

**MINUTES OF THE MECA TRI-PARK COMPLEX, LLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 15, 2024**

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 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Roll Call:

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

Proof of Publication:

Notice of the meeting was published in *The Daily Record* on May 8, 2024, and in the *Omaha World-Herald* on May 8, 2024.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Buffett moved for approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2024, MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Noddle.

Motion carried: 5-0.

President/CEO Report:

Mr. Roger Dixon stated that MECA continues to work with the city to discuss issues within the park. A ban-n-bar policy is now in effect and seems to help deter negative behavior.

Mr. Dixon asked Mr. Jay Noddle for assistance on the Streetcar Maintenance Facility Agreement, specifically, what is detailed under Amendment 8. Mr. Bob Freeman added that an itemization of internal issues has been finalized and they are waiting to speak with a representative from the city. Mr. Noddle will follow up with more information.

Other Business:

Park Update

Ms. Bassett stated that Richard Hunt's Planar and Tubular Sculpture is leaving the Gene Leahy Mall Sculpture Garden and is being transferred to the National Sculpture Gallery in Washington, D.C. The owners of this piece have decided to donate it to the gallery for permanent placement after Mr. Hunt's passing a few months ago. The Hunt piece will be temporarily replaced by Linda Fleming's Portent Sculpture which is scheduled for installation on Thursday. Portent will be at the park for approximately one year until The RiverFront reaches its three-year milestone and transitions all five Sculpture Garden pieces.

All water features at The RiverFront will be functioning by the end of the week.

The team continues to work collaboratively with many groups to ensure that The RiverFront is safe this summer. Ms. Bassett thanked Mr. Ben Gray for his connection to Ms. Teresa Negron at

YouTurn. The partnership over the summer will be centered around programming and community engagement.

The RiverFront is an urban open space finalist for the 2024 Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Americas Awards for Excellence. The winners of the ULI Americas Awards for Excellence will be announced later this summer, and those projects will be entered as finalists for the ULI Global Awards for Excellence.

Chairwoman Duren inquired as to what is being done at The RiverFront to ensure guest safety. Ms. Bassett responded that the focus is on security and connecting with the community. The ban-bar placement has decreased some negative activity.

Public Relations Update

Ms. Engdahl stated that in mid-April, The RiverFront collaborated with the Omaha Police Department on a joint media availability, reminding the community of relevant management information and mentioning that juveniles should not be left unattended in the park. The expectation being by continuing to present a unified message with local law enforcement, especially ahead of the summertime, parents and guardians will take a proactive approach in assuring compliance.

Bi-monthly media alerts continue to be distributed in promotion of the many events and programs happening at The RiverFront, which have been steadily increasing with cooperative weather. This not only helps local affiliates plan potential coverage of events, but assures inclusion on various community calendars, diversifying audience reach.

Media efforts have begun for the announcement of the Holiday Market, happening in conjunction with the organizers of Midwest Fest. Although it is still many months away, local media helped encourage the community to 'save the date' for this event inspired by holiday markets from around the world.

At the start of the month, Ms. Engdahl had the pleasure of welcoming two travel writers, who were guests of Visit Omaha, to The RiverFront. The park was just one of their many stops during their visit to our city, but they enjoyed hearing about the many amenities of the park and took plenty of pictures for their respective publications. The tentative publish date for those pieces is still unknown.

This week, work is being done to provide assets to Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom department. They are preparing a display for the Durham Museum to promote destinations that are National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certified Habitats, which The RiverFront proudly is. They are assembling an exhibit to tout the various locations in Omaha that have made themselves more 'friendly' for local birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Signs have been placed throughout the park promoting this effort.

The RiverFront is working with KANEKO to promote the removal of Richard Hunt's sculpture from the Gene Leahy Mall Sculpture Garden for its relocation to a larger exhibit in D.C. in promotion of all his works. The removal will be captured to share with media along with an invitation to the installation of a new piece later this week in an effort to educate the community on this new artwork that will be available for public enjoyment.

Contract Approvals:

Chairwoman Duren indicated there are no contracts requiring approval.

Recently Approved Contracts:

Kiewit Infrastructure Company has recently awarded the following contracts:

- Greenhouse Office Renovation – specialty items
- Lewis & Clark Landing – flagstone runnel replacement
- Greenhouse Renovation – west vestibule pavement

Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the MECA Board Room.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Duren stated the time is 9:10 a.m. and invited a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gray seconded by Mr. Noddle.

Motion carried: 5-0.

Adjournment 9:10 a.m.