

**MINUTES OF THE MECA TRI-PARK COMPLEX, LLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 13, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, was called to order by Chairwoman Diane Duren at 1:00 p.m. on July 13, 2021.

Roll Call:

Present were: Chairwoman Diane Duren, Ms. Susie Buffett, Mr. Tom Kelley, and Mr. Jay Noddle.

Chairwoman Duren announced that in light of recent events at both the CHI Health Center Omaha (CHIHCO) and at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (TDAPO) a resounding congratulations is deserved by the hard-working MECA staff on the successful execution of not one, but three largescale events. Between the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Volleyball Tournament, U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Swimming and Men's College World Series, there were many long days, late nights and quick turnarounds that would have been impossible without a team effort. Given the financial havoc that 2020 wreaked upon the local economy, these events were more important than ever.

As usual, the MECA team bound together in order to assure that all visitors and guests had the top-tier experiences that they have come to expect within MECA's facilities. Admittedly, learning curves were navigated with new technology and entry processes; but despite frustrations and troubleshooting, these events were all carried out successfully. Chairwoman Duren noted that MECA should all feel a deep sense of pride in what has already been accomplished this year, and the Board recognizes the talents and dedication of the team.

On a serious note, Chairwoman Duren addressed the use of racial and derogatory slurs that transpired at TDAPO during the Men's College World Series (CWS). This behavior is abhorrent, unacceptable and will not be tolerated. TDAPO, CHIHCO and The RiverFront are places where everyone should feel both welcome and safe. Use of such language is in clear violation of those goals and is grounds for immediate removal from the premises.

It is very disappointing to hear that such a confrontation even happened within MECA's walls. The Board joins MECA in extending sincerest apologies to those subjected to this behavior at TDAPO.

Chairwoman Duren also took the opportunity to publicly remind the community that anyone experiencing this type of behavior in MECA's buildings should immediately alert nearby event staff, either in person, or via text message by dialing 6-9-0-5-0. This text messaging service is monitored by guest services during all MECA events and can be used anonymously. While it is reprehensible, and uncomfortable, MECA staff must be notified in order to ensure immediate action.

In closing, Chairwoman Duren noted that MECA is fortunate to have the best event staff in Omaha and privileged to be entrusted with the City's most prestigious events.

Proof of Publication:

Notice of the meeting was published in *The Daily Record* on July 6, 2021, and in the *Omaha World-Herald* on July 6, 2021.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Buffett moved for approval of the minutes of the June 9, 2021, MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Kelley.

Motion carried: 4-0.

President/CEO Report:

Mr. Roger Dixon stated that Ms. Katie Bassett would provide a progress report for The RiverFront.

Other Business:

Parks Update

Ms. Katie Bassett reported that Gene Leahy Mall is beginning to resemble a park with the addition of trees, decorative concrete, and landscaping plants. Block walls for the restroom are being assembled. Steel beams are being placed in the playground that will serve as a foundation for a facet, which will be a great amenity for kids to climb and play on. The team continues to diligently push the schedule and coordinate with all subcontractors for phasing of work. The truss structure for the performance pavilion will arrive on site in the next few weeks. It is being fabricated locally and will then be delivered in pieces. The liner for the pond and cove will be installed, and there are plans for more flat work, trees and landscaping plants as well.

Streetscape work in front of the Greenhouse and Burlington Buildings is scheduled to begin in the next two weeks. MECA has been coordinating with both buildings to ensure that any disruptions for residents or tenants are minimal.

Heartland of America Park is nearing the end of surcharge dirt removal, which will limit the numbers of trucks hauling in and out of the site. The installation of the sheet pile wall (which will serve as the lake edge) is nearing completion. Kiewit will continue to grade the site with Pink's assistance and will begin driving 145 piles that will serve as foundation for the skate ribbon.

Demolition efforts continue at Lewis & Clark Landing with the careful removal of the half-circle stairs that previously served as the access point over the flood wall to the river. MECA continues to finalize the coordination efforts with both the Army Corp of Engineers and the City of Omaha, finalizing any kind of phasing or last-minute final detail permits needed. Coordination with the construction of the Kiewit Luminarium continues as well as any phasing of work.

The team has been working with all the subcontractors recently brought on board for Heartland of America Park and Lewis & Clark Landing, obtaining their insight on constructability and phasing. Individual contractor schedules are being incorporated into the master schedule to get the final date for completion in each of the parks.

Meetings continue with program partners as well as those interested parties for future events at The RiverFront.

Public Relations Update

Ms. Kristyna Engdahl stated in late June the *Omaha World-Herald* published their series on the history of Gene Leahy Mall, which included the past history of the park and what the future holds. While the story contained an air of nostalgia, MECA provided the information on the motivation behind the redesign, the exciting permanent amenities and activation elements to come.

Also in June, the latest edition of The RiverFront's monthly newsletter was distributed, focusing on the preservation and transformation of the Gene Leahy Mall slides and, in honor of CWS, it provided information on what activations within the park will look like at this time next year. The subscriber list for this newsletter continues to grow.

Earned publicity throughout the month of June reached about 6.1 million people through a variety of stories, mostly in relation to various placement of the *Omaha World-Herald* historical series. MECA achieved an accumulative publicity value of \$20.2 thousand with reach through both traditional and social media outlets.

On Thursday, the *Omaha World-Herald* will join MECA for another story opportunity, this time inside Gene Leahy Mall, where they will have the chance to document current progress within the area. With the playground and restrooms buildings taking definitive shape, and the presence of dozens of trees and plants, it is a great time to educate the community on the progress.

Contract Approvals:

Chairwoman Duren indicated there are two contracts requiring approval.

Blackbaud, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Agreement between MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC and Blackbaud, Inc. to purchase a Customer Relations Management (CRM) Software Package for The RiverFront, as more specifically set out on the attached summary, is hereby approved, and Roger Dixon as President/CEO is authorized to execute the Agreement following its finalization in a form reasonably approved by counsel.

Chairwoman Duren invited public and Board comment and asked for a motion.

Moved by Mr. Noddle seconded by Ms. Buffett.

Motion carried: 4-0

Smith Kroeger

RESOLVED, that the Agreement between MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC and Smith Kroeger to perform all services to design and host a new website for The RiverFront, as more specifically set out on the attached summary, is hereby approved, and Roger Dixon as President/CEO is authorized to execute the Agreement following its finalization in a form reasonably approved by counsel.

Chairwoman Duren invited public and Board comment and asked for a motion.

Moved by Mr. Kelley seconded by Ms. Buffett.

Motion carried: 4-0

Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in the MECA Board Room.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Duren stated the time is 1:16 p.m. and invited a Motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Buffett seconded by Mr. Noddle.

Motion carried: 4-0.

Adjournment 1:16 p.m.