



City Events and Recognitions Committee Special Meeting

Cheney Stadium, 2505 South Tyler Street

February 9, 2015

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Roslyn Smith, Valentine Smith, Erin Lee, and Betty Popenuck

Staff Present: Christina Watts, John Miller, Kala Dralle

Guests Present: Chris Aubertin, Jim Flavin (both of the Rainiers)

Agenda Item

Approval of Minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting

Vice Chair Smith moved to approve, Ms. Popenuck 2nd, the Committee passed the item.

Agenda Item

City of Destiny Overview & Timeline

Chair Smith introduced the item and members reviewed the packet provided by staff.

Chair Smith asked guests to introduce themselves: Chris Aubertin and Jim Flavin, of the Tacoma Rainiers. Mr. Flavin shared a message from Rainiers' President Aaron Artman to affirm their desire to continue the relationship with the City's Events and Recognition Committee and the City of Destiny Awards.

Mr. Flavin asked about reasons for moving the ceremony outside and use of the party decks instead of the field. Vice Chair Smith explained the desire to keep the program all in one location, to be able to conduct the event at a manageable pace, and provide a more manageable set up for TV-Tacoma. Mr. Flavin explained the batting practice to manage the committee's expectations and help to make an informed decision about the location. The side line balls are a safety hazard and the lower 3 decks are in the line of fire. He confirmed batting practice time is between 3:30 and 5:30 pm, with a potential for ending 15 minutes early.

Discussion about options for alternate locations included upper terrace area, which elicited concerns about lighting tower; the large area opposite side of field for ceremony, and then move to the lower party decks for post ceremony; leave the ceremony and post event on lower decks and request an earlier end to batting practice.

Upper terrace will hold up to 300, will not cost additional to rent, though there will be chair and/or tent rental if desired. The large HD screen is adequately visible and videos can be played and synced during ceremony, reducing the need for TV Tacoma to set up an additional projection system. For attendees that wish to view the game after 7:10 pm start, they are able to move to outer terrace with full view of field.

Chair Smith and Vice Chair Smith prefer a single location for the whole event. Mr. Flavin mentioned a block of seats may be reserved for families wishing to watch from the stands.

Mr. Miller requested a time to view the space and determine best set up and tear down. Ms. Lee and staff will visit the space in daylight on Monday, February 15, at 2:00 pm and make a recommendation to the board at the next meeting. Facilities manager, Ryan Schutt, will be in attendance to help determine set up details.

Various side conversations to discuss the various options. The discussion was tabled until next meeting pending site visit.

Agenda Item

City of Destiny Award Winner Selections (results)

Adult Leadership	Brien Elvins
Youth Leadership	Hunter Fruehling-Thomas
Adult Lifetime Service	Sharon Winters
Youth Service	Michelle Crosby
Group	Trinity Presbyterian Church
Environmental Sustainability	Tacoma Rose Society
Equity & Empowerment	James Curtis—pending review of specific volunteer experience
Community Health & Wellness	Debra Christnacht
Other: Economic Growth	Jori Adkins and Rick Semple
Other: Historic Preservation	Deb Freedman—alternate if James Curtis is not chosen

Agenda Item

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

1. Decide Program Elements and timeline for City of Destiny
2. Cheney/Rainiers Contract
3. Review Results of Cheney Site Visit
4. Final Decision on Nominations
5. Results of By Laws Review Regarding Elections

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37.



Roslyn Smith, Chair



Kala Dralle, Community & Economic Development