

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

Minutes of the September 19, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Directors
LP Field- Postgame Interview Room
8:00 a.m.

Board Members: Kim Adkins, Alfonzo Alexander, Margaret Behm, Cathy Bender, J.D. Elliott, Nancy Vincent, Helen Walker, Emmett Wynn

Staff: Toby Compton, Monica Fawknorton, Margaret Darby (Legal)

Predators/Powers Management: Sean Henry, Jeff Cogen, Gerry Helper, Sean Marshall, Jeremy Meriwether

Titans/LP Field: Don Maclachlan, Walter Overton, Jeneen Kaufman

Visitors: Patrick Holcomb (Convention Center Authority), Adam Stover (Populous), Remick Moore (General Services)

Chairman J.D. Elliott called the meeting of the Sports Authority to order at 8:00 a.m., and welcomed back Director Helen Walker who has been recovering from surgery. After noting that the appeals process for decisions by the Sports Authority could be found both on the agenda and the Authority's website, Chairman Elliott called for a motion to approve the revised minutes of the July 18th meeting and the August 15th meeting. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Sports Authority unanimously voted to approve both sets of minutes.**

Executive Director Report

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Toby Compton to give the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Compton thanked the Titans for hosting the meeting and reported that the NFL's new clear bag policy can now be found on the Metro Government website. He additionally reported that the ground lease for the Predators practice facility has been approved by the Metro Council and signed by the Mayor.

With regards to parking, Mr. Compton shared that Stewart Parking continues to do a fantastic job with the management of the lots at LP Field. Parking revenue is trending well with \$23,555 generated already for the month of September. Mr. Compton additionally reported that he and Margaret Darby are working with the Nashville Downtown Partnership (NDP) on a parking-related contract for use of LP Field for an economic & community development deal with USB. The contract could come before the board for approval at the October meeting. Mr. Compton next reminded the Authority that board surveys should be completed and turned in to either him or Ms. Monica Fawknorton.

Finally, Mr. Compton reported that the CT Forms have been included in the board packets. State law requires that this outline of the bond sale be presented to the Board prior to being filed by the State.

Bridgestone Arena South Entrance Construction Update

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Patrick Holcomb of the Convention Center Authority to give an update on the arena south entrance construction project. Mr. Holcomb reported that a great deal of work continues to be done on the project. Currently the storefront glass is being torn out at Demonbreun and the plaza is being pulled closer to the street. The new entrance to the pub/retail can be seen, and work on the ribbon board has begun. Additionally they are reinforcing the slab under the entrance. Mr. Holcomb ended his update by stating that over the next two weeks a lot of progress will be noticed on the building's exterior. The project completion date is slated for December 21, 2013.

Mr. Adam Stover of Populous followed Mr. Holcomb with the design update of the renovations. Mr. Stover reported that while most of the design plans have stayed the same, one big change is that mesh has been added to the space above the retail. In addition to the three dimensions of mesh that will be placed onto the parking garage, lighting will also be added with the goal of creating life in the garage. Mr. Stover additionally reported that the patio will become great indoor/outdoor space with operable,

changeable glazing. Mr. Sean Henry corrected the earlier report, stating that the majority of the renovations will be completed by December 20, with the pub opening March 1 and the retail store opening April 1.

Ice Hockey Facility Construction Update

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Remick Moore, Metro General Services Design & Construction, to provide an update on the construction of the ice hockey practice facility. Mr. Moore reported that General Services is the Metro agency tasked with managing the design and construction of the Predators practice facility, the library, and the community center. Currently the project is still in the final design phase with 75% of construction documents. Final pricing should be out the middle of next month with the 100% documents. The construction and design team consists of American Constructors and Lowes & Associates.

Mr. Moore continued by showing renderings of the main entrance, skate rental area, and one side of the ice. He reported that more photos would be available once construction begins. A completion date of August 1 for all facilities has been given. The library and community center will be staffed at a later date.

Bridgestone Arena Report

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Sean Henry to give the Bridgestone Arena Report. Mr. Henry began by reporting that the Predators are excited about their building and renovation projects as well as their current capital projects including the marquis on 5th and Broadway which is scheduled to be completed on October 1.

With regards to financials, Mr. Henry reported that last year (FY13) the arena outperformed FY12 (the best year on record) by \$100,000 despite the lockout. They will continue to work hard to increase both activity and results. Upcoming events at the arena include three Taylor Swift shows, two hockey games and Lionel Richie. All are expected to be sell outs.

Mr. Henry continued by reporting that last year's capital projects and energy upgrades are coming to a close. SSR will attend a future meeting to summarize the work that has been done. Capital projects slated for this year include work and upgrades in 16 suites, the replacement of 500 or 25% of seats (to be done annually), and upgrades to signage and some of the dressing rooms. Total cost of these capital projects is projected to be \$825,000. Mr. Elliott added that Ms. Margaret Behm has agreed to work with Mr. Henry, Ms. Margaret Darby, and Mr. Compton on a process for the approval of Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) expenditures. More information on the process will be discussed at the October meeting.

Finally, Mr. Henry closed his report by acknowledging that Ms. Elaine Davis, long time employee and Executive Assistant to every Predators owner since the arena was built is retiring. She has been an asset to the organization and will be greatly missed. He welcomed Ms. Beth DeGrandis who will succeed Ms. Davis after her retirement on October 1.

Mr. Compton reported that the October meeting will be held at Bridgestone Arena and that following the meeting board members will be invited to tour the facility to see the projects Mr. Henry discussed as well as the south side renovations.

LP Field Report

Mr. Elliott recognized Mr. Walter Overton to give the LP Field Report. Mr. Overton reported that since the last Sports Authority meeting LP Field has hosted two preseason games and TSU's John Merritt Classic. Overall fans were informed of, and in compliance with, the NFL's new clear bag policy. LP Field will host four football games in the next three weeks (three Titans games), as well as the Sherriff Department's Toys for Tots Drive.

Mr. Overton continued by reporting that the ticket user fee currently has a cash balance of just over \$2 million. The Capital Fund balance is just under \$1.2 million and there are currently \$2.7 million of unfiled capital reimbursement requests. With regards to the LP Field Construction Project Checklist,

Mr. Overton reported that the Titans continue to replace the ceiling tile as needed and that they are continuing to monitor and evaluate the displacement of materials and the water that is washing out.

Finally, in response to a question from Coach Ed Temple, Mr. Overton reported that the John Merritt Classic's move from Saturday to Sunday was a one-time deal that the university approved and was compensated for.

There being no other business, and after announcing that Coach Temple would celebrate a birthday the following day, Chairman Elliott adjourned the meeting.