

WILL COUNTY METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

Date: November 14, 2018

Authority Memo Number **054-2018 October 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The October 24, 2018 regular meeting of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Board was held at 15 E. Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Chairman Bob Filotto opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M. with a quorum present and welcomed Board members and the public.

Members Present: Joe Carlasare, Donnie Chestnutt, Jane Condon, Bob Filotto, Tom Osterberger, Jeff Pierson, Kathy Trizna and Council Liaison Pat Mudron

Members Absent:

Others: Jeff Hettrick, RSTF President and the press

Staff: Val Devine, Jack Ericksen, Jan Gilligan, Karen Leno, Brett VanFleet and others, as available

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Authority Memo Number **049-2018 September 26, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Carlasare moved and Trizna seconded approval of the September 26, 2018 minutes, as presented.

Vote: The Chair invited questions; hearing none, he called a voice vote. "Ayes" were heard. There was no response to the Chair's call for opposing votes. Motion passed.

Comments from the Public Regarding Agenda Items: None

Authority Memo Number **050-2018 Operational Bills Paid and Payable**

Motion: Chestnutt moved and Condon seconded approval of bills paid in the amount of \$518,147.39, as presented.

AYES: Members Carlasare, Chestnutt, Condon, Osterberger, Pierson, Trizna and Filotto

NAYS:

Discussion: Through October 24, accounts paid totaled \$419,488.39; accounts payable totaled \$98,659.00. Business Manager, Leno reviewed the Memo. The Chair noted checks paid were higher than usual, primarily due to the 2RS water damage, which resulted in a \$135,000 payout. The Chair invited members' questions; hearing none, he requested a motion. With the motion on the floor, the Chair directed roll be called. Motion passed. See above.

Authority Memo Number **051-2018 Financial Statements** – To Place on File

Motion: Carlasare moved and Chestnutt seconded acceptance of financial statements into the minutes.

AYES: Members Carlasare, Chestnutt, Condon, Osterberger, Pierson, Trizna and Filotto

NAYS:

Discussion: Leno reviewed financial statements. Several public events were very successful. Four private events had been held, as well. Leno said VenuWorks' management fee had not been accrued.

Vote: The Chair directed roll be called. See above.

OLD BUSINESS

Authority Memo Number **051-2017 Dedicated Funding Source(s) for the Rialto Square Theatre**

Report: The Chair noted that, since David Hales is no longer associated with the City of Joliet, discussions on this matter will be put on hold at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Authority Memo Number **052-2018 Executive Session Minutes**

Initial Report: Legal Counsel reviewed and approved the minutes submitted to Board members; he recommended the minutes be approved, but not released, at this time.

Motion: Carlasare moved and Osterberger seconded a motion to approve, but not release, the September 26, 2018 executive session minutes.

AYES: Members Carlasare, Chestnutt, Condon, Osterberger, Pierson, Trizna and Filotto

NAYS:

Note: The memo was not discussed.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

RST Foundation: Condon reported Home for the Holidays at the Rialto Square Theatre, sponsored by ComEd, features 16 events beginning November 19 and concluding December 20. The initial event, *A Very Rialto Christmas: A Family Concert Experience* will feature AgneG, the Cathedral Children's Choir and the Joliet All City Choir. Ericksen reported that 2018 sponsorships are equal to last years'. RSTF President Jeff Hettrick reported the Foundation had changed the focus of the opening Holiday event to a performance that will appeal to members of the community, some of whom may not have experienced the depth of talent in the Cathedral Children's Choir and the Joliet All City Choir or the beauty of the theatre during the holidays.

Executive Director's Report: Events: Devine reported two public ticketed events totaling 1,798 tickets (including comps) and a Chamber Theatre school matinee with 1772 tickets sold. In addition, a tour and four weddings were held. The following shows have been announced: *Menopause The Musical*, *PBS Kids Live! Really BIG tiny Adventure* and *The Sound of Music*. • Condon will assist Devine in serving Santa Claus-mopolitans at the Chamber's *Martinis, Mistletoe and More* December 3 event. Broad members who can attend were asked to notify Devine. • A 'Home for the Holidays' postcard created by staff will be mailed to 11,500 addresses with postage paid by the Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau; remaining cards will be distributed by staff. • **Two Rialto Square:** Notices were published in the Herald News on October 5th and 12th. Devine explained that, since this governmental body is selling the building, neither Realtors nor .com's can list or accept advertisements for the property. However, 2RS was included in a tour the City provided Realtors interested in local properties. Osterberger will check on Loop.net, an independent commercial website and brokerage system regarding their policy. • **City of Joliet:**

Meetings were held with Council members Don Dickinson, Larry Hug, Jan Quillman and Mike Turk; meetings with other Council members have been scheduled. Devine and Pierson will present a PowerPoint on the status of the Rialto at the November 5th City Council meeting. Devine encouraged Board members to let her know of any key items they would like included in the presentation. Tickets for the opening night of *Holidays at the Rialto* will be provided to City officials at the meeting. Operations: VanFleet reported completion of work on the dressing room showers. Shower curtains and/or rods will be replaced, where needed, as soon as possible. **Chairman's Report**: The Chair reported he will be unable to attend the November 5th City Council meeting. In addition to Devine and Pierson, Jim Roof will participate in the presentation. The Chair encouraged Board members to attend, if possible. Mudron reminded Board members it will be a combined meeting and the Council would appreciate concise information from the presenters. • The Chair reported that Marty Shanahan had confirmed the budgeted annual amount for the Rialto would stand, as presented, for City Council consideration. The Chair verified that members would be available to meet on the second Wednesday of November as approved in the annual calendar, as opposed to the Wednesday following Thanksgiving. The meeting will be held on November 14th, as scheduled.

Public to Be Heard – Ericksen remembered friend, Jeff Thompson who was dedicated to the community. Thompson will be sorely missed, and remembered as a great friend to the Rialto and many other local landmarks and charitable organizations.

Executive Session

No executive session was required.

Adjournment:

Motion: Chestnut moved and Condon seconded adjournment.

The Chair called a voice vote. "Ayes" were heard. There were no dissenting votes; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Gilligan, Recording Secretary

Kathy Trizna, Board Secretary

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