

**Minutes from the Board Retreat of the
Pima County Sports & Tourism Authority Board
17th September 2013**

1. Call to Order/Pledge TIME: 7:38 am
2. Welcome and introductions

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Keith Alexander	NO
Jim Arnold	YES
Seton Claggett	YES
David Cohen	YES
John Grabo	NO
Regan Jasper	YES
Justin Lanne	YES
Linda McNulty	YES
Edgar Soto	YES
Mike Varney	YES

<u>Staff & Advisors</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Mike Holmes	YES
Tom Moulton	YES
Dan Schneider	NO
Pat Lopez	NO
Jeff Zelkin	YES

- Guests
- Hank Atha – Pima County
 - Brent DeRaad – Visit Tucson
 - Jim Tiggas – Tucson Invitational Games
 - Jeff Zelkin - Board Member nominee (SALARA)
 - Sheldon Gutman - Citizen

3. Board Chair Report. Linda McNulty gave a brief summary of where the PCSTA sits with regard to finances, the sports facility assessment, board membership and the political situation of the County in general. She proposed that the PCSTA Referendum, as it currently exists, is not ideal because of its emphasis on Major League Baseball. Linda proposed that we examine re-writing the referendum to de-emphasize major league sports, recognize the strengths of youth and amateur sports, and look at the possibility of a rewritten referendum or extension to postpone a referendum to sometime past 2014. Hank Atha (Pima County) recommended exploring this option while continuing to work on the Sports Facilities Assessment. Linda asked the Board for a vote to support the County's effort to make some

simple rewrites to the current Referendum to possibly de-emphasize the role of Major League Baseball, and possibly extend the deadline for a vote. Justin Lanne proposed the motion, David Cohen seconded. Motion passed.

4. Referral of Sports Facilities Assessment to Pima County Bond Advisory Committee for Consideration/Collaboration. Linda proposed that because of the overlap between the County's Bond Advisory Committee proposed projects, and the Sports Facilities Assessment recommendations that the PCSTA work with the Bond Advisory Committee to coordinate the two proposed project lists. Hank Atha reported that the Bond Advisory Committee is likely to postpone their own bond election from 2014 to 2015 in order to refine and prioritize their list. Linda asked Hank what he thought PCSTA should do to initiate that conversation with the Bond Advisory Committee. Hank responded that he might ask the BAC to start a sports committee to coordinate with PCSTA. Justin Lanne volunteered to represent PCSTA, and Brent committed Visit Tucson staff to support. Linda asked for a motion to refer the SFA to the BAC for their review to coordinate PCSTA and BAC efforts. Jim Arnold moved, Seton Claggett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Sports Facilities Assessment: Next Steps. In the previous order of business, the Board voted to work directly with Parks and Recreation and the Bond Advisory committee to develop a coordinated and prioritized list for facilities and sports related projects. Justin Lanne will work directly with the BAC and Parks & Rec to circulate the SFA report and begin the work to coordinate the BAC and PCSTA lists.
6. Treasurer's Report and Discussion of Short-Term Funding. Dave Cohen gave the Treasurers report. Since the last meeting, PCSTA received \$5,000 from Visit Tucson, and spent \$3,025 for admin support and a required external audit. Current balances are \$XXXXXX. Moving forward, PCSTA is forging an agreement with Pima County for "Agreed Upon Procedures" in lieu of an audit because of our low expenditures and small contributions of public funds from Pima County. Seton Claggett moved to approve the report, Jim Arnold seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Linda McNulty proposed that because of PCSTA's low expenses that the County's contribution of \$50,000 be rolled over to 2013/2014 Fiscal Year. Hank Atha agreed that the County would examine this request.
7. Discussion of Potential New Board Members
Eddie Leon, Suzy Mason, Vince Trinidad and Dave Stevenson have all resigned in the past several months, and Dave Sitton passed away over the summer. PCSTA has five open seats. Jeff Zelkin from the Embassy Suites has been nominated to represent SALARA (Stevenson replacement). Lynne Zwagstra would like to replace Suzy Mason. PCSTA needs to find replacements from Collegiate Athletics, Professional Sports, and the Tucson Conquistadors. Jim Arnold proposed Mike Feder as the Collegiate Athletics representative. Mike Varney proposed that the Professional Sports position be offered to FC Tucson. Linda provided names of Ted Schmidt from AYSO; Dave Cosgrove from Pima College; Wolfgang Webber from Salpointe; and Jeff Rodgers from FC Tucson. Regan Jasper proposed Brant Hazen (Hazen Enterprises) as a Conquistador rep (Sitton's position); Glenn Howell. He volunteered to work with Conquistadors on other names. Chair asked for a motion to

nominate Glen Zelkin and Lynne Zwagstra for the Board. Justin Lanne moved, Regan Jasper seconded. The motion carried.

8. Kino Sports Complex Activities

Hank Atha reported that El Paso Padres has requested an extension for the contract at Kino to cover them for the 2014 season if their stadium in El Paso is not complete. Mexican Fiesta Baseball will return in October. Soccer stadium construction in the Kino North complex is continuing, should be complete by mid-October. Korean baseball may return, and TIG will return as well.

9. Approval of Minutes: July 24, May 22, & April 3, 2013

David Cohen moved. Seton Claggett Seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

10. Next meeting. 7 January 2013 at 7:30am

11. Call to the public

Sheldon Gutman spoke of David Sitton and his legacy in Rugby and the potential for growth of Rugby and Soccer at Kino Stadium.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:42am