

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

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 21, 2022 | 10:30 am
Geodis Park - WeHo Club**

Attendees

Members: Cathy Bender (Chair), Frank Harrison (Vice-Chair), Emmett Wynn (Secretary/Treasurer), Anna Page, Dan Hogan, Don Deering, Glenn Farner, Jad Duncan, Jon Glassmeyer, Kim Adkins, Melvin Gill

Staff: Monica Fawknorton (ED), Bob Lackey, Lora Fox (Metro Legal), Melissa Wells, Valda Barksdale

Visitors: Adam English (Sounds), Arnett Bodenhamer, Bee Wilfins (SELDC), Bettye Giles (Title IX Honoree), Brad Willis (TN Sports Hall of Fame), Brandon Hill (NSC), Christopher Greer (Terracon), Cole Durio (CPS), Dinah Wells (PMC), Diamond Bell (Standup Nashville), Doug Scopel (Sounds), Eli Motycka (Nashville Scene), Erik Johannes (Mortenson), Erika Larsen (RnR Marathon), Greg McClarin (Metro Finance), Ian Ayre (Nashville SC), James Johnson (Resident), James Morrison (Barton Malow), Jim Pustejovsky (CPS), Katie Cafiero (Preds), Kellen DeLawsey (Titans), Lora Fox (Metro Legal), Mary Cavarra (Ingram), Maddie Davis (SELDC), Michell Bosch (Metro Finance), Nancy Van Reece (Metro Council), Patrick O’Leary (Terracon), Puntor Hessry (Go West Creative), Quinton Herring, Sandy Mazza, (Tennessean), Steven Boero (Sports Credential/Music Row), Tonya Hancock (Metro Council), Will Traylor (Mortensen)

Call to Order

Chair Bender called the meeting to order by welcoming all to Geodis Park’s first hosting of the board’s meeting. She thanked Geodis Park, Nashville SC, and the project construction team for a job well done in completing the beautiful soccer stadium. Chair Bender also recognized District 8 Councilmember Nancy Van Reece, District 9 Councilmember Tonya Hancock, and former board member Arnett Bodenhamer for attending the meeting today.

Consider Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2022 Meeting

Chair Bender asked if there were additions or corrections to the March 10, 2022 meeting minutes. **There being none, upon a motion made by Director Adkins and seconded by Director Hogan, the board approved the minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting.**

Title IX Spotlight: Bettye Giles, Former Women’s Athletics Director, UT Martin

As part of the Board’s continued celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Title IX, ED Fawknorton welcomed Title IX Spotlight honoree Bettye Giles, a former coach, professor and athletics administrator who served the University Tennessee at Martin for more than 40 years. Ms. Giles, a Clarksville native, was recommended for the Spotlight by Brad Willis, President of the TN Sports Hall of Fame (TSHF); she was inducted into the TSHF as part of the class of 2012. Directors Gill and Page read a resolution honoring Ms. Giles for her many notable accomplishments including starting the volleyball and basketball programs at UT Martin and as the founder of the Tennessee College Women’s Sports Federation. A video honoring Ms. Giles’ achievement followed and included comments and tributes from friends and former colleagues. The celebration concluded with an interview of Ms. Giles conducted by Director Adkins. During the interview Ms. Giles shared many fond memories of growing

up an only child in Clarksville and playing many sports with other boys in the community. Her career started as the PE supervisor for the Montgomery County School District followed by an Undergrad Assistantship appointment at UT Knoxville. Later, during her tenure at UT Martin and after Title IX became prevalent, Ms. Giles stated she felt that something had to be done to ensure women were given equal student athletic opportunities. She started the movement “Let’s Do Something About It” in Tennessee which helped to usher in scholarships and equal opportunities for female student athletics.

Executive Director’s Report

Chair Bender recognized ED Fawknorton to provide the Executive Director’s report. After briefly summarizing the meeting’s agenda, ED Fawknorton reported that the roof repairs at First Horizon Park have been delayed due to supply chain issues, however the work is now on track to be completed within a few weeks.

ED Fawknorton further reported that after five years of service to the Sports Authority, Quinton Herring has joined the private sector for an exciting new career opportunity. Staff is working with Metro Human Resources to fill the position. Chair Bender echoed ED Fawknorton’s comments, adding that Quinton was truly an asset and his talents will be missed.

Finance Committee Report

Consider Approval of a Resolution approving the FY23 Capital Plan for First Horizon Park

Chair Bender recognized Finance Chair Jon Glassmeyer to give the Finance Committee Report. Director Glassmeyer reported that during the Finance Committee meeting earlier, the Titans presented updates on various projects that are underway at Nissan Stadium. With regards to First Horizon Park’s FY23 Capital Plan, he reported that, despite the Sports Authority/Metro being contractually obligated to fund ballpark Capital Expenses, MFP Baseball’s ownership has self-funded capital improvements during the first seven years of First Horizon Park’s existence. For FY23 the Sounds seek funding from the Sports Authority for replacement of Club Level Seats. Director Fawknorton noted that the lease agreement between the Sounds and the Sports Authority requires the Sounds to present an annual Capital Plan beginning in the seventh years after substantial completion of the ballpark. Given they are in year seven, moving forward they will present capital plans annually. The lease agreements states that the Authority cannot unreasonably withhold approval of the Plan.

Continuing his report, Director Glassmeyer stated that the Finance Committee voted earlier to recommend approval of the resolution. **Upon a motion made by Director Deering and seconded by Director Hogan, the board approved the Resolution approving the FY23 Capital Plan for First Horizon Park. As noted in the Finance Committee Meeting, it was stated that approval of the Plan by the Authority does not ensure funding by Metro Finance, the Mayor’s Office, or the Metro Council.**

Nissan Stadium

Chair Bender shared that the Board is in conversations with the Titans to select a date and time for a special called meeting where they will present an update on Nissan Stadium. Tentative dates are sometime in early May; the Sports Authority staff will send out notices once a date has been confirmed.

Consider Approval of a Resolution authorizing the Sports Authority to enter into a license agreement with Competitor Group, Inc. (“Competitor”) to use Nissan Stadium for its Rock “N” Roll Marathon

Chair Bender recognized ED Fawknatson to share an overview of the Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon. ED Fawknatson reported that each year Competitor Group rents parking lots at Nissan Stadium at a cost of \$10,000 for race day and the days leading up to the race. Lots will be utilized as follows:

Mon April 18th 2022 Lot Skinny A – Operations Compound (Fencing, Trailers, Event Supplies & Equipment)

Tues April 19th 2022 Lot Skinny A – Operations Compound (Fencing, Trailers, Event Supplies and Equipment, Penske Trucks, Portos)

Wed April 20th 2022

Lots Skinny A, G, M, H, K, P

Lot Skinny A – Operations Compound (Fencing, Trailers, Event Supplies and Equipment, Penske Trucks, Portos)

Lots G & M – Finish Line/Secure Zone/Medical (Tents, tables, chairs)

Lot H, K – Finish Line Festival (stage, tents, VIP, beer garden)

Lot P – Water Station Compound

Thurs April 21st 2022

Lots Skinny A, G, M, H, K, P, N

Lot Skinny A – Operations Compound (Fencing, Trailers, Event Supplies and Equipment, Penske Trucks, Portos)

Lots G & M – Finish Line/Secure Zone/Medical (Tents, tables, chairs)

Lot H, K – Finish Line Festival (stage, tents, VIP, beer garden)

Lot P – Water Station Compound

Lot N – Traffic Control Staging

Fri April 22nd 2022

Lots Skinny A, G, M, H, K, P

Lot Skinny A – Operations Compound (Fencing, Trailers, Event Supplies and Equipment, Penske Trucks, Portos)

Lots G & M – Finish Line/Secure Zone/Medical (Tents, tables, chairs)

Lot H, K – Finish Line Festival (stage, tents, VIP, beer garden)

Lot P – Water Station Compound

Lot N – Traffic Control Staging

Sat April 23rd 2022

Lots Skinny A, G, M, H, K, P, J, A, B, C, D, E, F, R, N, T
Lot Skinny A – Operations Compound (Fencing, Trailers, Event Supplies and Equipment, Penske Trucks, Portos)
Lots G & M – Finish Line/Secure Zone/Medical (Tents, tables, chairs)
Lot H, K – Finish Line Festival (stage, tents, VIP, beer garden)
Lot P – Water Station Compound
LOT J – Band Parking
Lots A, B, C, D, E, F R – Participant, Spectator, Volunteer, VIP Parking
Lot N – Traffic Control Company staging
Lot T – Rideshare and shuttle pickup/drop off

Sun April 24th 2022

Lots Skinny A, H, A, B, C, D, R
Lot Skinny A – Operations Compound (Fencing, Trailers, Event Supplies and Equipment, Penske Trucks, Portos)
Lot H – KiDS Rock/1 mile/doggie dash activation & pre-race staging area
Lot H – **LOAD OUT** Finish Line Festival (stage, tents, VIP, beer garden)
Lots A, B, C, D, R – Participant, Spectator and Volunteer Parking

Mon April 25th 2022

Lot Skinny A – Operations Compound **LOAD OUT**

Chair Bender asked if there were questions or discussion regarding Approval of the Competitor Group’s Resolution. **There being none, upon a motion made by Director Glassmeyer and seconded by Director Gill, the board approved the Resolution authorizing the Sports Authority to enter into a license agreement with Competitor Group, Inc. (“Competitor”) to use Nissan Stadium for its Rock “N” Roll Marathon.**

Facility Questions

Director Farner requested clarification of discussions during the 9:30 a.m. Finance Committee meeting regarding First Horizon Park being less than six years of age and the necessity for substantial roof repairs. He particularly questioned the roof repairs, roof damage that did not result from storms and whether the materials utilized were inferior. He also questioned whether the insurance would cover the storm damages.

ED Fawknorton responded that there was not a fault in the materials and some of the damage was covered by insurance. However, she continued, the damage found to be caused by bullets discovered during the insurance company’s inspection is not covered by the insurance policy. The initial repair cost was estimated at over \$100k but has been substantially lowered to about \$60k. Jim Pustejovsky with CPS reiterated that most of the damage was related to storm damage and bullet holes in the roof. Additionally, he continued, about two weeks ago leaks were found following a heavy rainstorm. Baker Roofing has been called back out to perform a water test to determine the origin of the leaks. With regards to the roof, sealant has been replaced between the masonry and the roof is now in good condition.

Director Gill questioned whether any of the roof issues are still under warranty to which Mr. Pustejovsky replied no, since the recent leaks resulted from the bullet holes.

Director Deering stated that it is Metro's responsibility to inspect the roof annually and we need to ensure that we are proactive in examining the roof accordingly. ED Fawknorton requested Lora Fox, Metro Legal, to review the lease and determine whether there is an annual inspection stipulation, but noted that, to date, staff and Legal have not found this requirement in the Lease. Ms. Fawknorton continued by stating that repairs to the roof are solely the responsibility of the Sports Authority/Metro Government

Chair Bender agreed that further investigation is necessary to obtain more insight on the roles and responsibilities of the Sports Authority and whether there is any insurance that might align with covering the cost.

Geodis Park Infrastructure Report

Chair Bender recognized CPS Project Managers Jim Pustejovsky and Cole Durio for the Geodis Park Infrastructure report. Mr. Pustejovsky noted that the visible work underway on the property is the infrastructure project located at Wedgewood Avenue, Benton Avenue and Craighead Street. The project includes new utilities, paving, hardscape as well as landscape. Nearly 60% of dollars spent on the project, he stated, are allocated to Wedgewood Avenue (including a new bridge over Brown's Creek) and 36% towards Benton Avenue (primarily utilities). In tracking the Bond Fund Status, approximately \$16m has been invoiced and there have been 35 change order requests. The project is within budget and should be completed sometime in August.

Continuing his report, Mr. Pustejovsky noted that the SMWDBE status is ahead of target under each category. There are 34 firms working on the project thus far and construction expenditures spent to date is slightly over \$2m. Bell Construction's target from Metro Procurement's Business Assistance Office (BAO) is 15%; Bell is currently at 19%. The project is trending higher than the established targets.

Opening game day project requirements have been completed including construction on the Western portion of Benton Avenue; fencing installed around active portions of the construction site, and the installation of a temporary pedestrian crossing on Wedgewood Avenue and Rains Avenue to facilitate public access to Geodis Park.

Upcoming activities include bridge construction, installation of underground utility, and Benton Avenue asphalt binder course.

Mr. Durio shared photos and a drone video of the sight which included aerials views of the widening construction of Wedgewood Avenue currently underway. He noted that the drone tour was recorded last week and that it gives a good visual of completed tasks near the park. The focus of the construction team has shifted to areas closer to the stadium to accommodate the May 1 game day opening. For safety measures, he continued, fencing encircles all construction area sites and will not be accessible to the public. Director Adkins questioned

whether the location of WeGo Public Transportation drop-off/pick-up areas are ADA accessible to the park. Mr. Durio stated that they are near Wedgewood and Benton Avenue, within walking distance to the park.

Geodis Park/Nashville SC Report

Consider Approval of a Resolution approving the naming of certain areas of the Soccer Stadium pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement between the Sports Authority and Walsh Management

Chair Bender recognized Ingram Industries CFO Mary Cavarra for the Geodis Park/Nashville SC report. Ms. Cavarra began her report with the display of photos showing key construction updates including the newly installed team logo, pitch installation and aerial views of Geodis Park. She further reported that in late March the stadium received its final Use and Occupancy Permit. Final construction activities include installation of the exterior banner and stadium sponsorship signage, both of which are 90% complete. Additionally, she reported, final construction costs are trending favorably within budget and the project team is on track for the May 1 home game opener.

Ms. Cavarra presented a request for approval of the naming of two premium clubs: the Geodis WeHo Club and the LoSiento Goal Post Club. LoSiento is a Los Angeles based Tequila brand; Nashville will be its first market outside of California.

Chair Bender asked if there were questions or discussion regarding approval of the resolution naming rights for the two premium clubs. Director Hogan questioned the meaning of “LoSiento” to which Ms. Cavarra responded it translates to, “I am Sorry”.

There being no further questions nor discussions, upon a motion made by Director Adkins and seconded by Director Farner, the board approved the Resolution to name two premium club areas as the Geodis WEHO Club and LoSiento Goal Post Club.

In the absence of Carol Greenlee, Ms. Cavarra reported that there have been no injuries since the last meeting and safety continues to be a very strong priority. With over 900 project hours there has been only one recordable injury of a broken finger and the employee was able to return to work later that same day.

Ms. Cavarra further reported DBE tracking at approximately 36% of applicable spend- in excess of the 30% contractual requirement. She noted Forty-nine percent of labor hours were performed by women and minorities and 6k jobs have been created.

Glenn Farner asked for clarity regarding the statement that the numbers are tilting slightly towards budget. Ms. Cavarra reported that the final numbers will be available at a later date; however, she is confident that cost will not exceed budget and there is no anticipation of cost overruns. Director Gill requested clarity regarding distance of the WeGo stops from the stadium. Ms. Cavarra replied that WeGo previously developed two stops for various Fairground events and the Geodis Park team is working to ensure there are golf carts/shuttles for ADA accessibility.

Ian Ayre, CEO Nashville Soccer Club shared a video of the Geodis Park construction journey from start to today which included players on the field. He reported that nearly 22k season tickets have been sold and the premium spaces are sold out. The goal is to create a welcoming experience for all, particularly children and families, including ticket prices starting at \$12. All of the concourse food outlets are either a Nashville or Tennessee brand excluding those operated by Geodis Park. Mr. Ayre reported that access to the park includes Off-Campus Parking, Rideshare, WeGo, Shuttles, Bicycles Scooters and Walking Paths. Additionally, he shared Nashville SC is working with parking management companies and anticipates those relationships will grow over time for those willing to work within the controlled systems of our organization. The inaugural games will be challenging and the team encourages fans to come early and plan their day accordingly particularly for the May 1 opening game which sold out in twenty minutes.

Mr. Ayre praised the Nashville Soccer Club's record and noted that the team has the most road wins of any team in the West and is tied with NYRB for the most road wins. Additionally, he added, the team ended two seasons with a presence in the conference semi-finals. Director Adkins inquired about the health of goalie Joe Willis following a cleat-to-the-face injury which Mr. Ayre responded he is well and in good spirits. Director Adkins further inquired about whether the stadium will be cashless to which Mr. Ayre replied cash can be preloaded on cards at the box office for use throughout the stadium. The actual Point of Sale venues are all cashless. Clear bag policies will be similar to other venues and new technology will allow tens of fans to walk through the gates without being physically searched or needing to have items removed from their pockets. There will be large screens for events outside the park as well as reversed bathrooms for pre-game activities outside the park.

Brandon Hill, Community Engagement NSC shared that the organization is intentional about its three pillars of engaging with, investing in and impacting the community. NSC has engaged 60+ community partners, donated \$170k in community investments and launched a kick start reading/literacy program with 200 students who have logged over 600 hours of reading time. Youth engagement, diversity equity inclusion, community health & wellness and bringing community members to the games are major focus areas Mr. Hill reported.

In closing, Chair Bender reminded the Authority that staff will communicate the plan for a Special Called Meeting once the meeting date has been confirmed. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m. on May 19, 2022 at First Horizon Park.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, The Metro Sports Authority

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