

MINUTES OF THE MECA TRI-PARK COMPLEX, LLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

Roll Call:

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

Proof of Publication:

Notice of the meeting was published in *The Daily Record* on November 12, 2025, and in the *Omaha World-Herald* on November 12, 2025.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Noddle moved for approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2025, MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC Board Meeting, seconded by Ms. Buffett.

Motion carried: 5-0.

President/CEO Report:

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

Other Business:

Park Update:

Ms. Bassett reported that the Operations Team remains busy with fall seasonal projects. Current work includes plant cutbacks and tree trimming. While most of this material is typically composted, The RiverFront worked with the Henry Doorly Zoo to donate a portion of the trimmings as a natural, sustainable treat. Hippos, giraffes, and other animals enjoyed “a taste of The RiverFront” over the past month. This collaboration reflects The RiverFront’s continued emphasis on meaningful partnerships and mutual community benefit.

At the end of October, The RiverFront hosted its fourth annual “It’s Fall Y’all” event, featuring trick-or-treating, a s’mores station, a spooky garden, a screening of *Scooby-Doo*, and numerous family activities. The weather was ideal, contributing to the highest attendance in the event’s history.

Ms. Bassett recently traveled to San Francisco for the Urban Land Institute Fall Conference, where she participated in a panel focused on “capital with a conscience,” highlighting public, private, and philanthropic partnerships. The RiverFront was invited to participate as a result of receiving the 2024 ULI Open Space Award and for its continued success as a national model for collaborative placemaking.

Seasonal transitions are underway, with holiday lighting being installed throughout the parks, the 70-foot holiday tree currently being assembled, and the skate ribbon scheduled to return to ice later this week.

As the year draws to a close, policies, processes, and procedures are being reviewed and evaluated in preparation for 2026 operations.

Public Relations Update:

Grace Safford reported that the Holiday Lights Festival is quickly approaching. She noted that the team had just returned from the pre-lighting ceremony press conference at the Holland Performing Arts Center, where Mr. Dixon provided an interview outlining the full slate of holiday events taking place at The RiverFront this season.

In addition, with The RiverFront being designated as a landscape steward site this year, Ms. Bassett was invited to record a short feature for the *Plants Nebraska* podcast. The segment highlights The RiverFront and what the team is thankful for, and it will air over the Thanksgiving break.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the MECA Board Room.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried: 5-0.

Adjournment 1:05 p.m.