

Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority

**Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority
Board of Directors
March 25, 2005
Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority, Board Room
14500 N Northsight Blvd, Suite 312
Scottsdale, AZ 85260**

Attendance

Members

John Benton, Chairman
Roc Arnett
Rod Williams
Jon Garrett
Larry Landry
Michele Eckert
Bill Peltier
Verma Pastor, Absent
Herman Orcutt, Absent

Staff

Ted Ferris, President/CEO
Charles Foley, Chief Financial Officer &
Treasurer
Kim Monroe, Executive Assistant
Kerri White, YAS and Cactus League
Coordinator
Brad Parker, Public Information Officer and
Security

1. Call to Order. A public meeting of the of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority (the "Authority") Board of Directors (the "Board") was held in the Board Room at the offices of the Authority, 14500 N Northsight Blvd., Suite 312, Scottsdale, AZ 85260 on Friday, March 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. A quorum being present, and the meeting having been duly noticed and called, Mr. Benton, the Chairman, called the fifty-sixth meeting of the Board to order.

2. Consideration of Minutes from January 19, 2005 Meeting. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve and ratify the minutes of the Board held January 19, 2005 (exhibit A). Upon motion duly made by Mr. Arnett and seconded by Ms. Eckert and unanimously carried and it was resolved that the minutes be approved.

3. Consideration Review and Consideration of Conceptual Design and Budget for Proposed Improvements to Scottsdale Stadium and Related Practice Facilities.

Board member Jon Garrett, Chairman of the Cactus League Committee, updated the members on the action taken by the Cactus League Committee at their last meeting. Mr. Garrett stated that the Cactus League Committee had unanimously agreed to forward the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Authority and the City of Scottsdale (the “IGA”) to the full Board of Directors for Approval. Authority President/CEO, Ted Ferris, called on representatives from the City of Scottsdale to give the Board of Directors an overview of the project. Mr. Benton recognized Jan Dolan, City Manager, Craig Clifford, Financial Services General Manager, Al Dreska, Municipal Services General Manager, and Kroy Ekblaw, General Manager, Planning and Development Services in attendance from the City of Scottsdale. Ms. Dolan explained they would were requesting \$20 million dollars from the Authority to fund the project. She stated that \$13.4 million would be from the Authority and \$6.6 would be from the Maricopa County Stadium District funds. The City of Scottsdale would pay \$3.1 million towards the project for parking improvements; a climate controlled batting cage, and public renovations to Club SAR. Ms. Dolan also stated that the City plans to issue bonds in the next sixty to ninety days. Chairman Benton thanked the City of Scottsdale and the Cactus League Committee for their hard work in completing the Agreement. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the IGA (Exhibit B). Upon motion duly made by Mr. Landry and seconded by Mr. Arnett and unanimously carried and it was resolved that the IGA be approved.

4. Consideration of Funding Proposal from the Maricopa Council on Youth Sports and Physical Activity (“MCYSPA”). Board Member Bill Peltier, Chairman of the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee, recognized MCYSPA representatives Tim Barnard, Chairman and Shawna James, Executive Director as being in attendance at the Board meeting. Mr. Peltier reviewed the proposal with the members and updated the members on the action taken by the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee their last meeting. Mr. Peltier stated that the committee had unanimously agreed to forward the funding proposal to the full Board of Directors for approval. Mr. Landry asked Committee Chairman Peltier if other funding partners had been secured. Mr. Peltier stated that all partners listed in the proposal had been secured and MCYSPA is continuing their efforts to secure additional partners. Kerri White, Youth Sports and Cactus League Grant Coordinator asked Ms. James to review the deliverables with the Board. Ms. James stated that MCYSPA would be assisting in the Community Needs Assessment Study and additional work on the Geographical Information System that the Authority created on Youth and Amateur Sports Facilities. Ms. Eckert asked if once completed the GIS project could be utilized by those requesting grants and Mr. Peltier stated yes. Ms. James also discussed MCYSPA’s efforts with childhood obesity. Ted Ferris, President/CEO asked Ms. James whether she agreed that MCYSPA would be involved in more activities than just the GIS project and Community Needs Assessment Study. Ms. James responded in the affirmative. Mr. Peltier thanked Ms. White and MCYSPA for their work with the Youth and Amateur Sports Grant project. Chairman Benton asked for a motion to approve funding and Mr. Landry moved for approval for

funding. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Landry and seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously carried and it was resolved that the Funding be approved.

5. Consideration of Executive Session – Legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) or consultation with the attorneys of the Authority regarding the Authority’s position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations pursuant to A. R. S. 38-431.03(A)(4). Chairman Benton asked for a motion for the Board to enter into executive session. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Landry seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously carried, the motion was approved. The public was asked to exit the Board Room and the Board entered into executive session. At the end of the executive session the public was invited back and Chairman Benton asked for a motion to exit the executive session and return to the regular session. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Arnett, and unanimously carried, the motion was approved. The Board exited its executive session and returned to its regular session.

6. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned.

“Exhibit A”

January 19, 2005 Board of Director Minutes

“Exhibit B”

Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Scottsdale and the Authority