

Performing Arts Center Board Minutes 01/21/2009

SIMSBURY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dave Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. In addition to Mr. Ryan, Board members Leo Collins, Janet Goman, Ken Mason, and Greg Piecuch were present. Also in attendance were Gerry Toner, Director of Parks & Recreation, Keith Distel, Venue Manager, and Selectman Bob Hensley.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2008

Approval of the December 17, 2008, minutes was deferred to the February meeting.

III. FY 2009 MARKETING REPORT

Mr. Distel informed the Board that he had a conference scheduled with the HSO on January 22 to iron out the last remaining issues with their contract. The January 6 meeting with Live Nation was postponed, and will hopefully be rescheduled. The Connecticut Theatre Festival is in the process of finalizing its contract with Cirque de la Symphonie.

IV. FY 2009 OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed a draft 2009 operating budget. Following

discussion, Mr. Distel agreed to make certain revisions and present a revised draft at the next Board meeting. Mr. Ryan also noted that, separately, the Board would need to present a FY2010 budget for the special revenue fund. A subcommittee of Mr. Ryan, Mr. Piecuch, and Mrs. Goman was formed for this purpose.

V. 2009 SEASON STATUS AND SCHEDULE

Confirmed dates include the TMMF, Cirque de la Symphonie, Calhoun Ride and the Iron Horse Half Marathon.

VI. APPOINTMENT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO REPORT ON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER GOVERNANCE ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Ryan noted that the Board's term ends concurrent with the expiration of the term of the current Board of Selectmen. One charge of the Board is to study and make recommendations concerning the long-term governance of the Performing Arts Center. A sub-committee of Mr. Piecuch, Mr. Collins and Mr. Mason was appointed to review this issue and report back to the Board.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The MS Society Walk has requested to use the greenway trail along Iron Horse Boulevard on April, 14, 2009.

Mrs. Goman moved to inform the Board of Selectmen that there was no conflict and to recommend that the Board of Selectman approve the request. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request to use the commuter lots for the Chamber of Commerce Home Improvement Show on September 12, 2009.

Mr. Piecuch moved to inform the Board of Selectmen that this request falls within the entertainment season, and that there is a possibility that a performance may be scheduled at the venue on this date. However, it appears that, with cooperation, one use would not preclude the other. Therefore, the Board has no objection to the approval of this request. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. JOHN PADDOCK'S REVISED POLICY STATEMENTS

Due to the lateness of the hour, this matter was tabled.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piecuch moved to adjourn at 8:39 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory W. Piecuch