

## Kitsap Public Facilities District

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### Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Thursday, November 3 2005, at 5:00 P.M. Board Room, North Kitsap School District Administration Building 18360 Caldart Avenue NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370

**Attendance:** Linda Berry-Maraist, Vice-chair; Stephen Stagner, Treasurer; Christine Rolfes; Rick Smith; Cy Wyse. Staff: Project Development Coordinator, Bror Elmquist; Administrator, Anne Blair.

**Call to Order:** A quorum established, Vice-chair Linda Berry-Maraist called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. She acknowledged that due to scheduling conflicts, the purpose of this Special Meeting was to conduct the regular business of the KPFDD board. She welcomed Mark Mauren, recently appointed Director of Kitsap Facilities, Parks and Recreation Department to the County and into partnership with the KPFDD. She also introduced and welcomed Sounders Soccer owner group representative Robin Waite.

#### **Report on Regional Projects.**

**North Kitsap Regional Event Center.** There was no report beyond reminder that this project was the focus of the Combined Boards meeting immediately following this meeting.

#### **Unfinished Business.**

**Olympic Duals Wrestling Tournament.** Anne reported that the Wrestling Tournament seating issue at the Pavilion mentioned in the event planning status report had been resolved easily and to everyone's satisfaction. Tickets for this event will be \$5/adult; visiting teams and children 6-12 years will be \$3; home team students will be admitted free of charge.

**Professional Soccer in Kitsap County.** Robin Waite, a member of the Seattle Sounders Professional Soccer team owners' group, introduced the team and provided background about the owners' interest in relocating the team to Kitsap County. The current site at Qwest Field in Seattle places the team in a 65,000 seat venue for the Sounders' crowds that range from 2,800 to 6,500. It looks to fans and television audiences that there is little interest in team, when in fact, the Sounders average 2,800 ticket holders a game (15 games/year) and 6,500 for playoff games. Robin talked about the economic benefits to a community and region of being the headquarters/home for a professional soccer team. He used the US Soccer Federation benefits calculator to make his case. Currently, the Sounders youth training camps and regular season ticket sales generate about \$900,000 per annum. In addition, with the Sounders' visibility and competitive stature, every major newspaper throughout the country carries reports of the game details and scores. Increasing this national visibility of the home town/region, the Sounders also have two nationally televised games each year.

Robin is interested in developing/building a 6,500 seat covered stadium that would be the Sounders' home field, to host NCAA Soccer Regionals and Finals, high school finals (this would be a neutral site – an advantage to all), a premier English soccer team annually and the Norwegian premier teams that are eager to come to this area of country. In addition, U-20 women's and men's national teams seek pro-USA venues (i.e. Southern California stadiums have such large Hispanic/Latin fan bases they seem to favor the visiting teams.) Estimated cost of construction is \$5 million (using field turf with sewn lines.) The Sounders organization is interested, willing and able to contribute \$1 million to this venture. By working in partnership with County, this would be a public facility and amenity. The Fairgrounds, Gordon Field area in particular, would be a good place to locate soccer venue such as that needed/wanted by the Sounders.

The Sounders are committed to Qwest Field in Seattle through the 2006 season. They want to have a new home for the 2007 season; to accomplish this, construction of the new stadium would have to begin in Autumn 2006.

The board expressed keen interest in having the Sounders in Kitsap. Mark and Anne will continue to work with Robin to see if this move can happen. They will keep the board informed about their progress.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**September 2005 Financial Report.** Anne reviewed this report. She explained that the over-budget expenditures for supplies were due to the unanticipated amount/number of board and community meetings requiring food and refreshments. Nine months into the year, the annual expenses are below budget and revenue is close to the 12-month budget for revenue.

### **Consideration of current invoices.**

**It was moved by Rick Smith, seconded by Christine Rolfes and voted unanimously to approve payment of the invoices itemized on the blanket voucher and totaling \$17,451.81.**

**FY 2006 Budget, first discussion.** Following general discussion about the proposed operating budget, as well as the Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year 2006, Linda distributed and reviewed an alternative approach to the budget presentation and to the Capital Project Budget line items. The board responded positively to Linda's format and requested that it be incorporated into the next draft of the budget. They also requested an update on the Sales Tax Rebate projections through 2027. These materials will be distributed prior to the next meeting. Consideration of the Capital Projects Budget will be the primary focus of the November 14 board meeting.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Linda requested that the concluding sentence, page 2, section titled "Kitsap Sports Council" of the September 26, 2005 Board Minutes be corrected to read, "She also stated that, for her part, the VCB should not assume on-going funding at this level."

**It was moved by Cy Wyse, seconded by Rick Smith and voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2005 meeting of the Board as corrected.**

### **Administrator's Report**

Anne discussed highlights of the recent WA State Public Facilities District Conference that she, Walt Draper and Linda attended in Lynnwood, WA. Due to time constraints of this meeting, Linda requested that the board set aside time at a future meeting sometime soon to discuss more fully the important and interesting information gleaned during this conference. There were two recent Attorney General Opinions that had seemed relevant and significant to KPFDF project development plans, but that legal counsel had reviewed and counseled did not apply to Kitsap County.

Anne continues to work with the County on the accrued earned interest for Fund #286.

On October 26, 2005, Walt Draper approved spending KPFDF funds, approximately \$3,000.00, to send Lauran Erickson and Frank Abbott to the national marketing conference, TEAMS. This expenditure furthers the PFD commitment to market the regional facilities, particularly the Fairgrounds. Lauran and Frank will provide a report on their experience and the lessons learned.

**Public Comment.** There were no comments.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.**