



# QUALCOMM STADIUM ADVISORY BOARD

## Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting

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### APPROVED MINUTES

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Thursday, November 13, 2008  
STADIUM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Les Williamson called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

##### Board Present:

Chairman	Les Williamson	
Vice Chair/Administrative Chair	Jeff Jeffery	
Member	Si Coleman	
Member	Ben Clay	
Member	David Baron	
Member	Kim Folsom	Absent
Member	Carlos Vasquez	
Member	Michael Simonsen	Absent
Member	Rudy Castruita	

**Staff Present:** Mike McSweeney Stadium Manager, Steve Wightman Operations/Turf Manager; Kathy Stevens Stadium Advisory Board Secretary.

**Others Present:** Deborah Sandy, SDSU; Brent Schrotenboer San Diego Union Tribune; Archie Nielson San Diego Auto Connection

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 8, 2008

Approved. Unanimous

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

#### IV. COMMUNICATIONS

No Report

**V. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Chair Williamson reported on the concerns of the Advisory Board that they have been kept out of the loop with the Stadium Contracts and they believe that with the City and their funding issues, it would be beneficial to have the Board be involved in the contract negotiation process.

Boardmember Rudy Castruita asked if there has been a request to be involved with the Contract negotiations.

Chair Williamson responded that in the past it has been normal procedure that the Vice-Chair and two other members be a part of the Administrative Committee, which is involved in the major Tenant Contract negotiations at the Stadium. With the change of the Stadium Manager and City Director for the Stadium, the Board has been bypassed in this process. It was addressed in August and still have had no feed back.

Boardmember Jeff Jeffery responded that in the past the Board was involved with the San Diego Auto Connection Lease and others. However, there has been a big turnover in personnel responsible for supervising the operation of the Stadium, from Bruce Herring to Jim Waring to Jim Barwick, and there has been a lot of slippage in the process.

Boardmember Ben Clay stated that we should invite Mr. Barwick to attend a meeting so that we can discuss our interest. Ben also stated that he knows that the Mayor's office wants us to be more involved.

Stadium Manager Mike McSweeney stated that he welcomes the input and has given Jeff some current projects that he is currently working on where he will want Board involvement.

Chair Williamson asked Mike for a current list of leases so they can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Boardmember Si Coleman stated that when he was nominated for the Board, he met with five Councilmembers and told them that he would accept the nomination only if they agreed that they would not vote on any Stadium items unless the Advisory Board had first reviewed them. There was a concurrence from all five as well as the City Manager. Board involvement lessened when the City converted to a Strong Mayor form of government. Si expressed confidence that a stronger role for the Board will resume after a discussion on the matter occurs with the Stadium Manager and Mr. Barwick.

**MOTION:**

**Rudy Castruita made the motion to advise Mike McSweeney to contact Jim Barwick to discuss the Advisory Boards involvement with the Stadium Contracts and to invite him to a Advisory Board Meeting.**

**Les/David second; motion carried**

**VI. BUSINESS PARTNER REPORTS**

**A. CHARGERS**

No Report

**B. AZTECS**

No Report

C. **HOLIDAY BOWL & POINSETTIA BOWL**

Bruce reported on the possibility of teams that might be in the Bowl Games.

D. **OMBAC**

Lin Walton stated they are in the pre-season phase.

E. **ACE PARKING**

Brian Nelson stated they are in their busy season now and had a little difficulty with the wind and their equipment at the last Charger game.

F. **CENTERPLATE**

Scott Marshall reported that their last game was off revenue wise due to the weather.

G. **SAN DIEGO AUTO CONNECTION**

Archie Nelson stated that their final sale for the year would be December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. STAFF REPORT**

A. Stadium Manager Mike McSweeney

Mike McSweeney reported that on November 1, The Call had 28,000 attendees with no problems.

Boardmember David Baron asked who wrote the check for The Call.  
Manager Mike McSweeney stated The Call.

Mike also stated that the National Paintball Championships will be here all weekend.

Deputy City Attorney  
Paul Prather – no report

C. District 6

Chet Barfield-no report

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

San Diego State Lease

Boardmember Jeff Jeffery reported that it has been very difficult trying to get all the parties together. Jeff stated that it is our goal not to have the City subsidize SDSU Football. Hopefully, within a couple of weeks, all parties will be able to meet and finalize a new lease.

Boardmember Jeffery asked if anyone would like to work with him, please call him.

**X. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mike McSweeney stated that any media questions directed to the Stadium are referred to Darren Pugil, Mayor's Press Secretary.

Si Coleman also stated that the Chair of the Advisory Board has been the one to answer any media questions on behalf of the Board.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.

The next Regular meeting will be Thursday December 11, at 8:15 am.