



QUALCOMM STADIUM ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, April 9, 2009
STADIUM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Rudy Castruita called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Board Present:

Chairman	Rudy Castruita	Present
Member	Jeff Jeffery	Present
Member	Si Coleman	Present
Member	Ben Clay	Present
Member	David Baron	Absent
Member	Kim Folsom	Present
Member	Carlos Vasquez	Present
Member	Michael Simonsen	Absent
Member	Les Williamson	Present

Staff Present: Steve Wightman, Stadium Field Manager, Lydia Medina, Senior Management Analyst, Michele Kelley, Event Coordinator, Vicki Summers, Payroll Specialist.

Others Present: Brent Schrotenboer San Diego Union Tribune;

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 12, 2009

Approved. Unanimous

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

No Report

V. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairman Rudy Castruita requested that in future Board meetings be scheduled so as not to infringe upon the Passover holiday, noting that David Baron could not attend this meeting because of the Jewish holiday.

Rudy stated that he had met with the Mayor on Monday and talked about the Board's role and what we are doing here, and talked about the issues dealing with the Stadium including the water issue, noting that the Mayor was open to having the Board's presence being recognized. Rudy noted that David Baron's presence at the last Council meeting really put the Council on notice as to what our role really is and that really helped a lot, so we will continue to move forward and try and make our visibility as much as we can with the City Council.

Rudy added that he planned to meet with individual City Council members over the next three months to get their attention as to what our role is going to be in the coming year with the Chargers and the Stadium, the fiduciary responsibility we have well as our advisory role. He noted but also what this Stadium brings to the City in revenue, saying that it is important to keep this in front of Council especially in the economic times that they are facing here in the City of San Diego. Rudy called on Vicki and Mike to set up the meetings in lieu of him trying to call Council members, and he invited other Board members to attend the meetings as well.

Jeff Jeffery commented that the meetings with Council members were a good idea.

VI. BUSINESS PARTNER REPORTS

- A. **CHARGERS**
No Report

- B. **AZTECS**
No Report

- C. **HOLIDAY BOWL & POINSETTIA BOWL**
No Report

- D. **OMBAC**
No Report

- E. **ACE PARKING**
No Report

- F. **CENTERPLATE**
No Report

- G. **SAN DIEGO AUTO CONNECTION**
No Report

VII. STAFF REPORT

- A. Stadium Manager Mike McSweeney
No Report
- B. Deputy City Attorney
No Report

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Responding to Rudy Castruita's question regarding an update on the water situation, Ben Clay noted that he had not heard back from the City on the water issue at the Stadium.
- B. Les Williamson commented that he had met with the people on the signs a few weeks ago about upgrading the electronic signs noting that they are putting together proposals. Les added that it was suggested that Cal Trans be involved with it too since the Stadium is used as a center for emergency situations.
- C. Steve Wightman, Stadium Field Manager reported that they have been having weekly meetings with Facilities Division, Public Works, Attorneys office and insurance about the storm drain issue which is now called the Murphy Canyon storm drain rather than the Chargers flood. He added that the latest figure is about 6.5 million to redo the entire storm drain from up above the Charger Training Center down to where it intercepts into the main Murphy Canyon line. Steve stated that the actual inside of the facility is completed and the field repair is completed so the remaining part of the three pieces is the storm drain issue. He added that they are formulating bids and will fast track them within two to three weeks, hopefully, to have equipment on the property around the first of July understanding that they will have to work around Charger training camp.

Responding to Rudy's question about where the revenue comes from for the cost of the problem, Steve noted that ultimately the money would come from insurance as the facility is insured, but immediately it is going to be out of a fund that Public Works has for remediation of emergency flood damage.

- D. Ben Clay asked if there were any update on the ticket issue. Attorney Debra Bevier noted that the governmental unit of her office is working on putting forth the new policies and along with the policies would be admin regulations and that her understanding was that they would be working primarily first on Petco before they come over and work on Qualcomm.

Responding to Si Coleman's question whether it would be helpful to have the Chairman participate in the Deputy Attorney's dialog relating the concerns of the Board to those at City Attorneys, Debra Bevier stated that she didn't think that it could ever hurt for that to happen. Rudy added that this is part of the rationale of the meetings that he is going to try and have saying that this was the focus of his meeting with the Mayor.

Rudy noted it is incumbent upon us as an Advisory Board to make our role known as to the viability of what our role really is in oversight of this stadium. He expressed confidence in the role of our Deputy Attorney and added that he was planning to talk with the new City Attorney. He stated that it can't just be the Chairperson representing this entire group saying that it had to be advocacy from all of us and noted that that they all have connections with the City Council. He added that he was pleased when David went before them and noted that two of the members

indicated they understood and wanted some kind of focus on our role in their new regulations. Rudy noted that the Board can't supersede the law, but the issue is we can hopefully have them be sensitive to what our role is, adding that we can't stand back and say hope it works out, but we need to be pretty proactive.

Si Coleman stated that he has had a conversation with Jan Goldsmith about the Stadium and any future stadiums and would be more than happy to join Rudy at that meeting.

Rudy stated that we need to show what our role is and our oversight noting that a great description of that oversight was David being at that event and what happened at that motocross and David talking about some of the issues, adding that if one of our members weren't there, that goes unsaid. Rudy commented that he thinks that the Board plays a very critical role and encouraged all of them to get out to the Chargers site for this issue to see what is going on, so we are knowledgeable of it.

Rudy added that he would like to have Mike step up to the plate and have a little bit more advocacy for us. Rudy requested to put into the minutes: That is why I am going to insist that he attend these meetings with me to have a presence at City Hall. Rudy concluded that those kinds of issues are at our forefront, and he added that he knew that our Attorney is not only representing the City but is hearing our concerns as well and he appreciated that.

Responding to Les Williamson's question regarding notice on meeting times, Rudy said that the meetings will be posted once Vicki and Mike have set them up. Rudy added that his sense is that the City Attorney is working on this language now and he could not predict when, but we need to be on top of it.

Ben Clay commented that there are three entities with unique circumstances regarding tickets. He noted that the Convention Center Board has a similar kind of relationship with oversight, watching the events and reporting back, saying that Board and this Board are the two where you have some citizen volunteers being asked to take a look at what's going on, so hopefully they'll look at the Convention Center Board as well.

Si Coleman stated that we have a belief in advocacy and we have a belief in what we're doing and we ought to have a chance to communicate our rationale and our theory. Rudy added that the bottom line as he sees it is not only our advocacy but our making them aware of what our role really is at these events, noting that we are the eyes and ears of the general public and we can assist City government in facilitating how the Stadium is being utilized. Rudy noted he liked the Ben's idea about the Convention Center's Board because it makes sense saying those are two big entities in the City, and I think it's important that our voice be heard whether it's accepted or not, that is left to those people who make those decisions.

Carlos Vassquez commented that if the Board was the eyes of the public, as a new member he would like to know with his badge where he could go and what he could see and access. Rudy asked to have it put on the agenda for Mike to give the Board a report on that and give us a status of where we have been and where we are now and the roles and some of the duties we have here.

Chairman Castruita stated that he appreciated Debra's work behind the scenes for us. He added again, that once Vicki and Mike could set the appointments up, he would post them so members can be part of the process if they choose to do so. He requested that experienced Board members send their ideas on what the format for the probably 15 minute visit with each Council

member or their Chief of Staff should be, noting that he thought that some of the experience we have around the table can really assist us in putting an agenda together that is meaningful. Rudy concluded that he thought they needed some strong points, so requested that Mike put something together for us in a short brief.

- E. Ben Clay inquired about how the turf was doing, and Steve Wightman explained that it's a non over seeded hybrid Bermuda and it doesn't look green yet because it is still in dormancy. Ben commented that the reason he asked about the turf was because he wondered if any of the City Water Department people had been out regarding the water conservation issue saying that there were promises made that they would come out. Steve Wightman explained that he had not had any conversation with Water on the field and the only contact he had with Water was regarding their shutting the water off to the building without notification.

Steve noted that the watering schedule that we do on the field is very prudent to provide the best health and strength of the turf grass and added if we are limited to the amount with that goal, then it could mean some significant reductions in the playability of the field.

Ben noted that the problem was that with citizens being asked to cut their water use coming at us like a train, we will have to explain what we're doing and why, and if Best Management practices haven't been followed, we have a problem. He added that he had hoped to hear that City Water Utility folks, the "conservation wallahs", have been here and signed off that we are using Best Management Practices noting that this is an important institution and we need to keep the grass green for all that goes on here. Ben concluded that he sees a problem coming our way if we are not on top of this thing. Rudy added let's be proactive and contact the City and make sure we have covered our bases on that, and I charge you [Steve Wightman] to do that.

X. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Rudy Castruita noted that he will be unable to attend the next meeting due to Commencement at USC and turned over the next meeting to Ben Clay.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 am.
The next Regular meeting will be Thursday May 14, at 8:15 am.