

**Minutes from the Board Meeting of the
Pima County Sports & Tourism Authority Board
3d April 2013**

1. Call to Order/Pledge TIME: 12:04
2. Welcome and introductions

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	
Keith Alexander	Present	
Jim Arnold		Absent
Seton Claggett	Present	
David Cohen		Absent
John Grabo	Present	
Regan Jasper	Present	
Justin Lanne	Present	
Eddie Leon	Present	
Suzy Mason		Absent
Linda McNulty	Present	
Dave Sitton	Present	
Edgar Soto	Present	
David Stevenson	Present	
Vince Trinidad	Present	
Mike Varney		Absent

<u>Staff & Advisors</u>		
Mike Holmes	Present	
Tom Moulton	Present	
Dan Schneider		Absent
Pat Lopez	Present	

- Guests
- Diane Lubber, Pima County
 - Jeff Nordenson, Pima County
 - Michael Halchak, Populous
 - Sheldon Gutman, Citizen
 - Mike Grassinger, The Planning Center
 - Tom Tracy, Past Chair PCSTA
 - Hank Atha, Pima County
 - Mike Feder, Tucson Padres

3. Treasurer's Report. There was no Treasurer's report due to David Cohen's absence.

4. Discussion of Populous/Planning Center Sports Facilities Assessment – Status & Planning. Michael Halchak of Populous reported that the Phase II interviews were almost complete and that the study was coordinating with the Economic Developer that the County had contracted and local event planners for more information. Phase II will be complete on or about the 1st of May 2013, and Phase III will be complete by the 28th of June 2013. Follow up interviews will be scheduled for July, as well as 2-3 public fora for comments and public input.
5. 2013 Spring Training Exhibition games - recap. Overall, the March 2013 Spring Training Exhibition games were a financial and attendance success, grossing over \$100,000 with the Dodgers game (Charity event) an early sellout. Dave Sitton asked about the potential for more games next year, with potentially a “Game-a-Week” scenario. Mike Feder responded that the Dodgers committed to returning annually, and that a “Game-a-Week” was a possibility, but that this year the World Baseball Classic had drawn a lot of the players away, reducing the possible number of games outside of the Classic series. Problems this year were the same as in years past: traffic and parking being the key issues.
6. Discussion of Kino Sports Complex Activities. Tucson Padres season opener on 12th April and three soccer tournaments will start the 2013 Summer Season off with a lot of activity at Kino. The RV Show and Tucson Invitational Games were both big financial successes for the Stadium as well. Construction on the Soccer facilities north of Ajo will begin on the 22^d of April for a 2,500 seat stadium for FC Tucson. It was also noted that next year, Tucson will be the largest city in North America without a Major or Minor League Baseball team.
7. Discussion of Board Attendance. This item was combined with Item 9 (below).
8. Approval of 5th February Minutes. Minutes for the 5th February meeting were moved for approval by Dave Sitton, seconded by Eddie Leon. Approved unanimously. Minutes for 6th March were moved for approval by Keith Alexander, seconded by Dave Sitton. Approved unanimously.
9. Next meeting and agenda items for discussion. The next meeting will be on 22^d May at 8:30 am in a location to be determined. The main topic for discussion will be the differences between the County Board Proposal and the PCSTA Referendum.
10. Call to the Public. Sheldon Gutman made comments on the Tucson Padres leaving at the end of the season and that the County should do something to either prevent their departure or attract a new team.
11. Adjournment: 1:01 pm