

WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC FACILITIES
DISTRICT

Monday, June 29, 2020, 2:30 P.M.

Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PFD held this Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors as an online meeting in a manner consistent with guidance from the Attorney General's office. Members of the public desiring to leave public comment were directed to submit them to curtisj@ballpark.org at least 24 hours prior to the meeting start time. People attending the online meeting were provided the option to provide text comment during the meeting; no oral comments were accommodated.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Stacy Graven called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. Board members joining the Microsoft Teams meeting: Paul Mar, Tim Burgess, Carol Nelson, Omar Riojas, Charley Royer. Staff present on the Microsoft Teams meeting: Joshua Curtis (Executive Director) and Tom Backer (Legal Counsel). Also joining on-line were Fred Rivera, EVP and General Counsel at the Seattle Mariners; Trevor Gooby, VP of Ballpark Operations at the Mariners; Dan Barrett, Executive Vice President at CAA ICON; Bryan Slater, Strategic Advisory Director at CAA ICON; and Bob Christofferson, retired Head Groundskeeper for the Seattle Mariners. Joining by phone was Pat Dunn (Legislative).

Chair Graven announced two revisions to the proposed agenda: adding a briefing by Trevor Gooby on the Mariners plan to reopen T-Mobile Park, and moving the resolution recognizing Bob Christofferson to the first agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No written public comment was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Graven asked for a motion to approve the May 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Charley Royer moved to approve minutes, seconded by Paul Mar. Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD BRIEFINGS/ACTION

Recognizing Bob Christofferson

Charley Royer read the Proposed Resolution 20-004, which recognizes Bob Christofferson, aka "The Sodfather," for his 20 years of service to the Mariners. Charley described Bob as "the best in the business," and he noted Bob's dedication and love for his job, as well as his innovation, having developed a new way of cutting grass that led to less variability in how the baseball rolled in the outfield. Charley Royer moved approval of the resolution and Carol Nelson seconded. The resolution was approved unanimously. Bob thanked Charley and the PFD for

their service and appreciated the recognition. Joshua Curtis stated that the PFD would be framing the signed resolution and sending it to Bob. The board thanked Bob for his service once again and Bob left the meeting.

Board member Chris Marr joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Seattle Mariners – Preparing T-Mobile Park for New Season

Trevor Gooby briefed the board on the actions being taken by the Mariners to prepare for “Summer Camp” at the ballpark and the 2020/21 MLB season. Players have been arriving starting this past weekend. Before they are allowed at the park, they are required to do a saliva and antibody test. Players are required to “report” to the team by July 1, with actual practice starting on July 3. Training camp will take place at T-Mobile Park through July 22 and they currently anticipate a July 23/24 start to the season.

During training, the following tiers have been put in place to guide who is allowed in the ballpark:

- Tier 1 – Players and coaches, allowed on field and in the clubhouse (100 people)
- Tier 2 – Secondary staffing, with limited access to field and clubhouse space. (40 people)
- Tier 3 – Support staff, including housekeeping, security, maintenance, no contact allowed with players (150 people)

Once the season starts, the media will also be allowed, though they will use separate entrances. At this point, half of team (taxi squad) goes down to Tacoma and practices at Cheney Stadium, with similarly stringent rules in place.

The Mariners have been working closely with the State, County, and City officials, and have received the necessary approvals to begin play.

Chris Marr asked if there was a formal process at the State level.

Trevor answered that they have been working closely with Jon Snyder, a senior policy advisor to the Governor’s office, and that the State has allowed the Mariners to bypass the COVID-19 phased reopening approach with the approval of both the MLB health and safety plan and the venue health and safety plan. Trevor noted that the State has been strict, but a good partner to work with on the reopening. The Mariners have also been working closely with Seattle-King County Public Health. Trevor stated that the Mariners would be conducting a walk-through of T-Mobile Park with State, County, and City officials and staff on June 30.

Carol Nelson asked if the Mariners will be piping in crowd noise and music. Trevor said they were looking at a number of innovative ways to keep the games as interactive as possible, including the music, but also using the scoreboard in new ways.

Chris Marr asked if the Mariners would be banning expressions of celebration that involved bodily contact.

Trevor replied that the Mariners are being very careful. For instance, they have told players not to hang out at clubhouse when they are at the ballpark. It is hard to retrain players on how to celebrate, but there will be staff present to remind players of social distancing guidelines.

Tim Burgess asked if this meant the broadcast team will be going to Bellevue for out-of-state games. Trevor said that the radio team will be in the radio booth at T-Mobile park, where they will watch the game, but the TV team will go to Bellevue for broadcasting.

Chris Marr noted a recent article that raised concerns about how teams would handle players who test positive for COVID 19.

Trevor responded that if a player does test positive, they will need to have two consecutive negative tests, 72 hours without symptoms, and a doctor's approval before they can return to the ballpark.

2021 Cap Ex Plan Analysis PPT Presentation (Bryan Slater, CAA ICON)

Bryan Slater presented CAA ICON's analysis of the Mariners' provisional 2021 Cap Ex Plan and Rolling 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan, attached as a PPT to the board packet.

2021 Cap Ex Plan – PFD Review (Paul Mar)

Paul Mar stated that he had been working with CAA ICON, the Mariners, Tom Backer, and Joshua Curtis in the review of the Mariners' preliminary Cap Ex and 10 Year plans. He stated that he recommends the board grant preliminary approval to their plan and that the letter the PFD will submit to the Mariners will outline the additional information required for the final submission on September 1, 2020.

2021 Cap Ex Plan Preliminary Approval Draft Letter (Joshua Curtis)

Joshua Curtis noted that the board had reviewed a draft of a letter providing the board's approval for the Mariner's preliminary Cap Ex and Rolling 10-year plans. Submission of the final plans will be due to the PFD by September 1, 2020. Tim Burgess moved that the board approve the draft letter, subject to revisions reviewed and approved by the Board Chair. Carol Nelson seconded. Motion approved, 7-0.

Mayor's Industrial and Maritime Stakeholder Committee Review

Chair Graven asked Joshua to brief the Board on the Mayor's Industrial and Maritime Stakeholder Task Force. Joshua provided to board members a verbal briefing of the written update, attached to the board packet. Charley Royer additionally briefed the board on the June 10th meeting of the Mayor's Maritime and Industrial Advisory Group, stating that the group was reconvened to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 to the maritime and industrial communities and identify next steps for the committee. The Mayor wants to reposition the committee to address economic recovery, but it was not clear what next steps are. Charley and others urged the City to continue the groups' work. He also described the principles that the PFD's Stadium District Task Force developed during the two-month hiatus of the group and that these will serve as a foundation for work moving forward.

Review of Vouchers

Tim Burgess introduced Resolution 20-005 for the approval of vouchers. Carol Nelson moved to approve Resolution 20-005, seconded by Chris Marr. The resolution was approved 7-0.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

Chair Graven noted that the board still needed to recognize Kevin Callan for his 23 years of service at the PFD.

Executive Director Report

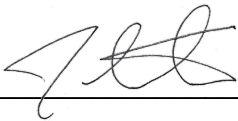
Joshua summarized the Executive Director report, included in the board packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


The Board entered Executive Session for the reasons stated in the agenda. The session was anticipated to last 30 minutes. The PFD entered Executive Session at 3:48 p.m. and ended at 4:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Graven declared the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.



Joshua Curtis
Recording Clerk



Stacy Graven, Chair
Board of Directors, Public Facilities District