

**CIVIC CENTER BOARD OF MANAGERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020
9:30 A.M.**

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-09, Section 4 (A), issued by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and continued by Executive Order 20-18, by which strict compliance with Indiana's Open Door Law is currently suspended due to the COVID-19 health emergency, the City of South Bend Civic Center Board of Managers met on July 29, 2020, at 8 a.m. by both in-person and video/telephone conferencing in which a quorum of members participated. This meeting was made available to members of the public and the media as provided by the Open Door Law.

Members Present

Dennis Andres, Jr.
Greg Downes
Randy Kelly
Michael Neises
Aaron Perri

Members Absent

Linda Doshi

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by President Perri. Approval of the consent agenda, including the minutes from the July 29, 2020 Civic Center Board of Managers' meeting and year-to-date financial statements, was moved by Greg Downes, seconded by Randy Kelly and motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Perri welcomed everyone to the meeting and conducted roll call. Mr. Perri congratulated the Morris and Century Center teams on their continued hard work during the challenging time. He acknowledged Jeff Jarnecke for his leadership.

Mr. Perri noted the agenda included some important and special news about the upcoming 100-year anniversary of the Morris and a resulting capital campaign to help celebrate.

Mr. Perri also noted that business within the Century Center was increasing including having hosted Mayor Mueller's wedding.

Mr. Perri concluded his remarks by noting the FY21 budget had been passed by the Common Council.

VENUES REPORT

Morris Performing Arts Center

Mr. Jarnecke provided an updated on the event schedule saying that it was unlikely any additional events would occur in 2020 due to the pandemic. He went on to share the Q1 and Q2 of 2021 are also very light. He anticipates the operation closing out 2020 with more than a \$600,000 deficit. The staff also generally remains furloughed or has been temporarily assigned to another unit within VPA.

Mr. Jarnecke provided an update on the celebration of the Morris 100 years. With the leadership of Greg and Mary Downes, along with participation by Linda Doshi, a community-based committee has been formed to help raise more than \$27 million for improvements and renovations to the Morris. It is expected the work would be done in phases with hopefully much of it done in 2021 so that 2022 would be a celebration, which is the 100th year of the Morris. Additional updates would be provided in the future.

Palais Royale

While there have been several events within the Palais, Mr. Jarnecke noted business is still quite limited. He expects the deficit for the operation to be more than \$160,000, which is actually close to the budget. It was noted the Fatbird Restaurant would open this year in the space formerly occupied by Tapastrie.

Century Center

Mr. Jarnecke noted the staff of the Century Center also remains largely furloughed. Notre Dame football is using the space on game weekends so that has been a nice and unexpected lift in business. Bookings are still slow and are expected to be through at least Q1 of next year. The yearend deficit is expected to be around \$300,000 but Mr. Jarnecke noted this could grow if additional events cancel due to the pandemic yet this year. Every measure to minimize expenses are being realized and will continue until event bookings increase.

Mr. Jarnecke did note that the esports initiative is progressing well. The gaming center would be ready in mid-December and would open to the public in January 2021. We would also issue another set of bid specifications for additional investment in the Bendix. It is expected this work would be completed in Q2 of 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Perri entertained a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Michael Neises, seconded by Greg Downes and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

AP: jsj