

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 10:32 A.M. E.S.T.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (the "Authority") was held upon proper notice on Thursday, March 10, 2022, commencing at 10:32 A.M. E.S.T. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from public health experts, the meeting was conducted remotely via the online conferencing platform Zoom.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Mike Dunleavy, Vice-Chairman
Sala Udin, Secretary
Councilman Nicholas Futules, Member
Rev. Glenn Grayson, Member
Michael Quatrini, Member

Also Present: Mary Conturo, Doug Straley, Rosanne Casciato, Rhea L. Thomas, Bill Williams, Edith Ruiz, Steve Morrison, Courtney Stoots and Paul McDonald Jr. of the Authority; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor; Clarence Curry, CFC-3 Management Services; Tom Ryser, TPR, LLC; Tim Muldoon, Guy DeFazio, and Ryan Buries of SMG; Drew Singer, Travis Williams, Jackie Riggelman, Chris Hunter and Dennis DaPra of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Patrick Moore, Anneliese Martinez and Nicole Dezelon of the Andy Warhol Museum; George Marsico, Mike Mascari and Todd Stih of Mitsubishi Electric; Diane Hunt, Regional Asset District; Mark Belko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Theresa King; Jonathan Russell; Matthew Wilson; Jerry Cifarelli; Chade Stewart; User Names: Eric G and Florida Operations.

Senator Wayne Fontana called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Morgan Hanson followed with a roll call of the board members. Mr. Hanson advised that a quorum was present.

Beginning with public participation, Senator Fontana asked if any members of the audience would like to address the board. Members of the public were offered participation by email, telephone, or the Zoom chat function. Mr. McDonald Jr. stated that the Authority had not received any comments via email, no one registered to speak via telephone, and no comments were submitted via the Zoom chat function thus far.

Seeing no request from the public to address the board, Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, approval of the minutes from the meeting of February 10, 2022. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into an agreement with Structural Engineering Corporation of Pittsburgh (dba Atlantic Engineering Services of Pittsburgh) in an amount not-to-exceed \$48,700 for three inspections (2023, 2025, 2027) and the design, bidding and construction administration of the 2022 repair program at the North Shore Garage and Tribute to Children Memorial.

Mr. Bill Williams stated, the Authority and the Stadium Authority have a program of inspecting the three North Shore garages and the Tribute for Children Memorial every other year. The practice is to have a consulting engineering firm conduct visual inspections and generate a report with deficiencies, locations and estimated repair costs. The report is then used to develop a maintenance and repair program. The previous inspection contracts expired in 2021, for both authorities, with the last reports completed in 2021. The recommended repairs from these reports have yet to be completed.

In December 2021, the Authority and the Stadium Authority jointly issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for inspection services for the years 2023, 2025 and 2027. The authorities also requested hourly rates that would be applicable to out-of-scope work including the design, bidding

and contract administration for repairs recommended by the 2021 reports and that may be recommended in the 2023, 2025 and 2027 reports. The (“RFP”) was advertised in the Post-Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, on the Authority’s website, and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (“URA”) assisted with social media communication by including the opportunity in its Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn postings. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting was conducted with 11 companies present and 11 proposals were received. A selection committee comprised of Authority and ALCO Parking personnel reviewed the proposals, and six firms were interviewed.

Mr. Williams further stated that the selection committee recommends Atlantic Engineering Services (“AES”) due to proposal price, similar project experience and MBE/WBE participation. AES proposed a lump sum amount for the 2023, 2025, and 2027 inspections at the North Shore Garage and Tribute to Children Memorial totaling \$29,600. AES also proposed hourly rates for out-of-scope work, such as work for the 2022 repair program or future repairs recommended by an inspection report. Based on AES’s proposal, the cost for design, bidding and contract administration for the North Side Garage and Tribute to Children Memorial 2022 repair program is estimated at \$19,100. This board authorization is for a not to exceed amount of \$48,700 (\$29,600 lump sum plus hourly up to \$19,100).

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Sala Udin abstained, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5801

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with Structural Engineering Corporation of Pittsburgh (dba Atlantic Engineering Services) in an amount not-to-exceed a total of \$48,700 for three inspections (2023, 2025, 2027) and the design,

bidding and construction administration of the 2022 repair program at the North Shore Garage and Tribute to Children Memorial; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a one-year license agreement with the Andy Warhol Museum for the use of retail space at the North Shore Garage.

Mr. Doug Straley stated the retail spaces located at the North Shore Garage are on the first and second floors along East General Robinson Street. The first floor consists of a total of 15,350 square feet. The first-floor spaces were previously occupied by restaurant and bar establishments. These spaces have been vacant for over five years and the second-floor office space is utilized by First National Bank.

The Andy Warhol Museum (“AWM”) is interested in utilizing the first floor’s middle space and adjoining restrooms to support its youth workforce development programming. The space will be used for the Warhol’s Youth Arts Council for its 2022 Summer Youth Program (including “RUST” and “POWER UP”) and for other programming uses, as they determine, throughout the year.

The Warhol’s Youth Arts Council is an intensive year-long leadership program that invites a cohort of teens to go behind the scenes, collaborate with museum staff and artists, create art, and develop public programs for other teens. The opportunity is open to all teens within the greater Pittsburgh area. Targeted outreach focuses on Pittsburgh Public Schools and students are chosen after completing an interview with program leaders.

Mr. Straley further stated the Radical Urban Silkscreening Team (“RUST”) is an activist printmaking collective for youth ages 15-18. RUST’s goals are to document Pittsburgh’s past and present and to empower youth to become future artist leaders. Participating youth explore the intersection between art and activism by collaborating with local grassroots organizations to create print materials that promote social justice, environmental, and humanitarian issues. RUST recruits directly through community organizations or through Pittsburgh Public Schools. The program partners with JustSeeds for artists and resources and it’s expected that the 2022 summer program will have 20-25 participants.

The POWER UP program focuses on young African American women learning design and print skills for use in the dissemination of information on important health related topics such as reproductive health, health care policy, HIV/AIDS and obesity. POWER UP recruits through Pittsburgh Public Schools and in the past through the Young Men’s & Women’s African Heritage Association. The program partners with visiting artists that are alumni or from Sibyls Shrine (an artist residency program for Black women), and it’s expected that the 2022 summer program will have 20-25 participants.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Patrick Moore stated he wanted to thank the Authority and, with support from the RK Mellon and Hillman Foundations, hopes to use the museum as a catalyst to improve and activate the neighborhood immediately surrounding the museum.

Rev. Glenn Grayson asked how students would be recruited for the programs.

Ms. Nicole Dezelon stated the intention is to recruit from the community and continue working on long-term recruitment with the North Side community. She further stated that

POWER UP started with a partnership with the Young Men's & Women's African Heritage Association, and the museum recruits from Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Ms. Dezelon further stated the museum works with organizations on the North side, such as Melting Pot Ministries to recruit for RUST, and pairs students with community organizations depending on the need the students are focusing on.

Rev. Grayson stated that he is familiar with programs that could benefit from this type of opportunity.

Ms. Anneliese Martinez stated that she could have a conversation with Rev. Grayson about the cross-town divide.

Ms. Dezelon stated that recruitment for the summer hasn't started yet but it would be great to have a conversation with Rev. Grayson as recruitment is starting in about a month.

Senator Fontana stated that this is a win-win for everyone.

Councilman Nicholas Futules stated it appears that the rent is reasonable compared to what it normally would be for that space.

Mr. Straley confirmed that is true.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5802

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into a license agreement with the Andy Warhol Museum for the use of retail space at the North Shore Garage for one year; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to approve a new game day cash parking rate at the North Shore Garage and Lots Green 21, 22, and 23 for University of Pittsburgh football games at Heinz Field.

Mr. Straley stated that ALCO Parking (“ALCO”), operator of the North Shore surface parking lots, pursuant to an agreement with the Authority and the Stadium Authority, has recommended a rate change for University of Pittsburgh (“Pitt”) football game days for the North Shore Garage and Lots Green 21, 22, and 23 which are located northwest of Heinz Field.

The same rates are being proposed for the Stadium Authority’s West General Robinson Street Garage, Lots 1-5, and Lots 7A-7J on the North Shore. Pitt game day rates have not increased since 2015 and the current rate is \$20. ALCO estimated that the rate increase will generate approximately \$9,265 in adjusted gross revenue per game day.

The Authority’s portion of revenues generated from the North Shore Garage and Lots Green 21, 22 and 23 is being pledged for debt service on the Stadium Authority/Sports & Exhibition Authority parking bonds.

Senator Fontana asked if the parking lot rates surrounding the lots are higher.

Mr. Straley responded that there are other private lots that charge more.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5803

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to approve a new game day cash parking rate at the North Shore Garage and Lots Green 21, 22, and 23 for University of Pittsburgh football games at Heinz

Field; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a five-year license agreement with Point of Pittsburgh Sailing League for a sailing program at North Shore Riverfront Park (“NSRFP”).

Mr. Williams stated the board previously approved two one-year license agreements for Point of Pittsburgh Sailing (“PPS”) to provide sailing lessons to high school students. PPS is now requesting a five-year license agreement. PPS will provide sailing lessons on the waters of the Allegheny River between NSRFP and Point State Park. The lessons will be held from May to October, twice a week on average. There are no lessons on Sunday or during North Shore events. The program uses four-six sailing boats, carrying two students each. PPS has one powered boat that will carry two certified instructors. PPS will utilize a landing area on NSRFP near the Carnegie Science Center where a temporary floating “mini-barge” system can be moved to and from. PPS has met with all necessary regulatory entities and has initiated outreach and provided brochures to school districts as a registered after school program. PPS has submitted to the Authority information regarding operations, safety protocols, parental waiver forms, insurance, and letters of support. The license fee for each of the five seasons is \$1,500, with an additional refundable security deposit of \$500. Authority staff recommends providing a five-year license agreement to PPS.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Rev. Grayson asked about the diversity of the program.

Mr. Williams responded that PPS reaches out to the Pittsburgh Public School District. Last year PPS had only three students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is doing more outreach this year. There is a \$200 registration fee that can be waived if needed.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5804

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into a five-year license agreement with Point of Pittsburgh Sailing League for a sailing program at North Shore Riverfront Park; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a ten-year license and right of way agreement with Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation (aka Pittsburgh Voyager) for docking at the NSRFP.

Mr. Williams stated in 2012, Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation ("ROS") was issued a ten-year license and right-of-way agreement to dock at the NSRFP. ROS has requested an extension for ten additional years.

ROS is a non-profit company which provides sightseeing tours, public and student programs, private events, and corporate charters. Their vessel is 94 feet in length, can accommodate up to 100 passengers, and is Coast Guard compliant. With this agreement, ROS would be permitted to continue with their docking station and pedestrian access along the riverwalk abutting the Carnegie Science Center for the purpose of loading and unloading its passengers.

ROS has provided to the Authority information regarding operations, safety protocols, and insurance. Previously, no license fee was charged but ROS provided annual donations to the Authority of \$2,000. The license fee for the next ten years is \$2,400 annually. Authority staff recommends entering into the ten-year license and right of way agreement.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5805

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into a ten-year license and right of way agreement with Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation (aka Pittsburgh Voyager) for docking at the North Shore Riverfront Park; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a five-year agreement with Cruisin' Tikis to dock along the NSRFP.

Mr. Williams stated the board previously approved two one-year license agreements for Cruisin' Tikis to dock at NSRFP. Cruisin' Tikis is now requesting a five-year agreement. Cruisin' Tikis provides recreational boating activities, and their vessels meet necessary standards and are Coast Guard compliant. Cruisin' Tikis has three tiki boats, and each boat can carry a maximum of six people. Cruisin' Tikis would be permitted to dock along the river wall for the purpose of loading and unloading its passengers. Their tours will be held from June to November, and the boats can dock along the river wall during NSRFP hours. Cruisin' Tikis has provided to the Authority information regarding operations, safety protocols, and insurance. The license fee for

the 2022 season is \$2,550 with increases of \$50 per year during the license period. Authority staff recommends providing a five-year license agreement to Cruisin' Tikis.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Michael Quatrini asked if the Coast Guard compliance is still current.

Mr. Williams confirmed it is.

Rev. Grayson asked if the license fee is the standard rate.

Mr. Williams confirmed it is.

Councilman Futules asked if these are the floating bars.

Mr. Williams confirmed it is.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5806

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into a five-year agreement with Cruisin' Tikis to dock along the North Shore Riverfront Park; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse PSSI Stadium Corporation ("PSSI") in an amount of \$309,763 for sodding of the playing field.

Mr. Williams stated that per the terms of the lease with PSSI, the Authority is required to pay for certain capital repairs to Heinz Field. Resodding, repairs or replacements of substantial portions of the playing surface necessitated by ordinary wear and tear constitutes capital repairs

eligible for reimbursement. The 2014 Amendment provides that the Authority has no obligation under the lease to resod, repair or replace any portion of the playing surface until at least 2020 and only each seventh year thereafter.

In July 2021, PSSI submitted a reimbursement request for a sod replacement plan for the 2021 season. On January 10, 2022, following completion of the work, PSSI submitted a revised reimbursement request.

After review by the Authority's Solicitor and discussions with PSSI, an agreement was reached for reimbursement in the amount of \$309,763. Both parties acknowledge that such an amount does not serve as precedent for what either party may be willing to agree to for future playing surface replacements.

It is recommended that the board approve the reimbursement request.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Quatrini asked in terms of sodding, if within the next seven years the cost would be the responsibility of the Steelers or University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Williams confirmed that would be the case.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5807

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to reimburse PSSI Stadium Corporation in an amount of \$309,763 for resodding of playing field; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse PSSI Stadium Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$658,821 for the 2022 structural steel painting project.

Mr. Williams stated that per the terms of the lease with PSSI, the Authority is required to pay for certain capital repairs. Painting or application of protective coatings to substantial areas of the stadium lasting at least five years constitutes a capital repair eligible for reimbursement. These painting and coatings issues have been documented in the Authority's Structural Facility Assessment Report and the Authority's Facility Condition Assessment 2021 Report.

PSSI has provided a four-year schedule to perform structural steel painting to portions of the facility. The 2022 phase of work includes: stairs, escalators, East & West Canopies; North-East, North-West, South-East Ramps in coordination with repairs, and medium priority coating repairs.

PSSI issued a bid package for the four-year phased approach to six contractors in January 2022. Two contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, and one bid was received from Avalotis who teamed with the MBE firm, ID Ritter. The Avalotis quote of \$589,810 is comparable to previous steel painting quotes. KTA Tator is providing construction documents and quality assurance/construction administrative services during the project. The KTA Tator services will be performed on a time and material basis with hourly rates and an estimated total cost of \$69,011.

Mr. Williams further stated that PSSI also received unit pricing for epoxy sealer, caulking, and various surface coating repairs based on potential repairs that may arise during the course of the painting project. These repairs can be submitted in a future change order with appropriate backup documentation.

This year's work is expected to be completed prior to the start of the 2022 football season and the painting warranty is one year. There is 21.2% MBE on the overall contract value, ICP Painting, LLC for supplying materials and ID Ritter for labor. It is recommended that the board approve the reimbursement request in a not to exceed amount of \$658,821.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5808

RESOLVED by the Board of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to reimburse PSSI Stadium Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$658,821 for the 2022 structural steel painting project; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to approve an Alteration related to modifications to PNC Park Riverwalk and left field areas in PNC Park.

Mr. Williams stated that in September 2021, the Authority was notified by the Pirates that they were seeking to undertake an alteration project at PNC Park. Per the lease agreement between the Authority and Pittsburgh Associates, an Alteration is a project that is not a capital repair or capital improvement and thereby paid 100% by the Team. At the December 2021 board meeting, the Pirates presented the project which includes: development of social gathering space overlooking bullpen and overlooking centerfield; centerfield food and beverage concept renovation, renovation of three existing concession stands, addition of left field food and beverage concept, enhancement to children's play areas, and celebration of Pirates history with exterior

display work including ten 4' tall, sculptured numbers honoring retired players numbers and twenty-three 3' diameter concrete baseballs honoring past Pirates, Grays and Crawfords players who would have been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The project was reviewed by the City of Pittsburgh Art Commission with favorable comments and demolition and building permits have been received. The Pirates have provided the Authority with construction drawings and the Pirates intend that the project will be completed in April.

Mr. Williams further stated the cost of the project will be paid, entirely, by the Pirates. The project when complete will be part of the premises owned by the Authority and leased to the Pirates. The Pirates will be responsible for all maintenance both routine and capital of the project elements.

The Alteration construction work is being performed by Mascaro. There is 1% MBE participation with dumpster services provided by Boyd Rolloff and supplies being provided by Reed Building and Cooper Trading. There is 7% WBE participation with Franco and McElwain as subcontractors. There are continuing negotiations with several MBE firms for an additional \$20,000 in subcontracting for installation of furniture.

Approval of the Alteration would be on the condition that the Pirates shall be solely responsible for all maintenance, repair, and improvement costs of the project for the duration of the lease.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board.

Mr. Udin stated he wanted to change his vote from a previous abstention to agenda item A and instead apply the abstention to this agenda item.

Mr. Hanson asked Mr. Udin what he wanted his vote on the first item to be.

Mr. Udin responded that he wanted his vote to be positive.

Mr. Hanson stated that he wanted the minutes to reflect that Mr. Udin is abstaining from voting on agenda item I and is voting “yes” on agenda item A.

Rev. Grayson stated that he is excited to see the project when completed.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and was carried with one abstention (Mr. Udin) such that the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5809

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are hereby authorized to approve an Alteration related to modifications to PNC Park Riverwalk and left field areas in PNC Park; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a grant agreement in the amount of \$50,000 with to Basketball Stars of America, LLC in support of 12 weekend youth basketball tournaments to be held from March 4 – May 29, 2022, at various locations in Allegheny County.

Before addressing the specifics of the next four (4) items, Ms. Mary Conturo provided the following background. She stated that pursuant to Section 27.4 of Pennsylvania General Assembly Act 42 of 2017 (“Act 42”), an annual allocation has been made of funds from the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund (“EDTF”) for use by the Authority for the establishment, administration, and maintenance of a regional sports commission.

Under the programs and procedures, one use of the fundings for the Sports Event Funding (“SEF”) program. SEF applications are reviewed by the Sports Commission, which then makes recommendations to the Authority Board with respect to funding. Ms. Conturo further stated pursuant to the programs and procedures, this funding program only provides funding on a reimbursement basis, after the event has occurred and after a final report has been provided with respect to the event.

With that background in mind, the next four (4) items were conducted, the first of which being a grant to Basketball Stars of America. Mr. Straley stated Basketball Stars of America LLC (“BSA”) has requested funding to support its 2022 Spring Basketball Tournament Circuit to be held at various locations in Allegheny County on 12 weekends from March 4 through May 29, 2022. This is an established event and BSA believes it has the potential to grow larger. Mr. Straley further stated the budget for the event is \$350,000.

Mr. Straley reported that the 12 weekend tournaments planned for 2022 include boys and girls teams ranging in age from 2nd to 12th grade. It is projected that the event will generate approximately 41,000 visitors with approximately \$7.5 million in visitor spending, including 19,307 hotel room nights.

The SEF grant funds of \$50,000 would be used to pay rental fees to public school districts and/or municipal bodies for basketball courts in Allegheny County, and to give tournament fee discounts to deserving teams that might not otherwise be able to afford the trip or pay the registration fee.

The Authority’s Sports Commission recommends to the Authority Board that this grant in the amount of \$50,000 be funded for reasons that include: the economic impact, the potential for

the event to grow/expand, the use of the funds to provide tournament fee discounts to teams that might not otherwise be able to afford the trip or pay the registration fee.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5810

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to provide a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to Basketball Stars of America LLC for its 2022 Spring Basketball Tournament Circuit (12 weekend youth basketball tournaments to be held from March 4 - May 29, 2022, at various locations in Allegheny County), pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a grant agreement in the amount of \$75,000 with Convention Visitors Bureau of Greater Monroeville in support of 13 weekend youth baseball/softball tournaments to be held by Atlantic Coast Baseball LLC from April 30 – July 31, 2022, at various locations in Allegheny County.

Mr. Straley stated the Convention Visitors Bureau of Greater Monroeville (“Visit Monroeville”) requests funding to support a series of youth baseball and/or softball tournaments to be held by Atlantic Coast Baseball LLC (“AC Sports”) on 13 weekends from April 30 – July 31, 2022, at various locations in Allegheny County. Age groups range from 8 to 18 and both boys and girls participate. Mr. Straley further stated the tournaments typically start on Friday and teams play one-two games on both Friday and Saturday for baseball, two-three games for softball before entering a playoff bracket on Saturday evening/Sunday morning.

Mr. Straley stated AC Sports has been running tournaments for 15 years. The grant will help maintain the event, considering increasing costs, and provide an opportunity for growth. The budget for the event is \$581,620. It is projected by Visit Monroeville that the 2022 event will provide 8,521 hotel room nights, with total projected revenue impact/visitor spending of \$10.43 million. Grant funds will be used to pay for rental of municipal/publicly owned fields and the purchase of baseball and softballs.

The Authority's Sports Commission recommends to the Authority board that this grant be funded for reasons that include: the economic impact and that it will help to continue an event whose costs are increasing with an opportunity for growth/expansion.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5811

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to provide a grant in the amount of \$75,000 with Convention Visitors Bureau of Greater Monroeville (dba Visit Monroeville) in support of 13 weekend youth baseball/softball tournaments to be held by Atlantic Coast Baseball LLC from April 30-July 31, 2022, at various locations in Allegheny County, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a grant agreement in the amount of \$70,000 with Sevens Entertainment, LLC (d/b/a Premier Rugby

Sevens) for a rugby 7s tournament to be held at Highmark Stadium on a Saturday in June or July 2022, together with training during the five days prior at locations in Allegheny County.

Mr. Straley stated Premier Rugby Sevens requests funding to support its Pittsburgh tournament tour stop of six professional men's and four professional women's rugby 7s teams. The application is submitted in conjunction with SportsPITTSBURGH.

Mr. Straley further stated the tournament will be on a Saturday in June or July 2022. On the day of the tournament there will be seven matches lasting approximately eight hours in total. Each team will play three-four matches in the day. A new match will start every 25 minutes and matches are made up of seven-minute halves.

Mr. Straley stated the Saturday tournament will be held at Highmark Stadium. The five days prior to the Saturday competition day will be training days. There will be two training locations within Allegheny County. During the training days there will be community engagement activities such as local clinics and integration with youth organizations. The budget for the event is \$638,200.

Rugby 7s is a short form of the game of rugby and is the format showcased in the Olympic games. The game is sanctioned by USA Rugby, the national governing body for rugby in the US. USA Rugby is in negotiations to host the Men's World Cup in 2031 and the Women's World Cup in 2033. If the games are awarded to USA Rugby, Pittsburgh is one of 30 cities vying to be a host city.

Mr. Straley further stated it is expected that Pittsburgh would be one stop in a planned four-six event 2022 tournament season for Premier Rugby Sevens. The long-term plan is that Pittsburgh would be part of an annual tour, and by 2027 to grow the event from one tournament day to two, with 12 men's and 12 women's teams.

VisitPITTSBURGH estimates that attendance for the event is estimated at 5,640, the event will produce 1,755 hotel room nights and generate \$1,345,628 in visitor spending. SEF grant funds will be used for the rental and operational costs of Highmark Stadium as well as needed venue build out (e.g., locker rooms) and/or the rental costs of the training facilities.

The Authority's Sports Commission recommends to the Authority Board that this grant be funded for reasons that include: the economic impact, considering the national/international fan base for Rugby 7s; the event has the potential of creating positive national/international media exposure for the region; there is an opportunity that this event could become an annual event for Pittsburgh and could grow from one tournament day to two; the event could increase Pittsburgh's chances of being a location for the Men's World Cup in 2031 and the Women's World Cup in 2033 if those games are awarded to USA Rugby; and the community engagement activities such as local clinics and integration with youth organizations could have legacy impact for the sport in the region.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5812

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to provide a grant in the amount of \$70,000 to Sevens Entertainment, LLC (d/b/a Premier Rugby Sevens) for a rugby 7s tournament to be held at Highmark Stadium on a Saturday in June or July, 2022, together with training during the five days prior at locations in Allegheny County, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a grant agreement in the amount of \$75,000 with Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc. (d/b/a America's Regatta) for Formula One Powerboat Racing event to be held July 28- July 31, 2022.

Mr. Straley stated the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta requests funding to support a four-day event of Formula One Powerboat races with a field of 34 drivers. The event will take place on July 28 – July 31, 2022, in the Pittsburgh waters, and will use North Shore Riverfront Park and Point State Park. Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta reports that the event will be the largest inland regatta featuring the most F1 Powerboats ever assembled in the United States and that the sport has growing national and international interest. The event has a budget of \$1,208,505.

Mr. Straley stated the American Power Boat Association is the sanctioning body for Formula One Powerboat racing. The most recent Pittsburgh Regatta (2018) was only a three-day event with a smaller focus on Formula One Powerboat racing. Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta reports that the three-day 2018 Regatta attracted 850,000 spectators, used 8,500 hotel room nights, and generated \$38 million in consumer spending. The applicant estimates that the 2022 four-day Event will attract 1.2 million visitors, use 13,000 – 15,000 room nights and generate \$72 million in consumer spending.

Mr. Straley further stated the grant funds would be used to pay the costs of City of Pittsburgh Services (Public Works, Police, EMTs etc.), private security, safety boats, North Shore Riverfront Park license fee/rental, and/or Point State Park license fee/rental.

The Authority's Sports Commission recommends to the Authority Board that this grant be funded for reasons that include: the economic impact; considering the national/international fan base for Formula One Powerboat Racing, the event has the potential of creating positive

national/international media exposure for the region; and this restructured regatta has the potential of becoming an annual event given that a regatta has not occurred in the City of Pittsburgh since 2018.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Rev. Grayson asked about the potential of revenue of \$72 million and why a grant would be needed.

Senator Fontana stated that there were only four organizations that applied, and if there ever comes a point where it comes to picking and choosing that (potential revenue) would be a criterion. He further stated the grant money isn't going to the organization unless the event takes place. Senator Fontana continued by stating the grant award will assist the regatta as it starts lining up sponsorships.

Senator Fontana stated that the Authority's Sports Commission and the Boards are pledging \$270,000 in grants to potentially generate \$90 million in revenue for the region. He further added this is a great investment if these events were to happen/ the organizations do not receive the grant if the event they applied for does not occur.

Councilman Futules asked if this is a different organizer from the previous regatta.

Mr. Straley confirmed that the organizer is different.

Senator Fontana stated that there was an organization brought in called America's Regatta, which sponsors regattas all over the country to revamp the regatta.

Councilman Futules stated that there were some financial issues a few years back.

Senator Fontana confirmed that was the case.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5813

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to provide a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc. (d/b/a America's Regatta) for Formula One Powerboat Races to be held July 28-July 31, 2022, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

The next item was public participation, and Senator Fontana asked if anyone in the audience desired to address the board.

Mr. McDonald Jr. stated that the Authority has provided the public with three options for public participation: email, telephone, or the Zoom chat function. No public comments were submitted via email and there were no registrations to submit public comment via telephone or the Zoom chat function.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any comments from the board. There being no additional comments or business, Senator Fontana asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.



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