



## **QUALCOMM STADIUM ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting

**Thursday, September 10, 2015**  
**STADIUM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

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### **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	Absent
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:** Cheryl Tissue-San Diego Bowl Association; Eddy Goldenberg-Ace Parking; Mike Hansen-City of San Diego.

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of August 20, 2015 – Approved. Unanimous.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public comments to report.

### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mike Hansen, City of San Diego, Mayor's Office – A review was given before the Board Members on the meetings held in June with the NFL and the San Diego Chargers. Also mentioned were the following:

- A draft of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was completed August 10<sup>th</sup> and is up for public review.

- Several meeting have been held with the NFL. The next meeting will be in New York with the 32 team owners on October 6-7, 2015.
- The Mayor has committed to a public vote, so the public can have their say on building a stadium. But with the required submissions to the Registrar of Voters and timeline issues, this is not likely to happen for a January voting and it would be moved to June.
- Application to the State has been submitted for an expedited litigation in case the City is sued on the EIR. This is currently under public review.
- The proposed location and conceptual design for a new Stadium. A handout was given to the Board members.
- A Downtown location was rejected by the Chargers due to the timeline given to have a new stadium open in 2019. Since the downtown area property is not owned by the City, this would be a separate process that would several years to work out.
- The City has offered to work with the Chargers on a downtown location if they agreed to not relocate to Los Angeles while plans are in place. The Chargers would not agree to this.
- A vote would be taken for Qualcomm Stadium to be designated as a historical landmark, which is a required process if the Stadium is to be saved or be demolished to build a new stadium.

## **V. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

**A. Chairman Rudy Castruita** – No report.

## **VI. BUSINESS PARTNER REPORTS**

### **A. CHARGERS**

No Report.

### **B. AZTECS**

No Report.

### **C. SAN DIEGO BOWL ASSOCIATION**

Cheryl Tissue – Continuing work on the Bowl games, with the Poinsettia Bowl at 1:30pm on the December 23<sup>rd</sup> and a fireworks show after the game. The Holiday Bowl follows a week after on the 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm.

### **D. OMBAC**

No Report.

### **E. ACE PARKING**

Eddy Goldenberg – The KGB Sky show went well. Well into the third quarter of the Aztec game there was a steady flow of cars entering the parking lot to watch the fireworks show. Preparing for a full house for the upcoming Chargers game with warm

weather expected. Ongoing training continues to keep the staff knowledgeable of stadium information to answer any questions.

#### **F. SAN DIEGO SPORTSERVICE**

No Report.

### **VII. STAFF REPORT**

#### **A. Stadium Manager Mike McSweeney**

New Ace Parking Configuration – The Northwest quadrant used for RV parking shows a significant improvement in entering and exiting the Stadium parking lot.

Stadium Staffing – Kristina Peralta, Program Manager, was selected to be the Interim Director for Purchasing & Contracting. The position will now be filled by Miguel Duran, also from Purchasing & Contracting. With his experience and knowledge of the stadium, he is a welcomed member to the stadium staff. Miguel's time will be split with Purchasing & Contracting spending two to three days a week at the Stadium. A conditional offer has been made for the position of Program Coordinator. An announcement will be made once all the required documentation has been completed.

SANDAG Followup – A meeting was held last week with Stephan Vance and their designer to discuss the bike path along the southern areas of the parking lot. Cause for concerns is for parking lot ticketed events where they could be easily entered by simply going over k-rails or fencing. This would then be a safety issue should anyone be injured in doing so.

San Diego Sportservice – The Stadium's Food and Beverage Company continues to do a great job. The first couple of events have been successful with their new streamlined menu, their card-swipe system where payment transactions are made quicker, the redesign of points of sales for better accessibility, more food items to select from for premium seating.

Events – In talks with a theatre company to hold a parking lot event which closely resembles a Circus Soleil type show called Peter Pan 360. It would open in March 2016 for nine shows weekly for two month.

Jesse Durfee inquired of any concerns for flooding in the SE quadrant for this event. Mike replied the dredging completed for the Murphy Canyon runoff has so far been working out in reducing flooding issues.

### **VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS**

No items to report.

### **IX. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Les Williamson commented it was good to see attendance and responses to meeting notifications have improved.

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. The next meeting will take place Thursday, October 8, 2015.