

# ARENA CONVENTION/ENTERTAINMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2009

8:00 am

Members Present: Kevin Garry, Jan Grunewaldt, and Lee Otis

Members Absent: Susan Scott, Teri Ellis-Schmidt, Mike Begeman and Mike Luce

Guests/Staff: Russ DeCurtins (SMG), Lori Schnell (SMG - Arena), Scott Kavanaugh (Convention Center), Mike Cooper (City of Sioux Falls), Jim Woster (Event Center Task Force)

1. Jim Woster with the Event Center Task Force attended the meeting to update the Board on the progress of the Task Force. They plan to have more meetings with the community. They also plan to meet with other cities to get support in sponsoring a bill that would allow communities a say as to what to do with their tax structure. The timeline is to have the project on the 2010 General Election Ballot and the building would be built three years later.
2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes  
Meeting minutes were not approved due to a lack of a quorum.
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda  
No additions or deletions.
4. Unfinished Business
  - A. Event Updates
    1. Arena (Russ DeCurtins)  
The Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Arena, which includes Skyforce on February 28, March 3, 5, 27 & 28, Stampede on February 25, 27, March 4, 17 & 25, NWA Wrestling on March 1, Summit League Basketball Tournament on March 7-10, Sportmen's Show on March 12 – 15, Boys State "AA" Basketball Tournament on March 19-21, Alan Jackson on March 26, Harlem Globetrotters on April 6, Shrine Circus on April 23-26 and Daniel O'Donnell on August 22. Orpheum Theater events include the Plaza Suite on February 27 – March 1, Bob & Tom Comedy All Stars on March 13, Russell Malone Quartet on March 14 and Blue Note Records 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 25.
  - B. Event Updates
    2. Convention Center (Ali Brackett)  
The Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Convention Center which include the Golf Expo on February 28 - March 1, Home Show on March 6-8, Sportsman Show on March 13-15, the Lawn & Garden Show on March 20-22, Saturday for Me on March 28, Taste of Elegance on March 29, Central Plains Dairy Expo on March 31 – April 2, ETC for Her Women's Expo on April 4, South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame on April 4 and National Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 25.
  - C. Financial Report (Scott Kavanaugh)
    1. Convention Center Financial Report (Scott Kavanaugh)  
The Board was presented with the Convention Center budget that is actual through January.
    2. Arena (Russ DeCurtins)  
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5. New Business

City Report – (Mike Cooper)

The RFP has gone out for the Arena and Orpheum Theater Management contract. The deadline to turn in proposals is March 19, 2009.

Mike Cooper informed the Board the Photo Artwork project for the Convention Center meeting rooms has been turned over to Global. Scott Kavanaugh will do a progress report at the March meeting.

Mike Cooper stated that State Law allows us to add \$2.00 to room tax in our community. He requested that Teri Ellis-Schmidt talk about that at the next meeting.

The Arena, Convention Center and CVB have developed a plan for the Arena Convention Entertainment Board Annual Report and it will be brought to the March meeting.

6. Behind the Scenes

Arena

Russ DeCurtins informed the Board that tickets for the Globetrotters were donated to the David Mann Benefit and they raised \$350.00. They had another bidder that would match that donation so the Arena donated another packet of tickets.

Convention Center

Scott Kavanaugh stated that Ali Brackett is leaving the Convention Center at the end of this week.

7. Adjournment

The meeting ended.

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Recording Secretary

CC: Board Members  
Sioux Falls Mayor  
City Council Members  
Argus Leader