

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: December 12, 2023 4:00 p.m.

On the above referenced date, the December meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held at the Fairgrounds in Expo 2. Those in attendance were Chair Jasper Hendricks, Vice-Chair Todd Hartley, and Commissioner Anthony Owens who arrived later. Commissioner Diego Eguiarte was not present. Also, in attendance from the Fairgrounds was Executive Director Laura Womack. Metro Attorney's Terri Costonis and Erica Haber were present. Ron Gobbell and David Hickinbotham from GHP were in attendance as well as Ed Henley with Pillars Development. Lindsey Paola with the Nashville Soccer Club was present. Dirk Melton with Market Street Enterprises and Bob Sargent with Track Enterprises were in attendance as well.

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order and read the legal notice. There was no quorum yet, so Chair Hendricks moved the approval of the minutes to later in the meeting. There was no public comment time at this meeting. There was also no Financial Update this month since Ms. Satrice Allen was not able to be at the meeting. Therefore, Chair Hendricks then moved to the Events Update to include campus partners item on the agenda.

Director Womack gave a brief report and added that there was no soccer or racing schedule yet. Ms. Paola gave an update and added that they should have a soccer schedule by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Hendricks then moved to the Update on capital projects including infrastructure, Fair Park, and mixed-use development item on the agenda.

Mr. Henley gave an update on the financials of each of the Fairground's projects. Mr. Gobbell introduced David Hickinbotham with GHP. Mr. Hickinbotham and Mr. Gobbell both gave a brief construction report. Vice-Chair Hartley thanked them for the Projects Development Draft Schedule in their packets and asked that they continue to give updated documents. Mr. Melton gave his mixed-use report. There were a few questions for Mr. Gobbell and Mr. Melton. Chair Hendricks then gave Mr. Sargent the floor going back to the Events Update to include campus partners item on the agenda.

Mr. Sargent gave a quick report about the speedway and there were a couple of questions from the Board. Chair Hendricks then moved to the approval of the minutes.

Chair Hendricks stated that there were 3 sets of minutes to approve. He then called for a motion to approve (reapprove) the August meeting minutes, the October meeting minutes (last regular meeting), and the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat meeting. Vice-Chair Hartley stated, "*So moved*". Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and all three sets of minutes passed. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Executive Director's Report.

Director Womack gave her report. She also mentioned that a fee study draft was ready and that in January a consultant would do a presentation at the meeting. There was some discussion and questions about this. Chair Hendricks asked that they receive the report before the January meeting, if possible. Director Womack also mentioned that they might need to move the February meeting up a week for budget preparation reasons.

At this point, Ms. Costonis addressed some of the questions and points that were brought up at the board retreat concerning the obligations of the Board about the track conditions, safety, ADA compliance, and aesthetics if that might keep races from occurring. Vice-Chair Hartley stated that they needed to know their minimum or floor responsibilities. Director Womack stated that she would reach out to General Services as soon as possible for a site visit for some potential help.

Chair Hendricks then asked for a motion to adjourn, and Vice-Chair Hartley stated, “*So moved*”. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Jasper Hendricks

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Executive Director, Laura Womack