

**Arena/Convention/Entertainment Board Minutes**

**July 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: Teri Schmidt, Kevin Garry, Ryan Pidde and Tom VanWyhe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Arndt, Michael Ness and Mike Begeman

GUESTS/STAFF: Terry Torkildson (SMG/Arena), Kelly Zamora (SMG/Arena), Kraig Pomrenke (Global/Convention Center), Mike Cooper (City of Sioux Falls) and Russ Sorenson (City of Sioux Falls)

Tom VanWyhe, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**  
No introductions were needed.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

A motion was made by Kevin Garry and seconded by Ryan Pidde to approve the July 25, 2012 agenda. Motion carried. Yeses, Teri Schmidt, Kevin Garry, Ryan Pidde and Tom VanWyhe, 4, Noes, none.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION of Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Kevin Garry and seconded by Ryan Pidde to approve the June 27, 2012, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Yeses, Teri Schmidt, Kevin Garry, Ryan Pidde and Tom VanWyhe, 4, Noes, none.

**ITEM 5. REVIEW of Arena and Convention Center Event Updates**

The Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Arena which includes the World Juggling Federation Convention on August 8-12, Bob Dylan on August 18 and WWE Smackdown World Tour on August 25, Rodney Carrington on October 6, 2012, Toby Mac on October 11, 2012.

Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Convention Center which includes the Winfield Solutions on July 31 – August 2 and Sanford Health-Year of the Nurse on July 31 – August 1, Wellmark-Blue Cross on August 3, School Board on August 8-10, 2012, Sioux Chef Challenge on August 12, SD Dept of Education on August 14, VA Medical Center, NE on August 14-16, Avera Quality on August 21-22, CVB Council on August 23, Dakota Territory Gun Show on August 24-26, and Midland National on August 27-20.

**ITEM 6. REVIEW of Arena and Convention Center Financial Reports**

The Board discussed the Arena and Convention Center budgets that were actual through June 2012.

ITEM 7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Event Center & Building Design Plan Updates – Mike Cooper

Mike Cooper reported that the facility management contract negotiations are in progress.

Architect design team for Event Center received endorsement from ADA Board.

Title Sponsor process is progressing.

Parking committee with the City, SMG, Sheraton, Sioux Falls School District and O’Gorman High School have begun to work out alternate parking options during the construction of the event center. The Event Center construction will remove 450 to 500 parking spots. Construction Fence is up and blasting will begin in August. Ground-breaking ceremony will be held on August 30, 2012 at 4:30pm.

Live web-cam feed on the Event Center construction is up and running for public viewing.

B. Nomination Committee for Chair and Vice Chair

The nomination committee recommendation for Chair is Mike Begeman and Vice Chair is Michael Ness. Kevin Garry made motion to accept and seconded by Ryan Pidde to approve recommendation. Motion carried. Yeses, Teri Schmidt, Kevin Garry, Ryan Pidde and Tom VanWyhe, 4, Noes, none.

ITEM 8. PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was given.

ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Handouts for July 25, 2012 Meeting include:

- July 25, 2012 Agenda
- June 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- Event Updates
- Financial Reports
- 2010 & 2011 Venue Management & Visitors Report

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