

**MINUTES OF THE MECA TRI-PARK COMPLEX, LLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 21, 2026**

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 Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Roll Call:

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

Proof of Publication:

Notice of the meeting was published in *The Daily Record* on May 14, 2026, and in the *Omaha World-Herald* on May 14, 2026.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Buffett moved for approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2026, MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Noddle.

Motion carried: 5-0.

President/CEO Report:

Mr. Adam Straight reported that, as the school year comes to a close and summer begins, daily attendance at The RiverFront is expected to increase. He deferred to Ms. Bassett to provide an update on park activities.

Mr. Straight also recognized and thanked the team for their work in preparing The RiverFront for what is expected to be a very busy season.

Other Business:

Park Update:

Ms. Katie Bassett reported that summer programming is in full swing and that attendance at daily programs has increased.

The RiverFront hosted more than 80 events over the past month. Ms. Bassett recognized the team's work in coordinating with event organizers and program partners, as well as curating many events internally. Event activity is expected to increase now that school is out for the summer. Ms. Bassett also acknowledged the coordinators' efforts in managing unpredictable conditions, including weather, construction, and public activity, while continuing to host outstanding events that make the park a special place.

Ms. Bassett highlighted the Nebraska Wildlife Rehab bat release as a memorable event from the past month. Approximately 200 previously rescued bats were released back into the environment.

The event has become a fan favorite, drawing more than 4,000 attendees and creating a very positive atmosphere.

Plans continue to be finalized for the upcoming summer event schedule, including a simulcast of the Symphony performance at the Holland Performing Arts Center, the first Hump Day event of the season, a visit from the Des Moines Ballet, Omaha Navy Week, and hundreds of additional programs. These events will lead up to one of The RiverFront's capstone events, the Independence Day celebration, which will be the fifth celebration held at Gene Leahy Mall and will be livestreamed by KETV.

The RiverFront continues to serve as a steward of the natural environment. This spring, the park once again welcomed new ducklings and bunnies, which brought new life to the park and sitings were enjoyed by guests.

Ms. Bassett concluded by recognizing the Operations team's continued work to keep the park safe and clean for all guests, including monitoring security trends and working closely with OPD and other partners.

Public Relations Update:

Ms. Grace Safford reported that discussions continue with *KETV* regarding broadcasts for the Independence Day fireworks and Omaha Symphony events scheduled on the fourth of July. These broadcasts provide a great opportunity to highlight The RiverFront and the work involved in producing events of this scale. *KETV* will have a 30-minute segment before the broadcast to feature stories related to The RiverFront, with the team working on content for the programming.

KETV will also be doing a story with Ms. Bassett about the pollinators at The RiverFront, which is expected to be released within the next two weeks.

Ms. Safford concluded by noting that the team continues to promote weekly programming as the summer events calendar grows, including through the monthly press release and segments featured on KETV's Midday Show.

Contract Approvals:

Chairwoman Duren indicated there is one contract for approval.

FBG Facility Services

RESOLVED, that the Agreement between MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC and FBG Facility Services for custodial services throughout The RiverFront, as more fully described on the attached summary, is hereby approved, and Adam Straight as President/CEO is authorized on behalf of MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC 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.

Recently Approved Contracts:

MECA has recently awarded the following contracts:

- Nebraska Crossroads Music Festival Production
- Omaha Symphony Performance at One Community Culture Festival

Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the MECA Board Room.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Duren stated the time was 1:07 p.m. and invited a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Buffett seconded by Mr. Noddle.

Motion carried: 5-0.

Adjournment 1:07 p.m.