## **Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority**

(Minutes of the November 4, 2014 Meeting)

The Durham County Memorial Authority (the "Authority") convened at 12:00 noon on November 4, 2014 at the Durham County Administration Building, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, North Carolina.

Members present: Chairman Tommy Hunt, Commissioner Wendy Jacobs, Frank Davis, Willie Bradshaw, Pam Karriker and Omar Beasley. Also present were Reco Chavis, Stadium Manager; Lowell Siler, County Attorney; Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services, and Deborah Booth, Assistant Director, General Services as well as Darryl P. Hicklen, Chairperson, and Brenda Watson of the Bull City Stand Down.

The following agenda items were considered as follows:

Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm by Chairman Hunt.

The minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to approve by Wendy Jacobs. Seconded by Willie Bradshaw. Motion passed 6-0.

Motiryo Keambiroiro announced that Deborah Booth would be the liaison to the Authority while she was out due to a health issue.

Chairman Hunt recognized Darryl P. Hicklen, chairperson, and Brenda Watson from the Bull City Stand Down Committee. They presented a Certificate of Sponsorship to Reco Chavis and the Durham County Government. They reported on the success of the event, that Durham gets national recognition for the Stand Down and thanked the Authority for the use of the Stadium. They also indicated that at the next Stand Down, a MIA/POW Memorial Chair will be presented and donated to the Stadium. Wendy Jacobs requested that there also be a presentation at a County Commissioners Meeting in the near future.

There was a discussion regarding next year's Stand Down and the unavailability of the Armory due to repairs. Willie Bradshaw made a motion to grant full use of the Stadium to the Stand Down. Frank Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Lowell Siler presented his report on the Memorandum of Understanding for Secondary Employers

regarding the Durham County sheriff deputies that are employed during Stadium events. His department has reviewed and approved the Memorandum. It was recommended that we keep the Memorandum on record and also understand that it can be rescinded by either the Sheriff's Department or the Authority at any time.

He also reported on the Memorandum of Understanding on County Stadium Advertising. Advertising is allowed but we need to know about advertising on the new digital sign. They need to investigate

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further. It was suggested that we call a special meeting. Reco will bring an advertising plan for both inside and for the digital sign regarding both permanent signs and the marquee.

Commissioner Wendy Jacobs gave an update on the progress of forming a sports commission. Hopefully within the next month they will be ready to move forward and create a board. Frank Davis discussed the Greensboro Sports Authority and some things they have accomplished. Commissioner Jacobs expressed hope that they would have things in place in time for the new budget in July. She said if additional information is available, we may need a special meeting.

Chairman Hunt gave an update concerning Davis Whitfield of the NC HS Athletic Association and the possibility of getting 1A and 2A HS Football playoff in Durham. He said he didn't think it would happen due to the fact that Athletic Directors and Coaches want to play at bigger stadiums. There was a discussion of the possibilities of using the stadium for Lacrosse and/or soccer playoffs for the

2015-16 season.

Motiryo Keambiroiro presented an update on the sidewalk installation. She said it was moving forward slowly. \$4 million has been requested for Stadium for water infiltration and mold. There was also a discussion of the useful life of the track turf and when it should be replaced.

Reco Chavis presented the monthly attendance report and reviewed the numbers with those present.

Monthly events have increased by 10% and monthly attendance is up by 26% with the additional events in the stadium and parking lot areas.

There was discussion of the cost savings of using the Weststaff employees over General Services employees. The plan is to use more of the Weststaff employees as they are trained by General Services which will result in savings in the operational fund.

Willie Bradshaw moved to adjourn the meeting, Frank Davis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Pam Karriker in the absence of Larry Dixon, Recording Secretary.