

MCDAB

Meeting Minutes

5/14/19 6:00pm

- I. Members Present: Jennessa, Willard, Amy P., Michelle, Gene, Matt, Dawson, Jenny, Amy F. and Maura.
- II. Meeting minutes were put up for approval. Willard motioned for approval and Amy P. seconded it. All were in favor.
- III. Mary Beth Broeren, Director of Development Services and Josh Vogel, Stadium Architect – Overview of the facility (Baseball stadium). The state of Alabama reviews the plans for ADA compliance. They had several questions but followed up and everything was approved. The building department also reviewed the plans because they were looking for compliance with ADA.
- IV. Josh has been on the project since the beginning. He represents Populous. Work ranges from professional stadiums and convention centers. They opened one stadium this year and one will be opened next year. Stadium comfort and accessibility has always been a priority.
- V. Town Madison Development – Stadium anchors the west end. Enter from west and navigate around. Full wrap around concourse. Elevator and stairs and gradual slopped walkway. Their intent for the time being was to create a soft buffer and work with the stadium to develop Town Madison. Main Entry will have access to Team Store. Seats are sucken down so you start at the top uppermost seats. Slopped grass seating/family seating is a social gathering place that will have a rocky feel to it.
- VI. Mary Beth said the Field is sucken down due to comments from neighbors in the area to absorb some of the sound and to work with the natural topography.
- VII. Matt asked if there will ever be an overpass over the interstate for pedestrians to walk over to the area. Mary Beth said there is no funding but there is a possibility of Hughes to connecting to the interstate and then there might be an overpass.....Far into the future.
- VIII. Party decks and suites...3 elevators are in the stadium. Right field foul pole is where the main entrance is...First base building houses team store, batting tunnels, ticketing, the entirety of the team administrative offices, pink is concession stands and blue is restrooms. Large restrooms closer to home and further down the line. Family restrooms adjacent to berm seating/family green area. All restrooms have baby changing tables. Elevator 1 goes down to players tunnel and has an accessible ramp. 3rd base – first aid, kitchen, trash, activated plaza to include kid zone,

services. Elevator 2 service from kitchen up to the club level. Also has the ability to be utilized for pedestrians. Elevator 3 main course to plaza. Potential building in the outfield and the elevator 3 will access that.

- IX. Down below...Coaches offices, training room, visitors lockers, and have access to home dugout and ramp to the field. Wheelchair and companion seating at field level. Family restrooms on this level are accessible to the field box seats and the wheelchair and companions seated at field level.
- X. Jumping up to suite level. VIP entry...grand staircase and elevator to the Club where it has a bar and a conference area. Extends to an outdoor party deck. Adjacent to club is the tv/broadcasting booth. 16 suites in all and a party suite that is equal to 2 suites. The restrooms for the suites serve the club and the suites.
- XI. Blue and red are the primary standard stadium seats – 4600 chairback seats Primary ADA and companion seats are on elevator platforms extended out at 1st and 3rd base. 4 top seats are half moon table with chairs – social dining experience. 3rd base side has 4 rows and 1st base side has 4 rows and 5 rows...Tables are at 34 inch height. Wheelchair seating is available and is marked.
- XII. Premium seating – similar to box seats....each seat has individual power. The rows are 6 inches deeper than the regular rows. Wheelchair accessible and companion seating are here as well.
- XIII. Legacy suites – bar height drink rails with barstools. Place to set drink and plate. Back rows are dropped down to standard table height and they have two wheelchair tables available here. 34 inches
- XIV. Rockport area – social place, drink rail along the field. Soft furniture, cornrow, etc. Come and go area and come and get a drink from the bar. The drink rail is 34 inches tall. The bar does have a lower table for service.
- XV. Concourse suites – private low wall area with drink area. 25 tickets per suite for a total of 100 tickets. Maybe some theatre style seating.
- XVI. By the kid zone there are picnic tables – 8 seat tables. Parties and groups can rent out tables and there is an area for a food buffet and it's adjacent to the kid zone.
- XVII. Matt – Components such as seats, etc are they involved in that? Josh said they present information to the city and the contractor and work together.
- XVIII. Estimated completed date is mid-January. Baseball season starts in April 2020. The idea is to be ready before that so other events could be held there before the baseball season....soft opening.
- XIX. Willard – with the baseball setup is it able to be configured for football? Yes it is, as well as soccer. They should be able to host high school football games and college baseball games, fun runs, concerts, etc.
- XX. Club and Suite Level – 3 rows of seats with private access directly back to club. Party deck opens up from club. There is a nice wheelchair spot at the end. The club itself has tvs, the bar and loose furniture. The suites themselves are all outfitted the same. Working out the radius, the suites get bigger. Center table will have ice/keep

- food warm with element. Concept is patio approach – there are swinging doors and sliding doors. The individual suite order can arrange the furniture how they would like. Set up so you can socialize inside or on the patio.
- XXI. Scoreboard is up on a bluff with lots of landscaping all around.
- XXII. Questions: Matt – Adult changing tables in the bathrooms. Josh said they had looked at it when it came up because Mary Beth brought it up. The biggest challenge is the space they take up and clearance they require won't let them be inserted in a place of family restrooms. There is currently no space to put in adult changing tables. Jennessa - How many family restrooms? – 2 on main concourse, 2 on club level (more unisex) and 1 on suite level. Jennessa was talking to them about the increase in the population in Madison, especially special needs families. There is a need for accommodations. Matt - Sensory room possible? Amy F. told him about KultureCity and how they provide sensory bags and sensory rooms. Michelle – As far as the restrooms, the adult changing table is a necessity. You wouldn't need toilet in the restroom if you had the adult changing table. Josh – design standpoint is changing out the toilet for the adult changing room. Matt – a quick adjust to raise the 34 inch table for standing wheelchairs. Matt – what is the width of the private suites? Roughly 12-14 feet wide for narrowest up to 20 feet wide for the larger suites. Josh said they have maintained a clear path for wheelchairs for clearance through doors and door to patio. Jennessa – 2 family restrooms are on the main level – she doesn't think it's enough. Willard is there room in the family restroom for adult changing table. Mary Beth said she doesn't think so but she'll look into it. Jenny – kid activities? Mary Beth – main kid zone will have playground equipment. Out by plaza area by dugouts, the team owner plans to have inflatables during games for the kids. The playground equipment hasn't been purchased yet, so we asked Mary Beth to include us on it. She's going to get with the Parks Director for idea on companies and will include us in the discussion. Plaza will have inflatables and food trucks. The Kid Zone will be year round – open for people to rent it for birthday parties and so it can be used all the time. Amy P.– Is there an elevator near the Kid Zone? Yes.
- XXIII. 7pm – Josh and Mary Beth left.
- XXIV. Making Waves – June 8th -Amy F. will go to June meeting
- XXV. Treasurer Report - We're still having issues receiving bank statements at City Hall. Willard – Savings Account Balance - \$15,071.83 Jennessa wrote a \$450 check to Tennessee Valley UNITE for 15 de-escalation kits for Madison City 1st responders. Best Buddies was given \$250, but it's not on this report. Total account balance is \$16,399.96 Willard is going to email the board the Treasurer report prior to each meeting going forward. Jennessa motioned to pass the treasurer report, Matt seconded it and all approved.
- XXVI. Jennessa and Willard – What does the Madison Chamber of Commerce do for us? Is it worth paying yearly due? Madison Chamber of Commerce Annual dues are \$219

- Willard moves to renew our annual membership. Motion was rejected. We are going to invite the MCC to come to our next meeting to tell us what they can do for us.
- XXVII. New Business – Matt Free to Attend Event to inform the community about special needs. Jennessa – Idea to make educational video put out on our website and Facebook.
 - XXVIII. Fishing Rodeo – Dublin Park - we don't know a date yet. Willard has asked Gayle about the date.
 - XXIX. Walk Run Roll Fun Run – June 29th 8am-10pm It's a 1K run.
 - XXX. Respite Nights for Madison – Jennessa is going to talk to Dr. Whitney Meade about providing respite workers that are earning practicum hours. Discuss the possibility of using Mill Creek Elementary School. MCDAB would provide snacks and crafts. Madison Cares – name possibility
 - XXXI. Carolyn's Cart – Call Madison businesses about considering providing a cart. Matt – suggested to put a poll on FB to see where the carts would be most useful. Matt is going to put the poll on FB.
 - XXXII. Next Meeting – June 11th We are asking the Chamber of Commerce to come at 6pm and Dr. Whitney Meade to come at 6:30pm to discuss respite nights.
 - XXXIII. Meeting adjourned.