



AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 23, 2021; 12:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

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

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Alderman Frank Beach
Alderman Chad Tuneberg
Harry Cann; Regional Vice President, ASM Global
Tim Rollins, Attorney
Beth Howard; Executive Director, Friends of the Coronado
Paul Nolley; Executive Director, Project First Rate

Staff Present: Gretchen Gilmore; General Manager, 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. Craig Thomas states the call for today's meeting needs to end by 12:30 due to a scheduled call with the Chicago Blackhawks regarding finalization of the team sale. Craig Thomas informs the board the AHL will approve the sale at their meeting on July 1, 2021. Craig Thomas advises the board he would like to resume in-person board meetings in July 2021 and that at that point there can be no telephonic attendance.

MINUTES – The minutes from the May 26, 2021, meeting were reviewed and approved.

MOTION: To approve the May 26, 2021, minutes made by Mike Dunn, second by Michael Schirger. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Craig Thomas, Michael Schirger, John Phelps, Tom Walsh, Howie Heaton, Martesha Brown, Mike Dunn, and Bobbie Holzwarth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance** **Mr. Tom Walsh, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **Executive** **Mr. Craig Thomas, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **Davis Park** **Mr. Tom Walsh, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **Coronado** **Mr. Craig Thomas, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **DEI Advisory Group** **Ms. Martesha Brown, Chair**
Martesha Brown states that work continues on diversity and inclusion and there are unique events with local promoters that are coming to Davis Park and there is a lot of encouraging support from the community.
- **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**
No report at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Tom Walsh, Treasurer

Tom Walsh defers to Gretchen Gilmore to review May Financials. Gretchen Gilmore informs the board that the final IceHogs games in May included a limited number of fans and allowed some revenue generation allowing expenses to decrease from last May. Gretchen Gilmore explains the limited staffing agreement with the Chicago Blackhawks and discusses the trend of operating expenses and the effect of CURES grant funds on current activities predicting we will be ahead of last year's projections. Although there will be a draw on the City's line of credit, Gretchen Gilmore is confident available funds and cash management will be sufficient until operations resume in the fall. Gretchen Gilmore informs the board that ASM Global and Ticketmaster have agreed to expand their major strategic partnership and highlights the benefits of that agreement for our venues. Gretchen Gilmore notifies the board that at the request of the Finance Committee she will present a high-level budget at the July meeting for the board's review.

Gretchen Gilmore discusses the implementation of a pilot program to entice more diverse community events specifically in Davis Park with newer promoters that would be limited to two events with a risk on the promoter fund (with a cap) to give access to funds before settlement. RAVE's self-promotion funds could be used as a backstop to provide refunds should an event be canceled. Gretchen Gilmore informs that the finance committee would like to incorporate a background check and have parameters put in place if this goes forward. Gretchen Gilmore gives an overview of what the program may look like and the possibility of

creating a grant fund if it is successful. Tom Walsh discusses the origins of the promoter fund and the Finance Committee's desire to help support and broaden diverse programming. Martesha Brown concurs that the program and the possibility of a grant going forward would be welcome in the community. John Phelps expresses support for the pilot program with parameters to limit the financial risk to the board. Frank Beach notes that there will be a risk if the promoter cannot guarantee the ability to cover the funds. Gretchen Gilmore acknowledges there will be a risk that the board needs to be comfortable with but there is also the potential for success. Mike Dunn says he is appreciative of the cautiousness with which the program is being approached and reminds the board there have been similar projects that have failed in the past and questions if the RACVB will be involved in taking on any of the risk. Martesha Brown informs the board that discussions have not included the RACVB and thanks the board for their support of the program. Craig Thomas suggests the board set up the program as a budgeted item and be funded and specifically identify eligibility of recipients and budget parameters. Craig Thomas requests the DEI and Finance committees come back with program specifics on which the board may act. Tom Walsh agrees that they will bring something forward using the feedback from the board to narrow the scope and to create opportunity while protecting the organization.

MOTION: To approve the May 2021 financials made by Tom Walsh, second by Rudy Valdez. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Craig Thomas, Michael Schirger, Rudy Valdez, John Phelps, Tom Walsh, Howie Heaton, Martesha Brown, Mike Dunn, and Bobbie Holzwarth.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT – Mrs. Gretchen Gilmore, GM

None at this time

COUNSEL'S REPORT – Attorney Tim Rollins

None at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mr. Craig Thomas

Craig Thomas proposes the board vote to accept the lower of two responsible bids for the award of the ice floor contract to CIMCO Refrigeration. Craig Thomas notes that CIMCO is prepared to begin work immediately. Tom Walsh asks for and receives clarification that this item is in the renovation budget rather than the operating budget.

MOTION: To approve the award of the ice floor contract to CIMCO Refrigeration which will include Alternate Number One in their proposal made by Mike Dunn, second by Bobbie Holzwarth. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Craig Thomas, Michael Schirger, Rudy Valdez, John Phelps, Tom Walsh, Howie Heaton, Martesha Brown, Mike Dunn, and Bobbie Holzwarth.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT – The Authority Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Powers, Authority Board Secretary/ FOIA Officer