

**MINUTES OF THE MECA TRI-PARK COMPLEX, LLC  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2025**

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 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Proof of Publication:**

Notice of the meeting was published in *The Daily Record* on June 3, 2025, and in the *Omaha World-Herald* on June 3, 2025.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Noddle moved for approval of the minutes of May 14, 2025, MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC Board Meeting, seconded by Ms. Buffett.

Motion carried: 4-0.

**President/CEO Report:**

Mr. Roger Dixon deferred to Ms. Bassett for an update on The RiverFront.

**Other Business:**

**Park Update**

Ms. Bassett stated that summer is in full swing at The RiverFront, which unofficially kicked off the season just a week and a half ago by welcoming over 58,000 visitors to Heartland of America Park during the three-day Taste of Omaha festival. While Heartland drew crowds for the event, Gene Leahy Mall and Lewis & Clark Landing also saw steady activity with regular park attendance.

Continuing MECA's strong partnership with the Omaha Police Department, The RiverFront hosted OPD S.A.F.E. Day this past weekend - S.A.F.E. standing for Safety, Awareness, Fitness, and Education. Organized by the Southeast Precinct, the event featured demonstrations by OPD, OFD, and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, along with live music, a touch-a-truck experience with dozens of vehicles, free food, and access to valuable public resources. Events like this foster positive, community-centered engagement with public safety partners.

Of course, baseball is in the air! The RiverFront is proud to help launch the 2025 NCAA® Men's College World Series by hosting the 75th Community Celebration this Thursday, featuring local bands and a fireworks show.

Also beginning Thursday, Lewis & Clark Landing will welcome NASA's *Journey to Tomorrow* traveling exhibit, presented by the Glenn Research Center. The exhibit includes interactive kiosks,

an Apollo moon rock, space-themed photo opportunities, and special appearances by Omaha native and NASA flight director Brandon Lloyd, who will share insights from his career.

Lastly, construction continues on the new Pickleball Courts at Lewis & Clark Landing. Subgrade preparation is underway, with concrete pours scheduled soon. While recent rains have slightly delayed progress, they've been a welcome addition to the park's landscape. The courts are on track to open later this summer.

Chairwoman Duren asked about the timeline of the Interstate 480 State of Nebraska construction. Ms. Bassett confirmed that it has been conveyed that the construction will be temporarily paused during the Men's College World Series to accommodate the influx of visitors to Omaha and minimize disruption to the event. Completion timeline of the project has not been communicated to MECA.

### **Public Relations Update:**

Grace Safford reported that The RiverFront has seen a rise in commercial interest, with several recent requests from outside organizations. This week, the Arbor Day Foundation will be filming a commercial on-site. As these opportunities increase, the team continues to refine the approach to accommodating creative projects while ensuring that the visitor experience remains a top priority.

Summer brings a surge of activity to The RiverFront, with so many events scheduled that two press releases will go out this month to spotlight everything happening in the park. A major highlight this week is *75th at The RiverFront*, hosted by College World Series, Inc. on Thursday to commemorate 75 years of the College World Series in Omaha.

The RiverFront also continues to expand its digital presence, bridging the interactive experience from the park to online platforms. Over the past 60 days, The RiverFront has significantly outpaced both CHI Health Center and Charles Schwab Field, generating 2,827 total engagements across its digital channels.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next Board of Directors Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the MECA Board Room.

### **Adjournment**

Chairwoman Duren stated the time was 10:09 a.m. and invited a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Buffett seconded by Mr. Kelley.

Motion carried: 4-0.

Adjournment 10:09 a.m.