



Minnesota Ballpark Authority Board Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2016

Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher called the board meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for April 7, 2016 to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken. Commissioners Barb Sykora, Joan Campbell and Paul Williams were present.

Commissioner Sykora moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

Commissioner Williams moved approval of the January 7, 2016 meeting minutes seconded by Commissioner Campbell and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

Chair's Report – No report

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Dan Kenney noted that the ballpark legislation was approved 10 years ago. Mr. Kenney gave an update on the Hennepin County ballpark sales tax activities and sales taxes generated at Target Field. Mr. Kenney also stated that the 7th Street modifications for Target Center's loading dock will begin soon and continue through this summer.

ACTION ITEMS

Commendation for Martin Olav Sabo was read by Chair Anderson Kelliher and put into record. The Commendation was moved for approval by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

WHEREAS, Martin Olav Sabo was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to serve on the Minnesota Ballpark Authority in March of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Martin Sabo brought vast experience in the public sector to the MBA having previously served in the Minnesota House of Representatives, three years as House Minority Leader and five years as Speaker of the House and the US House of Representatives chairing the Budget Committee and serving on the Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, during his time in public office Martin Sabo helped to secure funding for hundreds of projects in economic development, environmental protection, housing, crime prevention and transportation and, as a testament to his hard work on transportation projects, a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis was named the Martin Olav Sabo bridge in 2007; and

WHEREAS, as an MBA Commissioner, Martin Sabo served as Vice-Chair, his leadership skills and knowledge of infrastructure projects, coupled with his passion for the game of baseball proving to be a great asset to the MBA and Target Field; and

WHEREAS, Martin Sabo embraced his responsibility as an MBA Commissioner representing the public's interest as the long term asset manager of Target Field, ensuring that the ballpark was a good neighbor to the North Loop; and

WHEREAS, Martin Sabo will be remembered as a man of great integrity and an exceptional public servant; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2016, at the Minnesota Twins Home Opener, the Sabo family will raise the Hennepin County flag, recognizing Martin Sabo's role on the MBA Board and his love of the game of baseball;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority gratefully acknowledges Martin Sabo's valuable contributions to the people of Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and that the MBA expresses its most sincere condolences to Martin's wife Sylvia and all of the Sabo family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Martin Sabo's kindness, dedication to the MBA Mission, strong work ethic and infectious love of the game of baseball will be greatly missed by the Minnesota Ballpark Authority Board and staff.

APPROVED

Commissioners gave their fond recollections of Commissioner Sabo, and all agreed that he will be missed. Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that Governor Dayton's office will be appointing a new board member through an Open Appointments process. Applications are being accepted now and information is available on the Governor's website.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Target Field Operations Update – Matt Hoy, Minnesota Twins Senior V.P. of Operations. Mr. Hoy stated that the per the Ballpark Lease Agreement between the Twins and the Minnesota Ballpark Authority enclosed in the meeting packets are the Annual Maintenance Expenses for 2015 and budgeted amounts for 2016, Tennant Ballpark Property Schedule for 2015, Team Contributions to Youth Activities and Youth and Amateur Sports and the Affordable Seating Plan for 2016 for review of the board.

Mr. Hoy spoke on construction updates that have occurred at Target Field during the off season. New safety netting has been installed over the dugouts and behind the home plate area. The centerfield project will be completed in time for the home opener and will contain a season ticket holder section called "Catch" and a restaurant area above that called "Minnie and Paul's". Terrazo flooring has been installed outside the Champions Club entrance, carpeting has also been replaced in the press dining room and in the serving area on the Service level. The prototype Suite is finished. Railings on the administrative balconys have been replaced with glass instead of a mesh fabric. A scoreboard beam was replaced due to some water damage. There will be changes in security in the building and in the ballpark, per new MLB rules. It will be mandatory to screen all who enter the building and field at all entry points. Searches with dogs will be at every series of games and police will be stationed at all gates for the duration of the game.

Target Field Concessions Update – Pete Spike, General Manager, Delaware North Sportservice. Mr. Spike spoke about the outreach and recruiting efforts for the 2016 season and handed out an information sheet of what Delaware North has been doing in order to attract and hire workers. Mr. Spike also reviewed the 2015 food success stories and the discontinued items. Mr. Spike gave an overview of Delaware North's

community involvement and how they are making Target Field environmentally friendly. Mr. Spike also spoke on the 2016 initiatives, new foods, new kiosks and new restaurants.

Financial Report – Brenda Juneau, MBA Finance Coordinator. Ms. Juneau reported on the 2015 year end summary. At the end of the 2015 fiscal year combined ending balances were \$21,456,626, an increase of just over \$2 million dollars from last year, due to the contributions from Hennepin County and the Twins. The largest portion of the combined fund balance is in the Capital Reserve Fund, these funds are used for future ballpark improvements. The Capital Project Fund has a balance of \$7,606,421. The General Operating fund has a 2015 year-end balance of \$1,066,531 which is about \$31,000 less than 2014. For investment purposes with Hennepin County, cash from all MBA funds is pooled for deposit and investment. There was a small net decrease in the Fair Value of Investments for year-end 2015.

There being no further business, Chair Anderson Kelliher moved to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously - 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS. The board meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for April 7, 2016 was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2016 at Target Field Tour Theatre