

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION**

June 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission was convened in the Commission Board Room on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, and called to order at 2:33 p.m. by President Don KNABE.

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Knabe, President  
Commissioner Johnathan Williams, Vice President  
Commissioner William Chadwick, Secretary  
Commissioner Tom LaBonge (arrived at 2:48pm) (note 1)  
Commissioner Mark Ridley-Thomas (arrived at 3:02pm)  
Commissioner Barry Sanders  
Commissioner Glenn Sonnenberg  
Alternate Zev Yaroslavsky (arrived at 2:37pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Thomas Faughnan  
Attorney Donovan Main  
Attorney Noreen Vincent  
Mr. John Sandbrook, interim General Manager/CAO  
Mr. Greg Hellmold, interim Director of Finance  
Mr. Joe Furin, Senior Director-Operations

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Antonovich  
Ex-officio member Senator Rod Wright  
Ex-officio member Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer

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*(Note 1): Upon the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. LaBonge delivered to Mr. Sandbrook a letter dated June 4, from Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson to Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay advising her that Councilmember LaBonge, City Council Alternate to the Coliseum Commission, was replacing Councilmember Bernard Parks as of June 4 as the City Council representative to the Coliseum Commission, effective immediately.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

President KNABE invited Public Comment, to which one individual responded. Ms. Patricia Miller of Los Angeles, CA spoke as to her views on the proposed agreement between the State of California and the University of Southern California (USC) regarding USC's use of the parking lots on certain event days. President KNABE informed Ms. Miller that the Coliseum Commission is not a party to that agreement.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 1 was moved. Commission President KNABE asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, Mr. KNABE declared the minutes of the meeting of May 1 to be approved.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President KNABE deferred President's Comments.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### 1. Agenda Item OPEN-1: General Announcements

Interim General Manager John SANDBROOK reviewed for the Commission the items in the General Announcements agenda item:

- a. State Senator Curren Price had been elected as the Los Angeles City Council representative from the 9<sup>th</sup> District, which includes the Exposition Park area, including the Coliseum and Sports Arena;
- b. In response to a request from Commissioners KNABE and CHADWICK at the May 1 meeting, a list of the names of the 38 individuals who had served as Commissioners or

Alternates to the Coliseum Commission at any time during the period of 1999-2013 was presented by Mr. SANDBROOK. President KNABE requested that an agenda item be prepared for the next meeting of the Commission for discussion and possible action for the installation of a plaque in the Coliseum Memorial Court of Honor recognizing the service of these individuals for the 1999-2013 period, similar to the four plaques previously installed for individuals for the periods of:

- 1921-1932
- 1933-1944
- 1945-1970
- 1971-1998

- c. Mr. SANDBROOK reported on the resignation of Mr. Carl REED as Director-Facilities Operations, effective May 24. Mr. SANDBROOK announced that Mr. REED had accepted a career position at USC.
- d. Mr. SANDBROOK reported the cancellation as of June 30, 2013 by Mahlmann Media, Inc. of its contract with the Commission for advertising on "tri-vision" portion of the Commission's "Freeway Sign" at 3843 Grand Avenue.

## 2. Agenda Item OPEN-2: Financial Report

Interim Director of Finance Greg HELLMOLD presented the monthly consolidated financial report for the month of April 2013, as provided in the Agenda Book. Mr. HELLMOLD informed the Commission that the net income report showed:

- For the month of April 2013, actual net income/ (loss) was (\$551,818), compared to the budgeted net income/ (loss) of (\$651,052) for the month, a positive variance of \$99,234.

Mr. HELLMOLD referred the Commission to the printed report in the Agenda Book for the other information. The report stated that:

- For YTD (July 1-April 30), actual net income/ (loss) was (\$3,514,481), compared to the budgeted net income/ (loss) of (\$4,082,038), a positive variance of \$567,557.
- The Commission's cash balance as of April 30 was \$637,620, compared to \$193,284 as of March 31.

Mr. HELLMOLD then reported to the Commission that an initial draw of \$1,000,000 had been received by the Commission on May 20 from USC pursuant to the revolving line of credit of \$1,500,000 established under the USC Loan Agreement that had been executed on May 14, 2013.

Mr. HELLMOLD then reminded the Commission that its consideration of the proposed operating budget for FY 2013-2014, commencing July 1, 2013, was being presented to the Commission for discussion and possible action as part of Agenda Item OPEN-7 at today's meeting.

Mr. HELLMOLD then asked the Commission to approve the recommendation that McGladrey LLP be continued as external auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Commissioner SONNENBERG moved the recommendation, which was seconded by Commissioner KNABE. President KNABE asked if there were any objections. Hearing no objections, President KNABE announced that the recommendation had been approved.

3. Agenda Item OPEN-3: Event Report

Mr. SANDBROOK asked Joe FURIN, Senior Director-Operations, to join him for presentation of this agenda item providing the standard Event Report on: (a) completed events; (b) scheduled events; and (c) status of other events previously approved by the Commission. In addition, the advance booking calendar through December 31, 2013 was also included with the agenda item.

Mr. SANDBROOK and Mr. FURIN reported on the three events held since the last meeting of the Commission on May 1:

- Sports Arena -- Thursday, May 2 – Rock Concert “The Killers”
- Coliseum – Saturday, May 11 – Revlon Run
- Sports Arena – Sunday, May 19 – USA Wrestling Exhibition

Mr. SANDBROOK and Mr. FURIN also reported that the following events were scheduled prior to the next meeting of the Commission on July 17:

- Sports Arena – Monday, June 10 – Sony Corp. Corporate Presentation
- Sports Arena – Sunday, June 16 – Radio Guadalupe Religious Ministry Event
- Sports Arena – Saturday, June 22 – AEG/Goldenvoice Concert-Jang Keun-Suk
- Sports Arena – Thursday, June 27 – Bell High School Graduation
- Coliseum – Wednesday, July 3 – “Messi and Friends” International All-Star Soccer Game
- Coliseum – Thursday, July 4 – City of Los Angeles Fireworks Program

Mr. SANDBROOK also reported that the proposal for Soccer Fan Fest to be held on the Sports Arena East Plaza/ Figueroa Pad from June 15 to June 30, 2013 concurrent with the Confederation Cup international soccer matches in Brazil had been withdrawn by the promoter.

4. Agenda Item OPEN-4: Update regarding Special Meeting of May 14, 2012

Mr. SANDBROOK asked USC Vice President Kristina RASPE to join him for presentation of this agenda item.

Mr. SANDBROOK reported to the Commission that, at the regular meeting earlier on June 5 of the Board of Directors of Exposition Park/California Science Center, the Board had announced – following a one-hour closed session to discuss the report of the Negotiating Committee on

USC/Coliseum agreements – not to take any action at today’s meeting regarding the proposed State/USC Term Sheet but to continue the June 5 meeting on Tuesday, June 25.

Mr. SANDBROOK reported that Board of Directors Chair Fabian Wesson had also announced, as a result of the public hearing held on May 30 and June 1 and as a result of the public comments received at the June 5 meeting, the intention of the Board of Directors to continue its discussions with USC regarding the State/USC Term Sheet so that the Board of Directors could consider possible action on a revised State/USC Term Sheet on June 25.

Mr. SANDBROOK also reported that the Board of Directors, at its meeting of earlier today, had voted to approve the proposed State/Coliseum Commission Term Sheet that had been approved by the Coliseum Commission at the latter’s meeting of May 1, 2013 regarding resolution of: (a) the rent payments due the State since July 1, 2012; (b) the transfer of the Commission-owned properties in Exposition Park lot no. 1, Exposition Park lot no. 3 and Jesse Brewer Park; and (c) other various parking-related issues that had not been addressed since 2007-2008.

Mr. SANDBROOK reported that the Board of Directors had also instructed its staff to begin by June 15, 2013, the submittal process of these proposed agreements to the State Public Works Board for formal State approval. Because of this approval process, Mr. SANDBROOK reported to the Commission that the Board of Directors had included an expiration date of December 31, 2013 with respect to its approval of the State/Coliseum Commission Term Sheet.

President KNABE reported to the Commission that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors had taken action on June 4, 2013, to address the reconciliation of provisions regarding event limitations set forth in the proposed State/USC Term Sheet with the similar provisions in the State/County of Los Angeles lease of 2006.

Mr. SANDBROOK also reported to the Commission that, immediately following today’s meeting of the Commission, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coliseum

Association, Inc. had been scheduled to consider for approval the recommendation that the Association concur in the action of the Coliseum Commission approving the assignment to USC of the lease agreement of December 2010 regarding the digital videoboard.

Mr. SANDBROOK also reported to the Commission regarding the various aspects of the transition planning that had been underway for several months under the direction of Mr. FURIN and Mr. HELLMOLD.

Mr. SANDBROOK also referred the Commission to the agenda item for the update on the current status of SB 695, which had been introduced by Senator Wright in February 2013 regarding Exposition Park parking operations. Mr. SANDBROOK reported that the State Senate had approved SB 695 on May 9 and that the bill had now been referred to two standing committees of the State Assembly for further consideration.

Vice President RASPE also stated that today's Commission meeting would be the final meeting in her capacity as USC Vice President-Real Estate and Asset Management. President KNABE expressed the appreciation of the Commission to her for her collaboration with the Commission and extended best wishes in the start of her new executive appointment with Apple Corp. in Cupertino, CA.

5. Agenda Item OPEN-5 – Ad Hoc Task Force to Review the 1976 Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement

Commissioner RIDLEY-THOMAS reported to the Commission on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Task Force to Review the Restated Joint Powers Authority Agreement of November 9, 1976, which remain unchanged from earlier discussions with the Commission:

- a. Reduce the number of seats on the Commission governing board from nine to three, with one appointee named by each member agency;

- b. Reduce the number of required meetings from one per month to one per quarter;
- c. Ensure that the restructured Commission has flexibility in contracting or appointing administrative staff to support Commission functions, including appointment of fiscal officers, possibly from one of the member agencies.

Commissioner RIDLEY-THOMAS stated that the agenda item in the Commission agenda book for today's meeting included a "marked-up/red-lined" version of the JPA Agreement including these basic recommendations and other provisions relative to their adoption.

Commissioner RIDLEY-THOMAS also stated that the Ad Hoc Task Force proposed that the President KNABE should be authorized to transmit these recommendations, if approved by the Commission, to the three member agencies for formal consideration and adoption, but that such transmittal should be deferred until and unless the Amended and Restated USC-Coliseum Commission Lease is executed.

Commissioner RIDLEY-THOMAS also stated that the Ad Hoc Task Force proposed that the Commission should request the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Executive Office to prepare a proposal not later than September 16, 2013, in conjunction with interim Chief Administrative Officer SANDBROOK, for the possible assumption by that office of the administration and support functions of the Commission during 2013-2014.

Following discussion, Commissioner RIDLEY-THOMAS moved for adoption the three proposed actions as set forth in the agenda item. Commissioner KNABE seconded the motion. President KNABE asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, President KNABE announced that the three proposed actions were approved and thanked the Ad Hoc Task Force for its service.



6. Agenda Item OPEN-6: Coliseum Operations for 2013-2014

President KNABE stated that this agenda item proposed action by the Commission on two aspects of Coliseum Commission operations for 2013-2014:

- a. Continuation of the employment contract of Mr. John R. Sandbrook for a 24-week period from July 1, 2013 through December 14, 2013 to serve as interim Chief Administrative Officer, on a 50% appointment basis.
- b. Extension of the agreement with the County of Los Angeles Office of Auditor-Controller to provide a subject matter expert in the area of accounting and finance on an as-needed basis during 2013-2014, up to \$75,000, to assist the Commission with its financial activities.

Mr. SANDBOOK indicated that, with respect to (b), Mr. HELLMOLD, who had served as interim director of finance for the Commission since October 24, 2011, was now planning to return to the Office of the Auditor-Controller not later than the end of July 2013, but would be willing to continue to provide assistance to the Commission on a part-time basis.

Commission Alternate YAROSLAVSKY moved that the Commission approve both proposed actions. Commissioner CHADWICK seconded the motion. President KNABE asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, President KNABE announced that both actions were approved.

7. Agenda Item OPEN-7: Coliseum Operating Budget for 2013-2014

Mr. HELLMOLD referred the Commission to Agenda Item OPEN-7 which presented two operating budgets for 2013-2014 for discussion and action:

- Budget "A" was based upon the assumption that the Amended and Restated USC Lease would begin not later than July 1, 2013

- Budget "B" was based upon the assumption that the Amended and Restated USC Lease begins after July 1, 2013

Mr. HELLMOLD explained that the JPA Agreement requires that the Commission adopt an annual operating budget prior to June 30 and that the City of Los Angeles required receipt of an approved budget as documentation that continuation of disbursements for employee payroll has been authorized.

Commissioner CHADWICK moved the adoption of both Budget "A" and Budget "B" given the uncertainty of the start date of the Amended and Restated USC Lease. Commissioner LaBonge seconded the motion.

President KNABE asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, President KNABE announced that both versions of the proposed Operating Budget for 2013-2014 had been approved.

8. Agenda Item OPEN-8: Coliseum Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014

Mr. SANDBROOK referred the Commission to Agenda Item OPEN-8 which presented a proposed meeting schedule of the Commission through December 2013. Mr. SANDBROOK stated that the JPA Agreement requires action by the Commission for the adoption of a meeting schedule.

Mr. SANDBROOK stated that the following five dates were proposed for the meeting schedule through December 2013:

- Wednesday, July 17
- Wednesday, September 11 (due to Rosh Hashanah beginning on September 4)
- Wednesday, October 2
- Wednesday, November 6
- Wednesday, December 4

Commissioner CHADWICK asked if the July 17 meeting date would be the same as the mid-summer meeting date of the Board of Directors of Exposition Park/California Science Center. (Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. SANDBROOK reported to Commissioner Chadwick that the mid-summer meeting date of the Board of Directors was scheduled for July 24 and the September meeting date was scheduled for September 4.)

Commissioner LA BONGE moved that the proposed meeting schedule be approved. Commissioner KNABE seconded the motion. President KNABE asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, President KNABE announced that the proposed meeting schedule had been approved.

Mr. SANDBROOK stated that this concluded the Open Session report from the office of the General Manager and invited questions or new topics. Hearing none, Commission President KNABE requested Commission legal counsel to announce the start of Closed Session.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Attorney FAUGHNAN announced that the Commission would meet in Closed Session regarding the matters listed on the printed agenda. Closed Session commenced at 3:20p.m.

#### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Commission returned to Open Session at 4:25pm.

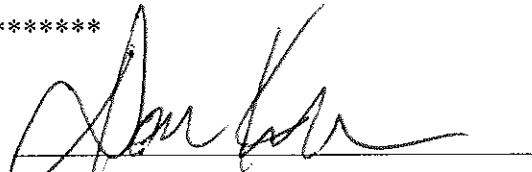
#### REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKENS DURING CLOSED SESSION

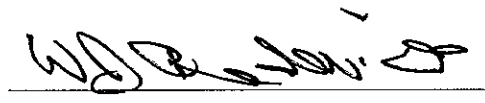
Attorney FAUGHNAN announced that that there were no reportable actions taken by the Commission during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcing the completion of the business set forth on the printed agenda, President KNABE declared the meeting of the Coliseum Commission to be adjourned at 4:30pm. A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Association, Inc. was held immediately following adjournment.

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