

**MINUTES OF THE MECA TRI-PARK COMPLEX, LLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, was called to order by Chairwoman Diane Duren at 1:00 p.m. on February 8, 2022.

Roll Call:

Present or participating via teleconference were: Chairwoman Diane Duren, Ms. Susie Buffett, Mr. Ben Gray, Mr. Tom Kelley, and Mr. Jay Noddle.

As a reminder, during the continuing pandemic, both the City and State had waived applicability of the 'public meeting' requirements that would otherwise apply, and therefore all Board members who were attending the meeting by telephone were eligible to participate.

Proof of Publication:

Notice of the meeting was published in *The Daily Record* on February 1, 2022, and in the *Omaha World-Herald* on February 1, 2022.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Gray moved for approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2022, MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Noddle.

Motion carried: 5-0.

President/CEO Report:

Mr. Roger Dixon stated that complications associated with ongoing supply chain issues and other COVID-19 related schedule impacts has extended the completion date for Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront. The grand re-opening of Gene Leahy Mall is now scheduled for Friday, July 1, 2022, followed by a weekend full of activations and programming including a number of family-friendly activities, free entertainment and live music.

Mr. Dixon and Ms. Bassett recently met with the staff at the Luminarium to discuss overall goals and objectives. The Luminarium is also on track to see tremendous progress over the next year and will make a positive impact on Lewis & Clark Landing.

Other Business:

Parks Update

Ms. Katie Bassett reported that after careful consideration the grand opening of Gene Leahy Park has been pushed back to July 1 to avoid major delays. The construction team is confident that the park will be completed and ready for an onslaught of activities upon reopening. This change in the schedule has also challenged The RiverFront team to work with contracted events and program partners to shift dates and times to accommodate a full summer of programming, which will now begin in July. There were previously over 300 events and programs scheduled for the first 100

days of the grand reopening of Gene Leahy Mall. The team is working to maintain the same level of activation with the modified date.

A scaffolding structure is being placed around the Performance Pavilion so the amenity can be painted before the installation of perforated overhead panels. Progress continues on the installation of wood details and shade structures. Water proofing of the cascades has begun in preparation for granite cladding to be installed. Miller Electric is currently pulling the tens of miles of cabling that is necessary for electrical and communication components around the park.

The team continues to be a good partner and coordinate with the many projects happening in parallel to The RiverFront. There were several meetings in the last month with the Kiewit Luminarium team, looking forward to continuing the long-term partnership as both entities begin building their operating teams.

Schedule procurement and staffing continue to be a focus for both the construction and operating teams as MECA prepares for a busy spring and summer schedule.

Ms. Bassett was happy to announce the newest additions to The RiverFront team - Mr. Bill Pickett, the Director of Events and Programming, and Mr. Sidney Gnann, Director of Operations both began just after the first of the year.

Chairwomen Duren inquired about the status of the special lighting feature for Gene Leahy Mall. Ms. Bassett replied that the project is moving along in parallel with the electrical and telecommunications structures to be fully operational by July 1.

Public Relations Update

Ms. Kristyna Engdahl stated the Gene Leahy Mall delay announcement had pickup across the board, with representation on all local channels, radio, the Omaha World-Herald and out of market media. Immediately following the internal decision, notice of the reopening date was distributed via press release, directly to identified stakeholders, via email to newsletter subscribers and on MECA's social media platforms.

A history of transparency has been established with this project and being upfront about all developments demonstrates MECA's commitment to the community. The feedback on the opening delay was mixed, but many seemingly understood the dilemma that entities across the country are experiencing with supply chain issues and demand.

Also, within the last month, MECA and KANEKO held a joint media availability to unveil the first art piece destined for the Gene Leahy Mall Sculpture Garden. This also received pickup from all local major media outlets; stories in the *Omaha World-Herald* and on KVNO (Nebraska Public Radio) with featured interviews with the artist James Surls. It was a positive announcement for the project and an effective means for generating excitement. This story also helped MECA to explain the partnership with, and programming that, KANEKO will provide at The RiverFront.

Other publicity opportunities in recent weeks included an interview with WOWT about the Heartland of America Park Skate Ribbon as it takes shape within the jobsite, and an interview with Civil Engineering, a nationally reaching platform, about the construction intricacies associated with this project. Both articles provided beneficial details and insight to their audiences.

The RiverFront team continues efforts to get in front of community groups and forge connections with potential program partners. Jay Noddle provided information on potential impacts the City's new downtown proposal might have on Gene Leahy Mall.

Last month, The RiverFront newsletter featured a 2022 format redesign along with an overview of the work to come in the year ahead, and construction updates tailored for each park. The newsletter continues to gain followers every week.

Contract Approvals:

Chairwoman Duren indicated there is one contract requiring approval.

First Wireless, Inc./D&D Communications

RESOLVED, that the Agreement between MECA Tri-Park Complex, LLC and First Wireless, Inc./D&D Communications to provide a two-way radio system to The RiverFront, as more specifically set out on the attached summary, is hereby approved, and Roger Dixon as President/CEO is authorized to execute the Agreement following its finalization in a form reasonably approved by counsel.

Chairwoman Duren invited public and Board comment and asked for a motion.

Moved by Mr. Gray seconded by Mr. Kelley.

Motion carried: 5-0

Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the MECA Board Room.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Duren stated the time is 1:19 p.m. and invited a Motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Noddle seconded by Mr. Kelley.

Motion carried: 5-0.

Adjournment 1:19 p.m.