

## DURHAM COUNTY MEMORIAL STADIUM AUTHORITY

(Minutes of the November 18, 2008 Regular Meeting)

The Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority ("The Authority") convened at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 in the Durham County Manager's office at the Old County Courthouse in Durham, North Carolina.

Members present included Chairman Tommy Hunt; Vice Chairman Willie Bradshaw; Ms. Becky Heron; Dan Moushon; and the undersigned as Secretary. Also present were Mike Turner, General Services Director / Stadium Manager; Ray Ellis, Ground Maintenance Supervisor; Deborah Booth, General Services Administrative Officer and Carol Hammett, Assistant County Attorney

The minutes of the August 12, 2008 regular board meeting and the minutes of the August 26, 2008 special call meeting were approved.

### **Stadium Manager's Update:**

#### A. Stadium Renovation Project.

Mr. Turner announced that although structural repair to the steel columns at the stadium are scheduled to be addressed in the renovation project, 27 of said columns out of 200 needed immediate repair at a cost of \$23,000 to be paid from the General Services Director's budget. Mr. Turner circulated pictures of the problem which clearly indicated the necessity for immediate attention.

Mr. Turner discussed design features to include a logo to appear on the field at the stadium. Rather than be pinned down with a definite logo at this time it was thought that we should leave this matter open for a later decision. It was felt that signage be placed in the stadium to prominently identify "Durham County Memorial Stadium", perhaps on the walls of the stadium facing the field or on the pressbox. Next, followed a lengthy discussion of a three-foot border around the football playing field in a permanent white color. This design would not be consistent with the use of the field for soccer but it was felt that not only was such a border required but would certainly enhance the appearance of the field. When the field is occasionally used for soccer, alterations to accommodate the soccer field could be employed. The design for the white area surrounding the football field was approved.

#### B. User Update

Mr. Turner presented the financial figures for Shaw University's use of the stadium for the 2008 football season (four games) reflecting rental fees of \$21,781.48, concession fees of \$2,680 plus 12.5% addition after the last two games of the season reflecting a total receipt by The Authority of \$24,714.11. This is compared to the 2007 receipts for four games of \$7,659.

Mr. Turner addressed the November 8, 2008 CIAA Championship Football Game between


Shaw University and Elizabeth City State resulting in receipts to The Authority totaling \$7006.84 based on an attendance of 7,542 fans. Mr. Turner stated that all parties concerned felt that the event had been very well handled although areas for improvement next year were noted. Mr. Turner stated that in the event the championship game is held at the Stadium in 2009, the parties will be even better prepared.

Finally Mr. Turner announced that Durham Public School football playoff between Southern High School and Hillside High School will be played on November 21, 2008 at the regular school charge of \$725.00.

As to a new requested use of the stadium, Mr. Turner announced that we are still in negotiations with Steve Kokolaski of SKANSKA Construction Company for the use of the stadium as a parking lot for long term parking of 100-500 construction worker vehicles in support of several major construction projects scheduled next year for Duke University Hospital campus. Mr. Turner stated that many of the details of the arrangement had to be worked out to ensure that this proposed use of the stadium would not interfere with the stadium renovation project as well as the proposed use of the stadium by others during the project contemplated by SKANSKA. Mr. Turner stated that he would keep The Authority advised as this proceeds.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on February 10, 2008. There being no further business the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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James T. Hedrick, Secretary  
Durham County Stadium Authority