

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: April 19, 2022 8:00 a.m.

On the above referenced date, the April meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Expo 2 at the Fairgrounds. Those in attendance were Chair Sheri Weiner, Commissioner Jasper Hendricks and Commissioner Mario Avila. Also, present were Fairgrounds Executive Director Laura Womack and Finance and Administrative Manager Satrice Allen. Metro Attorney Lora Fox was in attendance. Ed Henley with Pillars Development was present, as well as Ron Gobbell with Gobbell Hays Partners (GHP). Mary Cavarra with Nashville Soccer Club (and the Ownership Group) was also in attendance.

Chair Weiner read the legal notice and called the meeting to order. She then moved to the approval of the March meeting minutes. Commissioner Hendricks made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Avila seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were passed. She then moved to Public Comment Time.

There were no public comments. Chair Weiner then moved to the Financial Report.

Ms. Allen gave a brief financial report. Chair Weiner had a few questions about the Aging Report and then moved to the Executive Director's Report.

Director Womack gave a quick update about a few items that were going before the Metro Council. One was a 4% allocation (about \$380,000) that had been approved by Finance for a new switch gear/transformer for the speedway which was critical. The second item was the subsidy for the current year which was approved the night before for about \$780,000. She announced that Todd Hartley was nominated for one of the open Board positions and that Metro Council would be considering him at the meeting that night. Commissioner Hendricks asked if there was any update concerning the governor's 17 million dollar proposal for a facelift of the speedway. Director Womack stated that this was announced but that she did not have any news concerning this. Chair Weiner then moved to the Events Update item on the agenda.

Director Womack gave a brief update on the events coming up. Chair Weiner then moved to Old Business and the Fairgrounds Improvement Project, Stadium, Mixed Use, and Infrastructure Update item on the agenda.

Mr. Henley gave an update on the projects at the Fairgrounds. He stated that the diversity report should be finalized by the May meeting and he and Ms. Bethune would give The Board an update at that meeting. He added that there were funds allocated for the switch gear for the speedway that could be used, although no monies had been moved yet. Mr. Gobbell stated that the Infrastructure Project was going well and should be done by late summer or early fall. He added that their efforts had shifted lately to get things done around the stadium before the first soccer game. He reported that they were wrapping up the multi-purpose building. He stated that they were working on coordinating with all the different groups involved on the Fair Park Phase 2 Project, as well as coordinating with everyone around the events that were going on at the property. Ms. Cavarra gave a brief update on the stadium and reported that they were getting things finalized for the first game. She stated that they were continually working on the parking plan(s). She added that the Mixed-Use Project was going well and gave a brief update on what had been done so far. Commissioner Avila asked about tailgating and Ms. Cavarra stated that they were trying to get as much information out as possible and she would be glad to get more information out to Director Womack and to the NIAC (Neighborhood Impact Advisory Committee) group as well as Councilman Sledge. Chair Weiner then moved to the Bristol Update.

Director Womack stated that downtown was still working through the lease draft and financial analysis. Chair Weiner then moved to the Community Impact/Speedway Policy Discussion and Consideration item on the agenda.

Chair Weiner stated that in the past this agenda item had been used for the commissioners to share their thoughts and feelings and now they had the opportunity to retool this part of the meeting and offer NIAC the opportunity to appoint a representative to come and express their concerns that were more specific to the neighborhood. She then asked for a motion for this to be in place and Commissioner Avila made a motion to implement this. Commissioner Hendricks seconded, all were in favor and the motion was passed. Chair Weiner asked that Director Womack make sure that a NIAC representative be at the next Fair Board Meeting. She then moved to New Business and the Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair item on the agenda.

Chair Weiner explained that since Vice-Chair Bergeron resigned suddenly, The Board would need to vote for a Vice-Chair until the regular elections at the June meeting. Commissioner Hendricks nominated himself for Vice-Chair and Commissioner Avila seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Commissioner Hendricks then made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Avila seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Sheri Weiner

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Executive Director, Laura Womack