

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

Minutes of the January 16, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Bridgestone Arena  
8:30 a.m.

**Board Members:** Kim Adkins, Alfonzo Alexander, Margaret Behm, J.D. Elliott, Chuck Meriwether, Steve North, Ed Temple, Nancy Vincent, Emmett Wynn

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

**Predators/Powers Management:** Sean Henry, Gerry Helper, Beth Snider

**Titans/LP Field:** Walter Overton

**Sounds:** Brad Tammen

**Visitors:** Remick Moore (Metro General Services), Tom Turner, Russell Payne

Chairman J.D. Elliott called the meeting of the Sports Authority to order at 8:30 a.m., thanked the Predators/ Bridgestone Arena for hosting the meeting, and thanked Vice-Chair Kim Adkins for presiding over the December board meeting in his absence. Chairman Elliott reminded all present that the appeals process for decisions by the Sports Authority can be found both on the agenda and on the Authority's website. He then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Sports Authority unanimously voted to approve the minutes. Following approval of the minutes, the board, upon another motion duly made and seconded voted to approve/ratify Metro's 1.5% across the board pay increase for Sports Authority staff. Chairman Elliott noted that the pay increase was funded by the Finance Department and would have no effect on the Sports Authority's budget.**

***Executive Director Report***

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Toby Compton to give the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Compton briefly walking the Authority through the items listed on the meeting agenda, noting the news that Bridgestone Arena is rated 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for ticket sales. He additionally reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Sounds ballpark would be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Major League Baseball's Albert Pujols will be one of the special guests.

In the absence of the Convention Center Authority's Patrick Holcomb, Mr. Compton provided a brief update of Bridgestone Arena's Nissan Sobro Entrance, reporting that the official ribbon cutting for the south entrance was held on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The event, which was well attended, additionally featured the announcement that Nashville/Bridgestone Arena was selected as one of a handful of cities for Billy Joel's upcoming tour. Mr. Compton continued by stating that the south plaza looks fantastic and was delivered a little earlier than expected. Sports Authority members will have an opportunity to tour the south entrance following the meeting.

***Predators Practice Facility Update***

Following the Executive Director's Report, Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Remick Moore of Metro General Services to provide the Predators practice facility update. Mr. Moore reported that in the past 30 days the foundation has been started and they are working on storm drainage and primary power. In the next 30 days the foundation and storm drainage should be complete, the central core slab of the building will be poured, masonry walls will be erected, the pre-cast plank will be set, and work will begin on ice refrigeration and water/sewer lines. Mr. Moore additionally reported that the schedule is looking very good and that the monthly onsite meetings have begun.

### ***Bridgestone Arena Report***

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Sean Henry to give the Bridgestone Arena Report. Mr. Henry began by congratulating the Sports Authority on the arena's ranking of 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for ticket sales, stating that it is a testament to the work the board is doing. Mr. Henry reported that, in addition to Billy Joel, another big show was announced- Katy Perry. Mr. Henry reminded the board that Bridgestone Arena and David Kells have been nominated by Pollstar for Venue of the Year and Executive of the Year awards. The awards will be given out in Nashville in February.

Mr. Henry continued by reporting that the arena is experiencing another record year with revenues up 379% month over month, and up over 100% year to date. He concluded his report by stating that last year's HVAC renovation is working better than expected. The building is more comfortable, but more importantly, ice conditions have improved dramatically with 15 games receiving an ice rating of 100%. Last year only one game received an ice rating as high as 85%.

### ***LP Field Update***

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Walter Overton to give the LP Field Report. Mr. Overton reported that since the last Sports Authority meeting the Titans won their last home game and hosted a successful Music City Bowl between the Ole Miss and Georgia Tech. The Titans are excited about the arrival of new head coach Ken Whisenhunt who is already busy putting together an outstanding staff and evaluating the players.

Mr. Overton concluded by reporting that during the stretch of freezing weather some sprinkler heads burst, causing damage to some ceiling tiles. Additionally about 20 drinking fountains froze causing minimal damage. The Titans will be filing a property loss claim through Metro Insurance.

### ***LP Field Parking Contracts***

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Toby Compton to discuss the proposed amendment to the existing contract between the Sports Authority and the Nashville Downtown Partnership (NDP). Mr. Compton reported that the amendment would provide parking spaces for UBS as part of an economic development deal with the Administration. UBS bought the First Tennessee building downtown and would use approximately 600 spaces in Lot B between 6am-8pm for employees for a period of 5 years. Mr. Compton noted that there would be no financial impact for the Sports Authority. The amendment would additionally provide parking for approximately 18 months for the state employee that need to be moved while the parking garage and ballpark are being built. Employees would park in Lot D (with an option to overflow into Lot N) beginning January 27<sup>th</sup>. The anticipated need is 600-1200 spaces. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Sports Authority voted to approve the proposed amendment to the NDP contract.**

### ***Ballpark Update***

Following the agenda, Chairman Elliott next asked Mr. Compton to provide a ballpark update. Mr. Compton reported that there is a lot of excitement regarding the ballpark. Bell Construction has been chosen as the project's construction manager, and an RFP for a local architect/engineering firm to get involved and work with Gobbell Hayes will be released. Construction fencing will go up soon after the ground breaking. Brad Tammen, Sounds General Manager, expressed the team's excitement over the ballpark and thanked the Sports Authority and the community for their support.

### ***Embrey Reimbursement Agreement***

Chairman Elliott asked Mr. Compton and Ms. Margaret Darby to discuss the Embrey Reimbursement Agreement. Mr. Compton noted that the agreement was worked out primarily by Metro Finance Director Rich Riebeling and has always been contemplated. He then asked Ms. Darby to summarize the agreement for the board. Ms. Darby stated that the developer for the parcel north of the ballpark had to get its design plans approved by the State Building Commission and agree to build the building in accordance to the plans. Should modification of the design plan be needed due to an unforeseen, unexpected condition on the land causing the developer to go back to the building commission, Metro agrees to reimburse reasonable costs due to the delays suffered as a result. Mr. Compton added that it is very unlikely this would happen because over the course of the negotiations design teams for the city, Embrey, Bicentennial Mall and the State Building Commission worked very closely together to agree on what would be used and what it would look like.

Ms. Margaret Behm requested that 2(a) on Page 2 of the Resolution be modified so as to read, "The Authority agrees to reimburse Embrey upon demand...for any and all sums or damages Embrey incurs or suffers with respect to delays..." noting that the modification would more closely mirror the reference on page 1 of the resolution. Ms. Darby stated that she would discuss the modification with Embrey's attorney. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Sports Authority voted to approve the resolution with the requested modification going back to Embrey.**

### ***2014 Board Officer Elections***

Following Mr. Compton's presentation of the Ballpark Bond CT Forms which summarize the terms of the bond transactions after closing, the Sports Authority turned its attention to 2014 Officer Elections. Chairman Elliott opened the floor for nominations. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Sports Authority voted to re-elect its current slate of officers for 2014: Chair- J.D. Elliott, Vice-Chair- Kim Adkins, and Secretary/Treasurer- Cathy Bender Jackson.**

Finally, Mr. Steve North reported that, unless reappointed, his term of service is scheduled to end in February. He expressed his enjoyment of serving alongside the other members of the Authority over the past 12 years. Ms. Margaret Behm thanked Mr. North for his service, noting the benefit of his institutional knowledge to the Board.

There being no other business, the meeting of the Sports Authority adjourned.