

WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT  
Monday, February 10, 2020 2:30 P.M.  
Public Facilities District, Conference Room  
110 Edgar Martinez Drive South, Seattle, Washington 98134

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME**

Board Chair Stacy Graven called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. pursuant to notice. Board members present: Charley Royer, Paul Mar, Carol Nelson, Tim Burgess, Omar Riojas, and Chris Marr. Staff present: Tom Backer (Legal Counsel) and Pat Dunn (legislative).

Chair Graven began the meeting by introducing and welcoming our newest Board member, Chris Marr. Chris shared with the Board his background, experience, and current work status, and he expressed his enthusiasm for joining the Board. Chair Graven also introduced Carmella Ennis from King County Council staff, who will be attending future meetings of the District.

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE / PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Following suggested amendments to the December 9<sup>th</sup> minutes from Board member Riojas, motion by Board member Mar with a second from Board member Nelson to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Board meeting (as amended) and the minutes of the December 20, 2019 and January 13, 2020 Special Board meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

### **BOARD BRIEFINGS and POTENTIAL ACTIONS:**

1. Welcome to Joshua Curtis, Executive Director:

Chair Graven welcomed the District's new Executive Director—Joshua Curtis—who will formally start work on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Joshua expressed his excitement for joining the PFD as its next Executive Director, and he shared with the Board more of his background that led him here. Board member Mar introduced Proposed Resolution No. 20-001, ratifying Joshua's hire as Executive Director and delegating to him all of the powers of that office. Board member Burgess seconded. Following discussion, the resolution was approved unanimously.

## 2. Seattle Mariners Report:

Trevor Gooby, Senior Vice President of Ballpark Operations for the Seattle Mariners, began by noting that the Club's 2020 season at the ballpark begins on March 26<sup>th</sup> with a home game against the Texas Rangers. While there is lots of construction activity underway at the ballpark, Trevor said that it is all on schedule and that most would be completed by opening day.

Trevor reviewed the on-going work with a PowerPoint presentation (attached), including the status of necessary improvements and ballpark upgrades. The report also described the sound system upgrade (nearly complete), thoughts on the winter "Enchant" light festival, and an update on 2020 concerts (adding an August Guns N' Roses show). Later in the meeting Trevor would lead the Board on a tour of the upgrade improvements.

Board Chair Graven asked about the cancellation of Mariners' 'Fan Fest' for this year. Trevor explained that in the past the event had included activities on the playing field and, because of Enchant, the field was being re-sodded and was unusable. Trevor says the Club is rethinking how best to accomplish Fan Fest in Seattle and suggested that it would be back in the future (but likely not on the field).

Board member Chris Marr asked about the number of events annually at the ballpark. Trevor noted that there were 81 home baseball games a year, plus more than 220 other events throughout the year. Trevor also noted the need for some 'down' days in order to complete the ballpark capital projects previously described.

Finally, Trevor said that the Club would bring its 2020 operations budget to the Board meeting in March and would soon be ready to sit down with the PFD to begin discussing potential capital projects for the 2021 off-season.

## 3. Stadium District Update

Charley Royer provided the Board with a brief update on the work of the Stadium District task force. Paul Mar noted that the Port of Seattle's plans for nearby T-46 were summarized in a recent article in the NW Asian Weekly. Paul offered to share the article with the Board. Stacy said that she anticipates asking a representative from the Port to attend the March regular Board meeting. They could present the Port's plans for T-46 and describe its potential impacts on the neighborhood.

#### 4. Legislative Update

Pat Dunn provided a brief update on activities in Olympia, noting that bills allowing for limited sports gambling appear to be advancing in both houses. He said that Fred Rivera from the Club anticipates providing a full report at the next regular Board meeting in March.

#### 5. Other Updates: None

#### Reports:

##### Chair's Report:

Stacy Graven reported that she had discussed Board leadership positions with all of the Board members and that she appreciated everyone's flexibility and willingness to serve. Charley Royer then nominated the following Board members for these positions: Chair, Stacy Graven; Vice Chair, Carol Nelson; and Treasurer, Tim Burgess. Paul Mar seconded and, following discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

#### Walking Tour of Ballpark Upgrade Projects:

Trevor Gooby of the Mariners led everyone present on a brief walking tour of the four major upgrade improvements underway at the ballpark. Trevor was joined by the project manager from Skanska, which is the lead contractor for the work. Following the tour, the Board returned to the PFD's offices.

#### Executive Session

At 3:52 p.m. Chair Graven called for an Executive Session for the reasons noted on the agenda. The Executive Session was expected to last 30 minutes and no Board action was planned to follow the session.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The Executive Session was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. and the Board returned to regular session. There being no further business before the Board, Chair Graven declared the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.



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Tom Backer  
Recording Clerk



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Stacy Graven, Chair  
Board of Directors, Public Facilities District