

Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority

(Minutes of the August 4, 2015 Meeting)

The Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority (the "Authority") convened at 12:00 noon on August 4, 2015 at the Durham County Courthouse. Commissioners Conference Room 200 E. Main Street Durham, North Carolina.

Members present: Tommy Hunt, Frank Davis, Larry Dixon, Pam Karriker, Dan Moushon, and County Commissioner Wendy Jacobs. Also present were Reco Chavis, Stadium Manager, Willie Darby, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director, Guests: Pastor Davis.

The following agenda items were considered as follows:

Motion made by Larry Dixon, seconded by Wendy Jacobs to approve the absence of Omar Beasley. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Reco Chavis explained some options for the renaming of the County Stadium.

Commissioners Jacobs explained in her understanding of some ideas about the renaming of county buildings.

Willie Darby explained the exact present policy on the renaming of County buildings.

Chairman Davis introduced Pastor Davis and allowed him to speak before the board on his request to ask the board to approve and forward to the County Commissioners his request to have the Durham County Memorial Stadium renamed the Willie Bradshaw Memorial Stadium.

Commissioner Jacobs asked Pastor Davis as to why the Stadium Authority Board should consider the renaming of the stadium opposed to the renaming of portions of the stadium, for instance the (field, scoreboard, or press-box).

Pastor Davis again stated his case as to why he preferred to have the stadium renamed opposed to other parts of the stadium being named in honor of Willie Bradshaw.

Tommy Hunt made comment on his extensive experience with Willie Bradshaw and stated that Mr. Bradshaw would be appalled and would never advocate the renaming of the stadium in his honor. He also stated that Willie Bradshaw would never want to dishonor the veterans that the stadium was originally named for.

Reco Chavis clarified that the commissioners would not remove the word (memorial) from the name Willie Bradshaw Stadium if that change would have been approved by the Durham Board of County Commissioners.

Pam Karriker asked about the county's renaming policy and stated she would like a renaming policy to be in place for consideration by the stadium authority board.

Dan Moushon stated he did not want to see the Durham County Memorial Stadium renamed at all.

Motiryo Keambiroiro read the present Durham County policy on the renaming of rooms within the Durham County Library.

Pam Karriker made a motion that was seconded by Dan Moushon to recommend that the stadium authority board's recommendation is postponed until a county naming policy has been approved by the Durham County Commissioners. An amendment was added that if no policy was in place the stadium authority board would use the library policy as a guidance. Motion passed 6 to 0

Motion was then made by Commissioner Jacobs to maintain the name Durham County Memorial Stadium in honor of our Veterans. An amendment was added by Commissioner Jacobs to honor the legacy of Willie Bradshaw by renaming the (field) and adding a (plaque) somewhere within the stadium that would state the many accomplishments of Mr. Bradshaw. Motion was seconded by Tommy Hunt. The motion passed. (4 members voted for the motion, 1 member voted against the motion, 1 member voted to abstain from the vote). This vote and board recommendation would be forwarded to the Durham County Commissioners.

Commissioner Jacobs made some comments on the sports authority board proposal and explained how the board will be appointed and the funding mechanisms of this authority.

Reco Chavis commented on the electronic sign policy use.

Pam Karriker asked about how the sign can be used for additional marketing purposes.

Motion was made by Pam Karriker and seconded by Tommy Hunt to accept the county's sign policy. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Reco Chavis gave the board an update on the sidewalk improvements. All board members were excited to hear that improvements would soon begin.

Reco Chavis talked about the Veterans Stand Down event to be held at the stadium September 18th.

Motion to approve the location of the MIA Chair was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Pam Karriker. Motion passed 6 to 0.

There was a request by Larry Dixon to move the November 3rd meeting which is the General Election Day to another date. Motion was made by Tommy Hunt and seconded by Dan Moushon to leave the board meeting dates as is. Motion passed 5 to 1

Motiryo Keambiroiro wants the board's recommendation on any capital improvement plans for the stadium. She gave the board an assessment of conditions and areas that may need improvement for the board to consider.

Dan Moushon wants to see better lighting at all entry points at the stadium.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tommy Hunt, seconded by Larry Dixon. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Larry Dixon, Recording Secretary
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