

DURHAM COUNTY MEMORIAL STADIUM AUTHORITY

(Minutes of the November 10, 2009 Regular Meeting)

The Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority ("The Authority"), convened at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Durham County Courthouse in Durham, North Carolina.

Members present included Chairman Tommy Hunt; Becky Heron; Dan Moushon; and the undersigned as Secretary. Vice Chairman Willie Bradshaw was not present due to the fact that he was ill with the flu. We wish him a speedy recovery. Also present were Mike Turner, General Services Director/Stadium Manager; Ray Ellis, Ground Maintenance Supervisor; Don Hasselbach, who was introduced by Mr. Turner as the new Assistant General Services Director; Carol Hammett, Assistant Durham County Attorney; Deborah Booth, Administrative Officer; Ademola Shobande, Senior Project Manager; Jim Faress, Project Manager; Robert Sotolongo, DTW Architects and Zella Berry Case, Interior Designer.

On motion, the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2009 were approved, as were the minutes of the Special Call Meeting held on September 29, 2009.

Stadium Renovation Project.

Robert Sotolongo and Zella Berry Case led discussion on the interior and exterior coloring to be installed in the new project. Ms. Case spoke from a sample board of several colors as she outlined her concept of color/contrast throughout the new facility. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Sotolongo stated that he would first obtain the approval of the general contractor and would bring back to the Authority a printout of several colors for approval.

Mr. Faress stated that the seating count had been conducted at the Stadium and the seating maximum would range from 8,756 seats (for some restricted seating at 24 inches per seat) to 9,336 seats (for open seating at 18 inches per seat) together with handicapped seating, depending on the nature of the event at any given time (see Exhibit 1).

Mr. Sotolongo presented a phase-by-phase update of construction at the site, together with a statement of work completed to date and work still in progress as of November 9, 2009 (see Exhibit 2 attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Mr. Turner presented proposed data for discussion of rental fees and charges to go into effect in 2010 and forward, together with a new operating budget. Although this information is being submitted at this time for information only, it was readily apparent that new rates and charges must be substantially increased in keeping with the improved stadium facilities (see Exhibit 3: spreadsheet for stadium and operating costs; and see Exhibit 4: contrasting fees and charges as approved and as opposed to proposed future fees and charges).


Mr. Turner presented a listing of proposed future rules and regulations to be incorporated at the Stadium for protection of the Stadium and the artificial turf field and running track, for information only at this time (see Exhibit 5 attached).

Mr. Turner presented a proposed succession plan for the Durham County Memorial Stadium to include a full-time stadium manager, rate schedules to offset the increased cost for maintenance of the new facility, a new operating budget to take us from the existing \$57,336.00 to \$212,540.00, approve rules and regulations, develop marketing strategy and attract corporate and local sponsors, etc., for consideration and action at a subsequent meeting (see Exhibit 6).

Mr. Hunt discussed a grand opening of the new and refurbished Stadium for August 14 or 15, 2010 for a football jamboree to be sponsored by the Durham County Board of County Commissioners, with details to be worked out at a later date.

Finally, it was observed that this is the last meeting of Michael Turner as General Services Director/Stadium Manager; he is retiring after 28 years of exemplary and extraordinary public service to Durham County and the Stadium Authority. We will miss you Mike and wish you God's speed.

Respectfully submitted,


James T. Hedrick, Secretary
Durham County Stadium Authority