

DURHAM COUNTY MEMORIAL STADIUM AUTHORITY

(Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Meeting)

The Stadium Authority Meeting started in the Commissioners Chambers for a special presentation and to honor a distinguished long time Board member Tommy Hunt.

The Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority (the "Authority") convened at 1:00 pm on May 3, 2016 at the Durham County Government Administrative Building 2nd Floor Commissioners Conference Room.

Members present: Tommy Hunt, Frank Davis, Dan Moushon, Larry Dixon, Omar Beasley, Pam Karriker and Commissioner Wendy Jacobs. Also present were Reco Chavis, Stadium Manager, and Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director, Guest, Claudia Hager, General Manager-Finance, Roderick Walton-H.R. Analyst, Human Resources.

The following agenda items were considered as follows:

Chairman Frank Davis made some congratulatory comments about the tenure of Tommy Hunt's many years of serving on the Stadium Authority Board.

Commissioner Jacobs also made comments on the many accolades that Mr. Hunt supported to get the stadium to the first class venue that it is today.

Presentations were made by Stadium Manager Reco Chavis and former General Services Director Mike Turner.

Reco Chavis presented Tommy Hunt with a beautiful plaque that showed the history of the stadium through the years.

Mike Turner presented Tommy Hunt with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, a most prestigious award presented by the Governor of North Carolina. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Many other speakers in attendance then stood to give their reflections of their memories of Mr. Hunt.

Tommy Hunt then stood and gave some extremely gracious comments of serving with past boards as well as to the present board.

Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director made some gracious closing comments on the career of Tommy Hunt and his time serving thru the years on the board.

Motion was made by Omar Beasley and seconded by Dan Moushon to approve the minutes from the board's February meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Stadium manager Reco Chavis spoke about the crumb rubber concerns made by many parents. The board was informed that he was waiting for additional studies to be completed before making recommendations.

Commissioner Jacobs asked what precautions could be taken by players using the field.

Tommy Hunt asked about concerns that area colleges may have and what was their response.

Motiryo Keambiroiro spoke about the liability or risk to the county from users of the stadium.

Omar Beasley spoke about his concerns and what the county could do immediately to lessen the liability to the county.

Tommy Hunt requested and all board members was in agreement that the Authority was making a strong statement that we are concerned about the liability of using crumb rubber at the stadium.

The stadium authority would continue to push to get some concrete answers as to the safety of using these materials on the field.

Commissioner Jacobs wants to put together a sub-committee to assist in determining the risk to players of using crumb rubber on the field and the impact it would have to all users. We also want to determine cost to redo the field if ongoing studies show there is some risk to users.

Motiryo Keambiroiro wants to continue to monitor all reports published on this subject.

Pam Karriker wants to be sure that the county and Stadium Authority is being transparent about the use of crumb rubber.

Reco Chavis gave the board an update on the monthly attendance and concession report and revenue.

Chairman Davis gave comments about many annual events held in the name of Dr. Leroy Walker, but in the process of planning a special track and field event that could be held at the stadium.

Chairman Davis and others met with Dr. Leroy Walker's grand-daughter about the planning of such events.

Reco Chavis then spoke to the board about the events calendar.

Commissioner Jacobs stated she was pleased by the diverse use of the stadium by all users.

Motion was made by Omar Beasley and seconded by Pam Karriker for the board to go into closed session. The motion was approved 7 to 0.

Motion made by Dan Moushon seconded by Pam Karriker to return meeting to open session. Motion was approved 7.0

Motion made by Chairman Davis seconded by Omar Beasley to adjourn meeting. Motion passed 7.0.

Because of conflicting schedules of board members, the August 2, board meeting has been moved to August 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Dixon, Recording Secretary
Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority