

LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING

PRESENT: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Dave Roberts

ABSENT: Bill Windham

I. ROLL CALL and WELCOME

Chairman Forman called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Forman, Brignac, Bruno, Melara, Patterson and Roberts. Absent was Commissioner Windham. There was a quorum for the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the Minutes of the November 17, 2015 Board Meeting were adopted.

II. SMG REPORT

Doug Thornton took the lead for the SMG monthly report. He covered the following important topics: strong financial performance for this fiscal year; long range capital plans; the new video display system; the Energy Savings Contract; the Stadium Bowl Lighting Project; chiller replacement; a package of capital improvements; suite renovation at the 400 Level of the Superdome; a domestic water study and electrical study; the Amendment to the LSED Support Services Agreement; SMG's role at Zephyr Field; the facility fee adjustment; and congratulations to the Commissioners for excellent service during the Jindal Administration.

Evan Holmes then addressed the Commission by covering the following subjects: the Option Agreement for the planned Sports and Recreation Complex near the Alario Center; developments at Zephyr Field relative to the newly signed Lease Extension; and anticipated upgrades at Zephyr Stadium given new management and co-ownership status.

Alan Freeman then provided an update concerning campus event activity including: the Bayou Classic with increased attendance; Saints and Pelicans home games; the Comedy Show and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra events at the Smoothie King Center; the U.S. Women's World Cup Soccer Exhibition against China; the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl; and preparations for the Allstate Sugar Bowl. Upcoming events at the Smoothie King Center include a Duran Duran concert; Josh Groban and Sarah McLachlan at Champions Square; proposals for future WrestleMania events; and bid preparation for the 2019 Super Bowl.

Alan Freeman introduced Jay Cicero, President of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation. Mr. Cicero provided an update concerning the bid proposal process for 2019 and 2020 Super Bowl and College Football Championship games. His organization works closely with SMG and the New Orleans Saints for Super Bowl bid preparation and also Men's Final Four bid preparation.

Alan Freeman also covered the following topics: the I-10 Access Ramp Project which now has a completion date in early 2016; coordination of the new video board work with event scheduling; additional security requirements and cooperation with local law enforcement agencies; the facility fee increase; how that funding will be used, including a comparison with other NBA arenas around the country. The fee will apply primarily to touring entertainment attractions and does not apply to the Saints, Pelicans or the Sugar Bowl.

III. FINANCE REPORT

David Weidler then provided the financial report including: the exit conference with the Legislative Auditor's Office; the Superdome is outperforming its budget by about \$530,000 given lower expense numbers and increased revenue numbers; the Smoothie King Center is outperforming its budget by about \$315,000 for the same reasons; insurance premiums have been reduced; and this fiscal year looks promising given consistent increases in the hotel/motel tax.

IV. CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Pat Tobler then provided a detailed Construction Report including: New Video Board Project which was awarded to Broadmoor; the Energy Savings Project with Siemens; infrastructure work including a new cooling tower, a new boiler, control system and domestic water replacements; electrical modifications at the 500 Level of the Superdome; the Wayfinding Redesign and Garage Wayfinding Project; completion of the center hung video board at the Smoothie King Center; audio upgrades at the Superdome and Smoothie King Center; several smaller projects at the Alario Center such as the Door Replacement Project and sidewalk replacement, completion of the Scoreboard and Video Board Projects; and TPC-Louisiana Projects that are in the planning stage.

V. LEGAL REPORT

Larry Roedel then provided the Legal Report with ten Resolutions that require LSED action as follows:

On motion of Commissioner Melara, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved an Amendment to the LSED-SMG Support Services Agreement to set forth the duties and responsibilities of SMG for all LSED facilities (excluding the Superdome and Smoothie King Center) given the additional responsibilities at Zephyr Field and the need to bring the term of this Agreement in line with SMG's Management Agreement. Chairman Forman is authorized to sign the Amendment for the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-120** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Roedel, on motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, the LSED dedicated funding for future capital projects and repair and replacement projects in 3 categories: operational projects, infrastructure projects and capital enhancement projects, for a total dedication of \$11,044,000 for Fiscal Year 2016. These projects have the SMG Staff recommendation and each project will be brought to the LSED for approval at the appropriate time for the project to be funded. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-121** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Roedel, on motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved the capital project to include the renovation and redesign of the Level 400 Suites at the Superdome including corridor enhancements and 8 restrooms. The Resolution approves the Professional Services Proposal from Trahan Architects dated December 10, 2015 to cover its design work including those sub-specialties who will work under their direction. The fees for services are set by the State Fee Curve at \$791,276. The funding source is capital outlay and there are sufficient funds to support the Resolution. This Resolution also has the Staff Recommendation of The Tobler Company and SMG. Pat Tobler's signature on the Proposal from Trahan Architects is authorized and approved. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-122** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Melara, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved the Parking Garage Signage Proposal by Infinite Scale as part of the Wayfinding Project for Garages 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 5 and 6. The fee for professional services is set at \$15,000, with expenses set at \$2,250 and the lump sum cap of \$17,250. The LSED Reserve Account is the funding source with reimbursement from Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Outlay Funding. There are sufficient funds to support this Resolution and the Resolution has the Staff Analysis support of The Tobler Company. Pat Tobler's signature on this Proposal is authorized and ratified. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-123** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Melara, the LSED authorized and approved a Capital Reserve Account appropriation of \$160,694 to cover equipment purchases for the Superdome and Smoothie King Center based on the SMG Staff Recommendation. SMG will secure competitive proposals for these equipment purchases. The funding source is the LSED Capital Reserve Account and sufficient funds exist to support the Resolution. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-124** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Roedel (and earlier comments by Doug Thornton and Alan Freeman), on motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, the LSED authorized and approved an increase in the facility fee charges to be implemented by SMG to offset increased operating costs for certain ticketed events including enhanced security for those events. This Resolution places the facility fee flexibility in the mid-range pricing for other facilities across the country. The increase in facility fees will not be imposed on certain events that are subject to pre-existing contracts or that might otherwise be exempt by law. This Resolution will not infringe upon existing contracts that are in place. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-125** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved a Purchase Requisition for the Alario Center Door Repair and Replacement Project. The not to exceed fee is \$75,000 for James Chustz to conduct an assessment of all doors at the Alario Center and to repair the doors that are not functioning properly. The source of funding is Capital Outlay and sufficient funds exist to support the Resolution. The Resolution has the Staff Analysis support of The Tobler Company and Pat Tobler's signature on the Purchase Requisition is authorized and ratified. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-126** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Melara, the LSED authorized and approved the settlement of the pending litigation matter: Parish of Jefferson, et al (including the LSED) vs. Mickey O'Connor General Contractor, Inc., et al, which involves alleged construction and design defects in the kitchen areas of the Alario Center. The settlement is favorable to Jefferson Parish and the LSED. The Resolution authorizes Chairman Forman and legal counsel to finalize the terms and conditions of the settlement and to obtain a dismissal of the lawsuit with prejudice. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-127** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Roedel, on motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED took the following action relative to the TPC-Louisiana Capital Outlay Improvement Project: The LSED accepted the bids as received on November 13, 2015; on recommendation of the Construction Consultant and Engineering Consultant, the bid submitted by Durr Heavy Construction, LLC was deemed to be the lowest responsible bid; the Project is awarded to Durr Heavy Construction, LLC with the LSED accepting the total Base Bid, plus Alternatives 1, 2 and 3 for a total Contract Sum of \$2,470,947.46. The funding source is the TPC Capital Outlay Account and sufficient funds exist to support the Resolution, the Project and the Contract. Once negotiated and finalized, Chairman Forman is authorized to sign the Contract for the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-128** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Roedel and several Commissioners, on motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved the Option Agreement with Churchill Farms, Inc. with Chairman Forman being authorized to sign the Option Agreement on behalf of the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Bill Windham. The **motion 15-129** passed.

Commissioner Bruno and Doug Thornton then discussed the important topic of security at facilities such as the Superdome which have a shared or connected parking garage or parking deck. Issues raised by Commissioner Bruno were on point and Mr. Thornton provided an update concerning NFL security practices and the implementation of those practices at the Superdome and other facilities where SMG provides management services.

Chairman Forman then summarized the successful service of the LSED Commission over the past 8 years with congratulations to SMG, its staff and the service of the LSED's individual Commissioners. Mr. Thornton on behalf of SMG also endorsed those comments. Several Commissioners expressed their heartfelt sentiments.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

None.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Bruno, the meeting of the LSED was adjourned