

MINUTES
for the
Arena/Convention/Entertainment Board
January 25, 2012
8:00 a.m.

Sioux Falls Arena – Board Room
1201 North West Avenue
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(City Staff liaison: Mike Cooper – 367-8888)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Garry, Ben Arndt, Michael Ness, Ryan Pidde, Mike Begeman and Tom VanWyhe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Teri Ellis-Schmidt

GUESTS/STAFF: Terry Torkildson (SMG/Arena), Lori Schnell (SMG/Arena), Kraig Pomrenke (Global/Convention Center), Jill Hericks (Global/Convention Center), Mike Cooper (City of Sioux Falls), Russ Sorenson (City of Sioux Falls) and Mike Heineman (Skyforce)

Tom VanWyhe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

ITEM 3. REVIEW & ACTION of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Kevin Garry and seconded by Mike Begeman to approve the November 23, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Yeses, Kevin Garry, Ben Arndt, Michael Ness, Ryan Pidde, Mike Begeman and Tom VanWyhe, 6, Noes, none.

ITEM 4. REVIEW of Arena and Convention Center Event Updates

Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Arena which includes Stampede, Skyforce and Storm schedules, Monster Trucks on January 28, Disney Live! Three Classic Fairy Tales on February 12, 2012, Summit League Basketball Tournament on March 3-6, Kelly Clarkson on March 12, Harlem Globetrotters on April 5, Trans-Siberian Orchestra on April 15 and Casting Crowns on April 20.

Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Convention Center which include Dakota Horizons Girl Scouts Cookie Rally on January 28, Scheels on January 29, Dale Carnegie Training on January 31, February 7, 14 & 21, Mohawk Industries on January 31 – February 1, SF Catholic on February 3-4, SF Lutheran on February 4, Winterfest of Wheels on February 10-12, SD Corn Growers Assoc. on February 14-15, Midwest Tire & Muffler and Avera Health ECare Conference on February 16-17, CD Aviation Services on February 20, Tri-State Convention on February 21-23, American Heart Association on February 22-23 and Avera Rural Leadership Conference on February 23-24.

ITEM 5. REVIEW of Arena and Convention Center Financial Reports

The Board discussed the Arena and Convention Center budget that were actual through December 2011.

ITEM 6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Skyforce 2011/2012 Season

Mike Heineman, Skyforce Owner/President, updated the Board on their season. They have acquired Patrick Ewing Jr. to play on their team. February 11, 2012, will be Military Night. Attendance has been low so far this year and they are working hard to increase it.

B. Draft 2011 Annual Report

A motion was made by Ryan Pidde and seconded by Kevin Garry to approve the 2011 Annual Report. Motion carried. Yeses, Kevin Garry, Ben Arndt, Michael Ness, Ryan Pidde, Mike Begeman and Tom VanWyhe, 6, Noes, none.

C. Draft 2012 Work Program Goals

The Work Program Goals were handed out and discussed. Approval of the Work Program was tabled until the February meeting.

D. Event Center Update

Mike Cooper stated that the City is meeting about the design development and want to have it completed by the first part of May. They will hold a public open house in March to display the developments.

A citizen advisory group has been organized to work with the City on the interior design of the new Events Center.

The City has begun a development plan for the Russell Street to Minnesota Avenue to Westport Avenue to Sanford Sports Complex area to develop hotels, restaurants and other businesses in this area. The City ~~will also hold~~ has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, with the West Sioux Neighborhood residences and business property owners to update them on the development plans. The neighborhood meeting will be held in Rooms 8–10 of the Convention Center, 1101 North West Avenue.

E. Update on Management Selection Process

Mike Cooper informed the Board that Crossroads Consulting Services has been hired to develop the RFP for the Management selection process. The RFP will be out the beginning of March with a 30 day response time. Interviews will begin mid April and the selection process will be completed by the end of May.

Tom VanWyhe left the meeting.

Kevin Garry questioned what the role of the Board will be with the new Event Center and suggested having the Board Chair discuss this with the Mayor.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was given.

ITEM 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 8:00 a.m. in the Arena Conference Room.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kevin Garry and seconded by Ryan Pidde to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Yeses, Kevin Garry, Ben Arndt, Michael Ness, Ryan Pidde and Mike Begeman , 5, Noes, none.

Handouts for January 25, 2012 Meeting includes:

- January 25, 2012 Agenda
- November 23, 2011 Meeting Minutes
- Event Updates
- Financial Reports
- Draft 2011 Annual Report
- Draft 2012 Work Program

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