

WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC FACILITIES  
DISTRICT

Monday, February 12, 2:30 P.M.  
Public Facilities District, Conference Room  
110 Edgar Martinez Drive South, Seattle, Washington 98134

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The PFD held its Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors in-person and in a manner consistent with guidance from the Attorney General's office. Virtual access was provided via a Microsoft Teams conference system (video or phone) upon request. Members of the public desiring to leave a comment but not able to attend the meeting in person were asked to submit comments to [curtisj@ballpark.org](mailto:curtisj@ballpark.org) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting start time.

**CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME**

Member Graven, filling in for Chair Nelson and Chris Marr, called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm pursuant to notice. Board Members joining the meeting in person: R. Omar Riojas. Board members joining remotely via Teams: Chair Carol K. Nelson, Andrea Sato, and Vice-Chair Chris Marr. Board members Brian Surratt and Mike Fong were absent but excused. Staff and consultants present: Joshua Curtis (Executive Director), Annie Thenell (Office Manager), Tom Backer (Legal Counsel), Patrick Dunn (Legislative), and Sandeep Kaushik (Legislative). Also joining in person were Trevor Gooby (Mariners SVP, Ballpark Operations), Fred Rivera (Mariners EVP, Legal Counsel), Carmela Ennis (King County), and Beth Knox (Seattle Sports Commission).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No written public comment was received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Member Graven asked for a motion to approve minutes from the November 13, 2023, Special Board Meeting. Member Riojas moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Chair Nelson. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Member Graven asked for a motion to approve minutes from the December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. Member Riojas moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Sato. Motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD BRIEFINGS AND POTENTIAL ACTIONS**

1. Mariners Updates (Trevor Gooby, Fred Rivera)

- a. NHL Winter Classic

Mr. Gooby reported that the Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 NHL Winter Classic, held at T-Mobile Park, was a huge success by all measures and that more than 47,000 people attended the game. A summary of his presentation is available on the PFD website. Member Graven asked if providing concessions was difficult given that hockey games have only two short breaks in between periods. Mr. Gooby answered that it was challenging and that the entire concessions team had risen to

the challenge and learned from the experience. Mr. Gooby additionally reported that the new sod would be installed on the field this week. Member Marr asked if any MLB ballparks have artificial turf. Mr. Gooby replied that several ballparks do have artificial turf and that for the first time, T-Mobile Park will have artificial turf, which will be in the bullpens.

b. 2024 Season Preview

Mr. Gooby provided reported that the Mariners are busy preparing for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Opening Day of the 2024 season. In addition to the regular season home games, the ballpark has planned six music concerts this year, which is the biggest concert lineup in ballpark history. Mr. Gooby's summary is available on the PFD website. Chair Nelson asked if the wear and tear on the ballpark is different for concerts than for baseball games. Mr. Gooby replied that on the infrastructure of the ballpark it is not different but that on the field and on the staff it is more wear and tear.

2. Seattle Sports Commission Overview (Beth Knox)

Ms. Knox provided an overview of the Seattle Sports Commission (SSC) and its work. Her presentation is appended to the Board packet on the website. Chair Nelson asked about the funding model for the Seattle Sports Commission. Ms. Knox replied that a third of the funding comes from membership, a third comes from corporate sponsorship of events and that in 2023 a third came from a one-time funding source. She additionally answered that the SSC is working at the state level to secure more permanent ongoing funding.

3. WOSCA Master Planning Process & C40 Reinventing Cities-Preview (Sandeep Kaushik, Joshua Curtis)

Mr. Curtis reported that the 4-acre WOSCA site (located west of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S. between S. Dearborn Street and S. Royal Brougham Way) has been selected for application to the C40 Reinventing Cities Program. Mr. Curtis noted that the PFD has been asked to participate in a group of stakeholders that will provide feedback to WSDOT and the City. A summary of the presentation is appended to the Board packet on the website. Member Graven asked how many of the C40 sites in competition have turned into viable projects. Mr. Curtis answered that many have. Mr. Kaushik reported that he expects the timeline to be longer than what is laid out in the presentation, and further noted that while the project is potentially exciting and promising, he expects the Port, longshoremen and other labor groups to oppose any potential residential component of the project. Member Marr asked if the project is potentially good for the Ballpark. Mr. Rivera answered that the Mariners are in support of changes in the neighborhood that support residential development.

4. Treasurers Report (Chris Marr)

Member Marr noted that he met with Mr. Curtis to review the financials.

a. Balance Sheet Review

Member Marr summarized the Balance Sheet included in the Board packet.

b. Proposed Resolution 24-001: Ratification of Cap Ex Transfer

Member Marr introduced Proposed Resolution 24-001 ratifying the annual transfer from the Operating Fund to the Capitol Projects Fund. Mr. Curtis reminded the board that the annual transfer is based on a Lease requirement that the PFD transfer \$250,000 (escalated annually by the local CPI-U) should there be a balance in the Operating Fund at the end of the year. With such a balance present, Mr. Curtis made the transfer prior to the end of January, as required by the Lease. Member Graven asked for a motion to approve Resolution 24-001. Member Marr moved to approve, seconded by Chair Nelson. Resolution carried 5-0.

c. Proposed Resolution 24-002: Voucher Approval

Member Marr introduced Proposed Resolution 24-002 to approve the regular voucher payments. Member Graven asked for a motion to approve. Member Marr moved to approve, seconded by Member Riojas. Resolution carried 5-0.

**REPORTS**

Chair's Report

Chair Nelson thanked Member Marr for filling in for Member Fong. She reported that she is working on Mr. Curtis's annual performance review and asked other board members to submit any feedback on Mr. Curtis's performance in the next few weeks.

Executive Director's Report

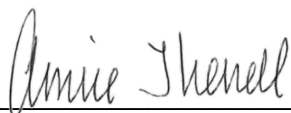
Mr. Curtis summarized the Executive Director's report included in the Board packet. He noted that Bill HB 5110 is moving forward in the House and that it has been amended from last year's bill, which used additional Admissions Tax revenue as a funding source, to draw from existing Sales Tax. No board action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Member Graven declared the meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.



Annie Thenell,  
Recording Clerk



Carol Kobuke Nelson, Chair  
Board of Directors, Public Facilities District