



QUALCOMM STADIUM ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2015
STADIUM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Rudy Castruita called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Board Present:

Chairman	Rudy Castruita	Present
Member	John Thomson	Absent
Member	Ben Clay	Present
Member	Les Williamson	Present
Member	Jesse Durfee	Present
Member	Luke Pistorius	Present
Member	Albert Velasquez	Absent
Member	Carol Jeffries	Present
Member	Andy Zlotnik	Present

Staff Present: Mike McSweeney-Stadium Manager; Maria Villanueva-Stadium Secretary

Others Present: David Noll-Aztecs; Mark Neville-San Diego Bowl Association; Eddy Goldenberg-Ace Parking; Stephan Vance-SANDAG; Kirk Bradbury-Quality Infrastructure Company; Julia Richards-San Diego River Conservancy; David Mittelstadt-IXTUS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of July 16, 2015 – Approved. Unanimous.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public comments to report.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Stephan Vance, SANDAG – The Board was given an update of the trail plan's progress along the San Diego River. Since the last presentation of the alignment phase in July, independent studies have been completed and are currently in the preliminary engineering phase. Design work has already begun. Handouts were given to show the

alignment studies and areas of focus impacting the operations of the Stadium. The trail, within Stadium grounds, starts from the West end behind the Library and IKEA will work its way to the recycling center, through the Trolley Station and underneath its bridge, and heads towards the East end of the parking lot where a retaining wall will be built. Areas of focus would be the need for barriers and fencing, and the loss of up to 50 parking spaces. Plans received from Kirk Bradbury of QIC, project engineer, will be reviewed and should be finalized by September. SANDAG would gladly return to give another update to the Board Members.

Rudy Castruita inquired if the Stadium was aware of the loss of parking spaces to which Mike McSweeney replied that he was made aware of this.

Les Williamson asked if this would be grandfathered in to other changes to the Stadium property. Stephan Vance replied this was part of the City of San Diego's Riverpark Master Plan; therefore any changes that happen around the Stadium would involve the development of the River Park.

Ben Clay, whom also chairs for the San Diego River Conservancy, commented that SANDAG is developing the bicycle strategy and trails for the region. The Stadium is a key piece for people to ride their bikes through. Its major focus is to have minimal impact to the Stadium's daily operations.

Jesse Durfee inquired if more people will be able to bike to the Stadium for events, will there be bicycle racks available? Stephen replied that the City of San Diego has a bike rack program and they would be able to get the racks which are easy to install. Mike McSweeney commented that he is working with Stephen to come up with a solution as to how to fence the area to keep people from just walking into an event without paying admission, or disturbing a private event.

Rudy Castruita invited SANDAG to return for another briefing.

Julia Richards was introduced as the new CEO of the San Diego River Conservancy.

V. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

A. Chairman Rudy Castruita – No report.

VI. BUSINESS PARTNER REPORTS

A. CHARGERS

No Report.

B. AZTECS

David Noll – The new helmet and jersey was shown to the members of the Board. They were just revealed last month. The helmet has a unique design that includes the Aztec calendar. Parts of the design are also on the jersey's shoulder pad area. The Aztecs are just days away from their first football game with the University of San Diego on Saturday, September 5th. There are high hopes of hosting the Mountain West Championship games and winning the conference title.

C. SAN DIEGO BOWL ASSOCIATION

Mark Neville – Announced tickets go on sale to the general public today at 9:00am.

D. OMBAC

No Report.

E. ACE PARKING

Eddy Goldenberg – In regards to the presentation to the Board last month, striping in the North West quadrant is complete. At the last Charger game, the flow of traffic into the Stadium went well. This week, the Bus area will be reconfigured and completed in preparation for the Seahawks game.

F. SAN DIEGO SPORTSERVICE

No Report.

VII. STAFF REPORT

A. Stadium Manager Mike McSweeney

Parking Lot – The reconfigured parking stalls went well for the Cowboys game. Exiting the North West parking lot flowed well. Leaving the Stadium parking lot is a major complaint and hopefully the reconfiguration will show an improvement in getting out.

Meeting Postponements – The Board members were thanked for their flexibility. The past two meeting were postponed due to preparations for major Stadium events (July for the One Direction concert, and August for the pre-season opening game against the Dallas Cowboys).

Stadium Operating, Maintenance, and Capital Costs – A handout was given to the Board Members of a memorandum providing information on what it costs to run the Stadium and the increasing costs for the next 20 years as the Stadium gets older.

ADA Compliance – A complaint was made where closed captioning could not be seen. Because it was a local telecast, it is generally not provided. Efforts are being made for all televisions to have the capability to do so. A request was made to have close captioning on the Jumbotron, but with its current bulb technology, visibility would be poor. Having tablets available to be checked out are being looked into. This is currently being used at Petco Park. Typists have been brought in to work in a specialized area to record the broadcasts if the network does not provide closed captioning.

San Diego Sportservice – Their first major event for the Chargers' opening pre-season game was a huge success. A Suites Manager has been hired and will start on Monday. Their Catering Manager has been on board for a month now. More staff members are slowly being added. They get tremendous support from their corporate office for major events.

Stadium Staffing – The vacated position for a painter was recently filled, and still looking to fill a HVAC position. An offer was made for the Event Coordinator position but the candidate withdrew. Another candidate has been offered the position and looking forward to get this job filled in the next couple of weeks. The Program Manager position held by Kristina Peralta is open again. Kristina was selected as the Interim Director for Purchasing and Contracting.

Events – The Stadium has been busy, with the One Direction Concert and Cal State Games in July, the Chargers' Bolt to the Q, numerous commercials film shoots, Extreme Auto Fest, the Chargers' Fan Fest, and the Aztec's Fan Fest this Saturday, concerts in the Practice Field for Island Vibe, Van's Warped Tour concert in the parking lot.

Coming up is the Aztecs vs. USD with the KGB Sky Show after the game, and the Chargers' game will be against Seattle.

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

No items to report.

IX. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Les Williamson commented on Board Member responses to the Secretary's attendance emails. All Board Members must reply whether attending or are scheduled to be out of town to determine whether a meeting will take place. Consideration must be taken towards other Board Member's time and of the Stadium's staff members. Les has asked that Maria Villanueva, the Board's Secretary, to send out an email asking the Members to notify her of any scheduled absences.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting will take place Thursday, August 13, 2015.