



Memorial Stadium Authority – Quarterly Meeting Agenda

May 10, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority Minutes

Date: May 10, 2022

Time: Noon

Location: Virtual meeting

In Attendance

Pam Karriker, Chair; Dan Moushon, Vice-chair; Ed Bryson, Secretary; E'Vonne Coleman; and Charles Epps

Also, in attendance: Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director General Services; Lonnie Forte, Project Facilitator;

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting, upon motion from Dan Moushon and second from E'Vonne Colman, were approved unanimously by the Authority.

New Durham Comprehensive Plan / Engage Durham

Lonnie Forte advised the Authority that Durham is working on a new Comprehensive Plan, a long- range vision of our community. The Comprehensive Plan decides what size and kind of homes can be built. It decides what size and kind of homes can be built in what parts of the city and county; where schools and businesses can be located and where streets can run through. Previously Authority members had met with representatives from the Sports Commission and City of Durham Parks and Recreation to discuss a tentative Central Recreational Campus in Durham that would include the Stadium, the land across the street, the parks nearby and possibly other land that has not been designated yet to form this campus. It would create a central location in Durham for recreation to include possible tennis courts and/or soccer fields, park areas and other amenities as well as making the Stadium a destination for point for all of Durham and the surrounding areas. The Authority also supports the environmental efforts of the plan to reduce our carbon footprint of emissions and preserve the natural resources for our children and their children to enjoy. As the city is further developed, the Authority is of the opinion that we must ensure that water resources can support the developments and maintain a harmonious balance with the ecosystem.

It was decided that Pam Karriker, chair submit a memo to Durham City/County Planning encouraging the City/County Planning Department to make these issues a priority in the new Comprehensive Plan.

Stadium Manager's Report

It was brought to the attention of the Authority that Stadium Manager Zach Pritchard is out on parental leave and that his new child is doing well. In his absence Ray Ellis and Lonnie Forte provided an update on



the ongoing operations of the Stadium, including a discussion of previous events, programs, and future event bookings. The Authority was advised that the football field replacement had been completed, and there had been many favorable comments from players who had participated in the four events that had used the new turf.

Regarding the videoboard it appears that it will be mid-September, 2022 before it will be installed due to some difficulties with contracts pertaining to the new videoboard.

With regard to the bleacher plank replacement of existing bleachers, the Authority was informed that quotes are being received for the replacement planks.

The Authority was further advised that Shaw University held its spring football game at the Stadium and is very much interested as to the installation of the new videoboard. Furthermore, it was brought to the attention of the Authority that Shaw University's Men and Women's Soccer Teams will be playing their games at the Stadium and that VTO Elite will have its football combine at the Stadium. Future event bookings were brought to the attention of the Authority. It appears that the Stadium is going to be quite busy through June 30, 2022.

Stadium Staffing Update

Motiryo Keambiroiro advised the Authority that Josh Edwards had left the General Services Division for a position with the University of North Carolina and the Chrystal Thomas has become the new Deputy Director of General Services within the Durham County Government.

It was brought to the attention of the Authority that the County Manager has presented a budget recommendation that Stadium Manager Zach Pritchard get an assistant. Furthermore, the budget is recommending that all employees get a four percent raise in salaries (based on performance).

A motion was entertained from E'Vonne Coleman and seconded by Dan Moushon to have Chairperson Karriker submit a letter from the Authority to the Durham County Commissioners supporting the recommendation for the Durham County Manager to employ an assistant to the County Stadium Manager. Said motion was unanimously approved.

It was brought to the attention of the Authority that the next meeting of the Stadium Authority would be August 2, 2022 at the Stadium.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Bryson and seconded by Dan Moushon. Said motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by Ed Bryson, Secretary

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