

ARENA CONVENTION/ENTERTAINMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2008

8:00 am

Members Present: Lee Otis, Susan Scott, Dennis Jarabek, Jan Grunewaldt, and Mike Begeman

Members Absent: Teri Ellis-Schmidt and Kevin Garry

Guests/Staff: Deb Esche (SMG – Arena), Lori Schnell (SMG - Arena), Ali Brackett (Convention Center), Scott Kavanaugh (Convention Center), Russ Sorenson (City of Sioux Falls) and Jim Clark (Sculpture Walk)

1. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Lee Otis and seconded by Susan Scott to approve the minutes of March 26, 2008. Yeses, Lee Otis, Susan Scott, Dennis Jarabek, Jan Grunewaldt, and Mike Begeman, 5, Noes, none.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions or deletions to the Agenda.

3. Introductions

Russ Sorenson introduced Jim Clark with the Sculpture Walk.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Event Updates

1. Arena (Deb Esche)

The Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Arena, which include Shrine Circus on April 24, 25, 26, & 27, Storm Football on May 3, 10, 17, and June 14, Southeast Tech Graduation on May 9, Sioux Falls Public School Graduation on May 18, Augustana College Graduation on May 25, Argus Leader RibFest on May 29 – June 1 and Jeff Dunham on August 8. Orpheum Theater events include Friends of the Show on April 26 and SECT “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” on May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18.

B. Event Updates

2. Convention Center (Ali Brackett)

The Board received a listing of the upcoming events for the Convention Center which include the Volunteers of America on May 1, North Central Heart on May 1-2, Red Hatters on May 3, Augustana College on May 4, Farmers Mutual of Nebraska on May 6, Missouri River Energy Services on May 7-8, Sanford USD Medical Center on May 9, AARP Convention on May 10, SD Dental Association on May 15-17, SD Department of Labor on May 21-22, Summer Youth Nights on May 25, First Premier Bank on June 3, 4, 11, Nemschoff Chairs on June 14, Sioux Valley Energy on June 17, American Guild of English Handbell Ringers on June 19-22 and Ms. South Dakota on June 28.

C. Financial Report

1. Convention Center Financial Report (Scott Kavanaugh)

The Board was presented with the Convention Center budget.

Scott Kavanaugh stated that Henkin Schultz has developed remodeling plans for the Convention Center offices and lobby area. They will have pillars that are made of quartzite to give it a local

flavor. Banners have been placed on the walls of the walkway connecting the Convention Center and the Sheraton.

2. Arena (Deb Esche)

The Board was presented with the Arena budget that is actual through March.

Dennis Jarabek asked about the progress of the locker room renovations. Deb Esche stated that they are in the process of finalizing the bid so it can go out soon. The renovations will take place in July, August and September. Deb also stated that SMG is working on the CIP Budget for 2009-2013 and have given the recommendations of this Board to the City CIP Committee.

4. New Business

CVB Report

No CVB report.

Sculpture Placement at the Arena and Convention Center

Russ Sorenson thanked Jim Clark and Ali Brackett for their work on bringing sculptures to the Convention Center complex. Jim Clark brought pictures of three sculptures and asked the Board to recommend two of them for placement outside of the Convention Center main entrance. A motion was made by Susan Scott and seconded by Jan Grunewaldt to accept the Spirit in the Smoke and Sunrise sculptures.

Dennis Jarabek suggested that sculptures be added each year and Russ Sorenson stated that would be determined by the funding that is available.

Convention Center Artwork

The City has decided on 20 photographs that showcase Sioux Falls to be displayed in the Convention Center. Global Spectrum will acquire the donation gift from interested parties and they will be hung in the Convention Center for 5 years. Russ Sorenson asked the Board members to give the City contact names of people they feel would be interested in sponsoring a photograph.

Arena Message On Hold System

The Arena has purchased a message on hold system that will give event information to people who call the Arena and are put on hold.

5. Old Business

Flag Poles

Lee Otis questioned why we have three American flags flying outside the building. He would like to see a State flag, City flag and an American flag flown on the poles. Deb Esche stated that the Veterans group donated the poles to the Arena when it was originally built with the understanding that only American flags would be flown. This would need to be discussed with them.

6. Behind the Scenes

Nothing was discussed.

7. Board Discussion

At the March Board meeting the Board members were asked to bring names of people they would recommend to serve on the Arena Convention Entertainment Board. No names were given.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Begeman and seconded by Jan Grunewaldt to adjourn the meeting. Yeses, Lee Otis, Susan Scott, Dennis Jarabek, Jan Grunewaldt, and Mike Begeman, 5, Noes, none.

9. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, at 8:00 am in Arena Conference Room.

Recording Secretary

CC: Board Members
Sioux Falls Mayor
City Council Members
Argus Leader