

ARENA CONVENTION/ENTERTAINMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2009

8:00 am

Members Present: Kevin Garry, Teri Ellis-Schmidt, Susan Scott, Mike Luce, Jan Grunewaldt and Lee Otis

Members Absent: Mike Begeman

Guests/Staff: Russ DeCurtins (SMG), Lori Schnell (SMG - Arena), Scott Kavanaugh (Convention Center) and Krista Orsack (Convention Center)

1. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Teri Ellis-Schmidt and seconded by Lee Otis to approve the minutes of April 22, 2009. Yeses, Kevin Garry, Teri Ellis-Schmidt, Susan Scott, Mike Luce, Jan Grunewaldt and Lee Otis, 6, Noes, none.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions or deletions.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Event Updates

1. Arena (Russ DeCurtins)

The Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Arena, which includes the Argus Leader RibFest on May 28-31, Storm on May 9, 16, June 13, 20 and July 11, Daniel O'Donnell on August 22 and Timberwolves Preseason Game on October 23. Orpheum Theater upcoming events include the Dance Gallery Spring Recital on May 29 & 30, Physical Graffiti: A Tribute to Led Zeppelin on June 12 & 13 and USD Playhouse Presents "Man of La Mancha" on June 19-21.

B. Event Updates

2. Convention Center (Scott Kavanaugh)

The Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Convention Center which includes the Eide Bailly on June 1-5, US Food Service on June 1-2, Petersen/Boyer Reception and Jutting/Swartzbaugh Reception on June 6, Pizza Ranch on June 8-10, Altell Wireless on June 9 and June 15-17, Rich Dad's Stock on June 11-13, Schmichael/Maroney Reception on June 12, Mandel/Lauck Reception and Olson/Roberts Reception on June 13, Pioneer Hi-Bred on June 15-16, First Premier Bank on June 16-17, SD Assoc of Healthcare Orgs on June 18, Veterans of Foreign Affairs on June 18-21, Miller/Hanson reception on June 20, Mrs. South Dakota Pageant on June 20, Good Samaritan on June 21-25, Convention & Visitors Bureau on June 25, Comes/Foos Reception on June 27, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on July 8-10, Children's Home Society on July 10-12, Raven Industries on July 15-16, US Navy Sea Bees on July 17-18, Izaak Walton League of America on July 17-26, Fieldsend Wedding on July 18, Becvar/Estabrook Reception July 25, Kruger Seed July 28-29 and United Way July 29.

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 April.

2. Arena (Russ DeCurtins)

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5. New Business

CVB Report (Teri Ellis-Schmidt)

The summer is very busy with activities. Visit www.siouxfallevts.com for a full calendar of events.

The Arena, CVB and Convention Center annual report was distributed and discussed. This report will be presented to the City Council.

The Department of Transportation has decided to not allow any organization to be at rest stops to greet incoming travelers.

It was discussed that a Visitor's Center needs to be built either on North Cliff or I29 – I90 intersection.

City Report (Mike Cooper)

Two proposals were turned in for the Arena and Orpheum Management and are being analyzed. It is expected that the City will make a decision before the next Board meeting.

The Event Center Task Force has hired Convention Sports & Leisure to do a financial analysis. They are working on legislation to enact an additional sales tax to help finance this project.

Jan Grunewaldt's term ends this month and Kraig Pomrenke has been appointed to the board. Mike Luce is moving to the Airport Authority Board and Tom VanWyhe had been appointed to replace Mike.

The City needs to determine how many times a request for shuttle services will be needed for upcoming events. Russ DeCurtins requested that a covered bus stop be created on West and Bailey.

Nomination Committee

Susan Scott and Teri Ellis-Schmidt were chosen to bring recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair to the June 24th Board meeting.

6. Old Business

Convention Center Art Sales (Scott Kavanaugh)

They have coordinated with the City and were given a list of who have already committed to sponsoring some of the pictures. They will bring this report to the next Board meeting.

7. Behind the Scenes

Arena and Orpheum Annual Report (Russ DeCurtins)

The Sioux Falls Arena and Orpheum Theater Center 2008 Year End Report was distributed to the Board members.

Russ DeCurtins stated that the State is creating a Boxing Commission to be able to hold mixed martial arts and boxing events in the State of South Dakota.

Russ DeCurtins stated that the Skyforce and Stampede schedule will be completed by June 1st.

Russ DeCurtins stated that the Sports Authority has submitted bids for the 2011 & 2012 Summit League Tournaments.

Teri Ellis-Schmidt and Mayor Dave Munson will be judges for the Critical Judging at RibFest.

Russ DeCurtins and Scott Kavanaugh presented Jan Grunewaldt with a plaque for her 10 years of service on the Arena Convention Entertainment Board.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Lee Otis and seconded by Mike Luce to adjourn the meeting. Yeses, Teri Ellis-Schmidt, Susan Scott, Mike Luce, Jan Grunewaldt and Lee Otis, 5, Noes, none.

Recording Secretary

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