

Rochester Sports Foundation Board Meeting Minutes (6-29-23)

The meeting was called to order by Chris Terry at 11:32 AM. Board members: Becca Tesch, Chad Behnken, Carole Shulman and Patrick Sexton were present. Doug Holtan was present via phone. Joe Powers was absent. Advisory members Ben Boldt, Sheila Kiscaden, Marshall Behrens, Shaun Palmer, Steve Strickland, Andrew Davick as well as staff member Ed Hruska were also in attendance. Amanda Prosser from ISG was a guest.

The May meeting minutes and SOA were presented via email based on President Terry's request (due to lengthy agenda). There were no corrections or comments. Sexton moved, Tesch seconded and they were approved by all.

Cyle Erie presented the ISG work to date on the Rochester Sports and Recreation Complex (RSRC) to the group. He shared how the data was compiled throughout the process. Ben Boldt from the Rochester Park Department also added information on the process from the city level. Amanda Prosser of ISG also added several items regarding the planning and application of the data into determining the overall outcomes of the complex.

Numerous items were discussed including priorities identified in the studies and what the complex could look to be. There were good questions on what and how the facility could best serve the community. Cyle reminded the group that the program options have not fully been determined yet. Amanda went over the three various options being considered at this time. There were question about the location of the facility. Erie shared that a site selection group will be formed to assist in this process. He also shared the estimated costs of each plan - which did include building and land costs included.

Hruska then shared the various recent site visit data. These complexes were in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota. Pictures and facility detail were reviewed on all the complexes. There was discussion on how we can apply some of these practices to the planning of RSRC.

Boldt reviewed the time line moving forward. Palmer added his understanding of the timing and ballot wordage also. The group was in support of the facility planning to date and will assist in helping get a positive vote in November.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM

Next meeting date: August 24th, 2023 at Noon