



AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 27, 2021; 12:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Call: 779-774-4672; PIN 0314

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Craig Thomas Michael Schirger Rudy Valdez
John Phelps Tom Walsh
Mike Dunn Martesha Brown

Board Members Absent: Howie Heaton

Others Present: Tim Rollins, Attorney
Alderman Frank Beach
Alderman Chad Tuneberg
Tony Cima, SVP ASM Global
Beth Howard, Executive Director, Friends of the Coronado

Staff Present: Gretchen Gilmore; Interim General Manager/Director of Finance, BMO Harris Bank Center
Mike Walsh; Director of Operations, BMO Harris Bank Center
Jackie Powers; Finance Coordinator/RAVE Board Secretary, BMO Harris Bank Center

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Craig Thomas states due to the current pandemic we are not able to meet in person. These minutes are being recorded and made available to the public.

MINUTES – The minutes from the December 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

MOTION: To approve the December 16, 2020 minutes made by Rudy Valdez, second by Mike Dunn. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Mike Dunn, Martesha Brown, John Phelps, Michael Schirger, Craig Thomas, Rudy Valdez, Tom Walsh.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance** **Mr. Tom Walsh, Chair**

Tom Walsh defers to the Treasurer's report.

- **Executive** **Mr. Craig Thomas, Chair**

Craig Thomas informs the Board that the Rockford Register Star is doing a story on the 40th anniversary of the opening of the BMO arena.

- **Davis Park** **Mr. Tom Walsh, Chair**

No report at this time.

- **Coronado** **Mr. Craig Thomas, Chair**

Martasha Brown states she and Beth Howard have been working closely with 8-10 community members and coordinating feedback and exploring opportunities for greater diversity inclusion. They are developing commitment statements with tactics to follow. Beth Howard states there has been a great deal of enlightening information brought forward. Gretchen Gilmore states there has been positive progress for changing perceptions and engaging diverse communities with downtown activities. Craig Thomas suggests it is time to loop Michael Schirger in to the advisory group to adopt changes in policies and practices going forward. Gretchen Gilmore informs that ASM is providing diversity and inclusion training. Martasha Brown states that she hopes this becomes an agenda item in the future to keep the topic moving forward.

- **Governance** **Mr. Tim Rollins, Attorney**

No report at this time.

- **Program Advisory Group** **Mr. Michael Schirger, Chair**

No report at this time.

- **Capital Improvement** **Mr. John Phelps, Chair**

John Phelps defers to General manager's report.

APPOINTMENT – Jackie Powers appointed as Board Secretary and FOIA Officer with Gretchen Gilmore appointed as Assistant Board Secretary and FOIA Officer.

Tim Rollins instructs motions be made to approve new Board Secretary and FOIA Officer and assistant. Gretchen Gilmore states Jackie Powers will be interim secretary until a replacement can be found and Gretchen Gilmore will be the assistant.

MOTION: To approve Jackie Powers as Board Secretary and Gretchen Gilmore as Assistant Board Secretary made by Tom Walsh, second by Mike Dunn. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Mike Dunn, Martesha Brown, John Phelps, Michael Schirger, Craig Thomas, Rudy Valdez, Tom Walsh

MOTION: To approve Jackie Powers as FOIA Officer and Gretchen Gilmore as Assistant FOIA Officer made by Mike Dunn, second by Martesha Brown. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Mike Dunn, Martesha Brown, John Phelps, Michael Schirger, Craig Thomas, Rudy Valdez, Tom Walsh

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Mr. Tom Walsh, Treasurer**

Tom Walsh defers to Gretchen Gilmore. Gretchen Gilmore states December financials look good in comparison to last December due to our cost mitigations. She states we have stopped recording naming rights and we will be splitting some of our sponsorships in this shortened hockey season. Current revenue is from subsidy and some store sales. Gretchen Gilmore also states that salaries are higher in December due to a maternity leave and coverage of that leave and reactivating Mike Peck but that expenses are still being kept to

a minimum. Gretchen Gilmore states receipt of a revised BearCom proposal and that Motorola is now involved. Tom Walsh states that Alderman Frank Beach brought up collaborating and integrating with the local police, thereby involving Motorola and this could lead to enhanced benefit for the security system. Craig Thomas clarifies that Chicago Blackhawks will share in the season responsibilities and sponsorships.

MOTION: To approve the December 2020 financials made by Tom Walsh, second by Martesha Brown. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Mike Dunn, Martesha Brown, John Phelps, Michael Schirger, Craig Thomas, Rudy Valdez, Tom Walsh

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT – Mrs. Gretchen Gilmore, Interim GM

Gretchen Gilmore states IceHogs Teddy Bear toss happened in December. Three cars at a time were let into the building and were able to toss their Teddy Bear into a hockey goal. The event was busy all day and the fans loved it. The players returned to the building in January. Security is back in the building and there are new testing protocols. Everyone in the building is using an app to report daily health screenings and we are taking temperatures in the building as well. The players are operating in a bubble with restricted access in the building. While there are no fans allowed at this time it is a good start to opening the building in the future. There was an AHL Board of Governors call on January 4th to discuss the season and determine teams and travel. Our division has changed swapping Texas for Cleveland. We have worked out an agreement with the Chicago Blackhawks to cover expenses and share sponsorships. We are actively reaching out to sponsors for the season. BMO Harris Bank is the broadcast sponsor and is providing free AHL TV subscriptions to season ticket holders. Games will be available locally on Antenna TV channel 23.2. Gretchen Gilmore also provided an update on COVID grants. Initially grants were through December 31, 2020, but federal grants have already been extended and state grants should follow as well. We have already received about \$500K of \$1.8M and are working on submitting more reimbursements. A new opportunity called the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant could be up to 45% of gross revenue from 2019. Gretchen Gilmore is waiting for the grant to be rolled out and states we will want to apply right away in the first round.

COUNSEL’S REPORT – Attorney Tim Rollins

None at this time.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Mr. Craig Thomas

Craig Thomas thanks everyone for making themselves available and states a special board meeting did not happen in December due to the attentions of Gretchen Gilmore, the Chicago Blackhawks, and Gordon Kaye needing to be on the return to play and building readiness but that the issues will resume going forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT – The Authority Board adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

***MOTION:** To adjourn made by Rudy Valdez, second by Martesha Brown. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Mike Dunn, Martesha Brown, John Phelps, Michael Schirger, Craig Thomas, Rudy Valdez, Tom Walsh*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Powers, Authority Board Secretary/ FOIA Officer