still working on the financing for this complex project and added that there would be no details until that part could be figured out. There were a couple of comments and a request from Commissioner Weiner concerning the sound study maps. Director Womack then requested that the Board have a special meeting since she forgot to put the Track Enterprises Contract item on the agenda. Chairman McAnally then moved to the Community Impact/Speedway Policy Discussion and Consideration item on the agenda.

Vice-Chairman Bergeron stated that they were still waiting on details and clarifications on maps concerning the complicated Bristol deal. He also stated that he was interested in how the Convention Visitors Bureau would fit their piece into this and asked that Butch Spyridon come to a meeting sometime to discuss this. He added that he was still concerned about the number of track rentals and stated that sound walls alone would not be enough. Chairman McAnally expressed her concern about these issues as well and stated that she was anxious to hear about the details of the plan. Chairman McAnally then moved to the Divisional Fair Update item on the agenda.

Director Womack stated that they had 40 applications in response to the Event Services Manager position and that they would be deciding soon. Chairman McAnally then moved to New Business and the Consideration of Fees item on the agenda.

Director Womack asked the Board for a motion concerning changes in some fees (and some clarification) that was presented at the September meeting and she went over them briefly. Commissioner Weiner had some questions concerning the city business license fee and there was a brief discussion about this. Chairman McAnally then made a motion stating, *"I make a motion to adopt the updates to the Nashville Flea Market rate and fee table "*. Vice-Chairman Bergeron seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

Commissioner Weiner then made a motion to adjourn. Chairman McAnally seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman, Erin McAnally

Executive Director, Laura Womack