

**MINUTES OF THE MECA TRI-PARK COMPLEX, LLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 9, 2020**

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 June 9, 2020, in the MECA Board Room at CHI Health Center Omaha, 455 N. 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairwoman Diane Duren and Mr. Tom Kelley. Participating via teleconference were Ms. Susie Buffett, Mr. Jay Noddle and Ms. Dana Washington.

As a reminder, both the City and State had waived applicability of the ‘public meeting’ requirements that would otherwise apply, and therefore the three Board members who were attending the meeting by telephone were eligible to participate.

Proof of Publication:

Notice of the meeting was published in *The Daily Record* on June 2, 2020, and in the *Omaha World-Herald* on June 2, 2020.

A copy of the Open Meetings Law was posted on the table near the side entrance to the MECA Board Room.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Kelley moved for approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2020, MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC Board Meeting, seconded by Ms. Washington.

Motion carried: 5-0.

President/CEO Report:

Mr. Roger Dixon stated MECA is currently working with the Scott Foundation who is offering an \$8.5 million dollar grant to further progress on Gene Leahy Mall amenities. More information will be provided in detail to the Board of Directors in Executive Session.

Other Business:

Parks Update

Ms. Katie Bassett reported that work continues within the Gene Leahy Mall as installation of the early utilities is wrapping up west of 10th Street. Construction on 13th Street has been completed and the street recently reopened with 8th Street scheduled to reopen later this month.

The Heartland of America Park’s fountain was turned on in May and all but one structure within the park have been removed. Work on an exploratory trench will begin in preparation for the construction of the Douglas Street extension, which will eventually lead into Lewis & Clark Landing.

MECA is currently working on onboarding several subcontractors for the Gene Leahy Mall amenities work; several additional bid packages which will go out later this week for a July bid opening.

An Art Committee was formed to help determine public art installations for The RiverFront. The Committee is comprised of several art professionals and enthusiasts from the local community. The Committee is currently putting out a Request for Quote (RFQ) to approximately 25 artists for a signature art piece with is slated to anchor the parks west and along 13th Street.

The Design Team continues to advance the design and several task forces have been formed to drive cost-conscious designs within specific areas of each park. The Team is also considering programming within Lewis & Clark Landing and Heartland of America Park as those parks continue to evolve. In addition to the construction aspect of this project, Ms. Bassett continues to meet with potential program partners within the community to inform them of the elements within the park and gauge their interests in partnership with the Riverfront Team.

Mr. Noddle inquired if the names of the members forming the Art Community were public information. Mr. Dixon responded that it is public information and the information will be provided to the Board of Directors.

Public Relations Update

Ms. Kristyna Engdahl announced that the RiverFront project continues to benefit from positive coverage, with the latest news about 13th Street reopening on schedule. It had closed with the rest of Gene Leahy Mall in February 2019 with the completion deadline of June 2020 which was achieved.

May's RiverFront Newsletter focused on the numerous program partners that will help activate the parks, as well as the reactivation of Heartland of America Park fountain.

Additionally, a national publication titled "Construction Today" has been in touch and expressed interest in covering The RiverFront project. MECA is scheduled for another round of interviews with them later this week. They have about 10k monthly subscribers and want to write an article spotlighting what's going on in Omaha.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in the MECA Board Room.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Duren stated the time is 1:05 p.m. and invited a Motion to adjourn. A Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kelley seconded by Mr. Noddle.

Motion carried: 5-0.

Adjournment 1:05 p.m.