

Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority

Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority

Board of Directors

November 15, 2005

3:30 p.m.

Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority, Board Room

14500 N Northsight Boulevard, Suite 312

Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Attendance

Members

John D. Benton, Chairman
F. Rockne Arnett
Jonathan Garrett
Deborah Johnson
Larry Landry
Herman Orcutt
Verma Pastor
Gerald Walker
Rod Williams

Staff

Ted A. Ferris, President/CEO
Charles M. Foley, Chief Financial Officer
& Treasurer
Kimberly Monroe, Executive Assistant
Brad Parker, Public Information Officer
Kenny W. Harris, VP for Facilities
Deborah Wilson, Project Assistant

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 Tuesday, November 15th at 3:30 p.m. A quorum being present, and the meeting having been duly noticed and called, Mr. Benton, called the sixty-second meeting of the Board to order.

2. Consideration of Minutes from September 22, 2005 Meeting. The Chairman asked that a correction to the minutes be made noting that Gerald Walker was in attendance telephonically and that William Peltier, former board member, should be removed from the minutes. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve and ratify the minutes of the Board held September 22, 2005 (exhibit A) with the noted correction. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Arnett,

seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the minutes be approved.

3. Multipurpose Facility Matters. Mr. Benton asked Mr. Ted Ferris, Authority President/CEO, to review the Multipurpose Facility Matters with the Board. Mr. Ferris asked Mr. Kenny Harris, Authority Vice President for Facilities, to provide an overview of the agreements to be considered for ratification. Mr. Harris reviewed his memo dated November 9, 2005 (exhibit B) outlining the agreements' scope and budget. Mr. Benton reminded the Board that the costs associated with these agreements are within the approved stadium construction budget. Mr. Benton asked for a motion to ratify the Urban Earth Design Consulting Agreement (exhibit C), Amended Professional Services Industries Agreement (exhibit D), Amended Stanley Consultants Agreement (exhibit E), Amended UTL Agreement (exhibit F), and Pentagram Design Agreement (exhibit G). Upon motion duly made by Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Orcutt and unanimously carried, the motion was approved.

4. Consideration of Memorial Resolution Honoring Robert C. Hunt. Mr. Ferris reviewed the resolution with the Board and stated that the resolution would be presented to the family and a bronze plaque would be placed at the entrance of the stadium in recognition of Robert C. Hunt. Mr. Benton thanked the staff for bringing this issue to the Board for their consideration. Mr. Benton asked for a motion to approve the Memorial Resolution honoring Robert C. Hunt (exhibit H). Upon motion duly made by Mr. Landry seconded by Mrs. Pastor and unanimously carried, the motion was approved.

5. Consideration of Grants recommended for funding by the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee. Mr. Benton asked Mr. Jerry Walker, Chairman of the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee, to review the Committee's action taken at their meeting on September 19, 2005. Mr. Walker stated that the committee had approved a motion to forward for consideration by the entire Board thirteen projects based on the Authority staff's recommendation, to further consider funding for the Mesa Aquatics and the St. Francis/Xavier Athletic Association proposals if certain conditions were met and to have the Authority staff further study, for future consideration by the Youth and Amateur Sports committee the Mobile Elementary School District and Maricopa County Sports Commission applications. Mr. Ferris briefly reviewed the current biennial grant process with the members. Mr. Ferris then asked Mr. Charles Foley, Authority CFO and Treasurer, to review the thirteen projects being recommended by the staff for Board consideration. Mr. Foley began with an overview of the existing youth and amateur sports projects funded by the Authority as well as a financial overview of the funding pro-forma for existing projects and those being recommended at this meeting. Mr. Foley then proceeded to provide a brief overviewed each project and their recommended funding level. Mr. Foley added that the Authority had received additional information related to the Kiva Elementary School grant which had raised concerns about the lighting's impact on the adjacent neighborhood as well as the future plans for the planned project site. Mr. Foley continued that he had written a letter to the project's partners which outlined several conditions which would need to be addressed in the

agreement if the Board were to approve the grant. At the conclusion of Mr. Foley's presentation, Mr. Rod Williams asked to clarify that the \$1,000,000 for the Glendale Youth Sports Fields project that had been previously approved by the Board was also to be used as turf parking at the Stadium. Mr. Williams provided additional clarification as to the location of the recommended Maricopa County Regional School District grant proposal site. He stated that the site was not located in the City of Phoenix as the recommendation had indicated but was actually located at in the City of Glendale at Orangewood and Grand Avenue.

Thereafter, Mr. Ferris reviewed the City of Mesa Aquatics and St. Frances/Xavier projects with the Board. Mr. Ferris stated that both projects were rated highly by the evaluation committee, but had a couple of conditions that needed to be satisfied before the projects could be final approved for funding (land needed to be acquired for the St. Frances/Xavier project, and city-wide voter approval was noted for the Mesa Aquatics project to move forward). Mr. Ferris stated that Authority Staff would continue to work with both organizations on their projects to determine when these remaining hurdles might be cleared. Mrs. Verma Pastor asked Mr. Ferris if the staff had followed-up up on her recommendation to further review the Mobile Elementary School District and Maricopa County Sports Commission grant applications. Mr. Ferris stated that the staff was continuing to work on these two proposals. He stated that prior to taking any further action on the Mobile proposal, the Authority was awaiting the outcome of possible funding through the Home Depot KABOOM! Program which was receiving assistance through the efforts of Ms. Shawna Brandlich, MCYSPA

Executive Director. With respect to the Maricopa County Sports Commission (MCSC) proposal, Mr. Ferris stated that they had previously applied for funding during the last biennial grant cycle and were not approved due to the nature of the grant request which was considered to be for operating expenses and not well aligned to the requirements of the Authority's Request for Proposals (RFP). He continued that Authority's CFO/Treasurer had sent a letter to Mr. Mike Sculley of the MCSC, requesting additional information and justification after the September 19, 2005 Youth and Amateur Sports committee meeting. Mr. Ferris noted that while a response had just arrived (Exhibit K), he felt the letter from Mr. Mike Sculley of the MSCS was non-responsive to Mr. Foley's letter.

Mr. Benton then recognized Ms. Peggy Neely, City of Phoenix Councilmember, as being in attendance and asked her to say a few words on behalf of the Reach 11 project. Councilwoman Neely briefly described the large project to be located along the Loop 101 freeway in North Phoenix and its benefits to the community. Councilwoman Neely thanked the Board and Staff for recommending such a significant sum of money for the Phoenix project and pledged to watch over the project very carefully on behalf of the Board. Mr. Benton stated that he would be going through each grant that was being recommended and allowing anyone who wished to speak for or against the project to speak for no more than three minutes. Ms. Mary Hamway, Councilmember, Town of Paradise Valley briefly described the Kiva Elementary project and the community's support for the project. Mr. Mike Scully, Maricopa County Sports Commission, briefly described their project to the members and

stated that they had responded to the Authority's letter requesting additional information. Mr. Landry asked whether the MCSC letter had been shared with the Board. Mr. Ferris responded that it had been shared with the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee since they were the ones who asked for the grant application to be further studied. Mr. Landry asked staff to provide a copy of the response to the members for review during the meeting. Mr. Benton recognized several people in the audience representing the Mobile Elementary School District. Ms. Judith Seviyart briefly described the project and their need for equipment at the school. Mr. Ferris stated that the Advisory Committee had reviewed the grant application and had concerns that the requested grant amount of \$53,000 would benefit approximately fourteen registered students. Mr. Ferris asked Ms. Bradlich to briefly describe the KABOOM project with the members. Ms. Bradlich stated that she had forwarded the Mobile Elementary School District project to KABOOM for consideration.

Mr. Landry made a motion: 1) to approve the thirteen projects being forwarded by the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee, 2) that the Mesa Aquatics Project and the St. Francis/Xavier Athletic Association applications be further considered for possible funding in 2006, and 3) that the Maricopa County Sports Commission application be approved for funding at the fully requested amount of \$167,000. Mr. Orcutt seconded the motion. Further discussion by the Board on the Maricopa County Sports Commission application ensued. Mr. Benton then asked for a roll call vote from the Board on the motion that had been made by Mr. Landry. Mr. Roc Arnett, voted for the motion; Ms. Deborah Johnson

voted for the motion; Mr. Rod Williams voted against the motion; Mr. Gerald Walker voted against the motion; Mr. Jonathan Garrett voted against the motion; Ms. Verma Pastor voted for the motion; Mr. Larry Landry voted for the motion; Mr. Herman Orcutt voted for the motion; Mr. John Benton voted against the motion. By a vote of five to four the motion passed.

6. Tourism Promotion Update. Ms. Deborah Johnson updated the members on the Prop. 302 Grant program and reviewed the documents provided to the Board in the Board Meeting packets (exhibit H).

7. Announcement of future meeting dates and other information concerning the Board. Councilmember Neely asked to be recognized and offered to work with the Mobile Elementary School District to provide them with any surplus playground equipment that the City of Phoenix may have. Mr. Benton thanked Councilmember Neely for her offer of assistance. Mr. Benton stated the staff would be contacting the Board to schedule a half day Board retreat to discuss the bylaws and the Authority's future goals and objectives for sometime in December. Mr. Ferris reminded the Board that the staff had provided copies of the Debbie Davenport letter regarding the concluded Performance Audit of the Authority (exhibit I) and the fiscal year 2005 financial audit (exhibit J).

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

“Exhibit A”

September 22, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

“Exhibit B”

November 9, 2005 Kenny Harris Memo regarding Consulting Agreements

“Exhibit C”

Urban Earth design Consulting Agreement

“Exhibit D”

Amended Professional Service Industries, Inc. Consulting Agreement

“Exhibit E”

Amended Stanley Consultants, Inc. Consulting Agreement

“Exhibit F”

Amended UTL, Inc. P.C. Consulting Agreement

“Exhibit G”

Pentagram Design Inc., P.C. Consulting Agreement

“Exhibit H”

Memorial Resolution honoring Robert C. Hunt

“Exhibit I”

November 2, 2005 Debbie Davenport Letter

“Exhibit J”

FY2005 Financial Audit

“Exhibit K”

November 10, 2005 MCSC Letter to Charles Foley from Michael Sculley