

MINUTES
STATE BUILDING COMMISSION
Executive Subcommittee
June 26, 2020

The State Building Commission Executive Subcommittee met this day at 3:00 p.m. via a WebEx electronic meeting, with the following members and Departments present. Commissioner Eley called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and requested action on the following matters as presented by State Architect Ann McGauran.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Butch Eley, Commissioner, Department of Finance and Administration, participated via electronic communication
Tre Hargett, Secretary of State, participated via electronic communication
Justin Wilson, Comptroller of the Treasury, participated via electronic communication
David Lillard, State Treasurer, participated via electronic communication

ORGANIZATION

PRESENTER

- Department of Tourist Development

Commissioner Mark Ezell

Commissioner Eley stated that the purpose of this specially called meeting is to consider the item referred to the Executive Sub-Committee from the State Building Commission at its June 19th meeting. Tennessee Code Annotated §8-44-108 provides that if a quorum of members is not physically present at the meeting, other members may be retained for a vote via electronic or other means of communication if certain statutory requirements are met.

A determination has been made that the electronic communication in this meeting by the members is a necessity based on the following facts and circumstances:

1. This meeting was specially called to consider an approval required by statute that is necessary for an event to be held on July 15, 2020 in Bristol. There will be operational hardships for State agencies and the entities involved in putting on the event if the Commission is unable to render its decision on this time sensitive request promptly.
2. The current public health crisis resulting from the COVID-19 virus has resulted in declarations of a "State of Emergency" by the State and local governments; and the direction that most government employees work from home.

Let the minutes reflect that Commissioner Eley, Secretary Hargett, Comptroller Wilson and Treasurer Lillard are participating electronically. At a roll call vote all members voted aye and approved the use of electronic communication for this meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Bristol Motor Speedway NASCAR All-Star Event, Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee

Requested Action: Approval of the boundaries of the NASCAR All-Star Race Event under the Event Tourism Act

Comment: The event is the NASCAR All-Star Race and it is potentially being relocated from the State of North Carolina, where it has been held for over thirty years. This event opportunity has developed very quickly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, necessitating the consideration of this matter on an urgent basis.

In accordance with the Event Tourism Act (TCA § 67-6-105), this action will approve the boundaries of the event venue for the purposes of the NASCAR All-Star Race event to be held at the Bristol Motor Speedway on July 15, 2020. The event venue will comprise the Bristol Motor Speedway and the adjacent parking and camping areas owned and/or operated by Bristol Motor Speedway, LLC. The event will still need to be certified by the Department of Finance & Administration and the Department of Tourist Development, both of whom are reviewing the application from Bristol Tennessee Event Organizing Committee of the Bristol TN/VA Convention and Visitor's Bureau Program of the Bristol TN/VA Chamber of Commerce.

Previous Action: 06/19/2020 SBC Referred to ESC with authority to act

Minutes: 06/26/2020 ESC Commissioner Ezell stated that he appreciated the consideration of the event at last week's SBC meeting and calling the special meeting. Commissioner Ezell stated that he is excited about the prospect of Tennessee hosting the race that has been held in North Carolina for over thirty years, so this is a great opportunity for Tennessee for years to come.

Comptroller Wilson asked if the boundaries being approved are of the racetrack. State Architect McGauran stated that the event venue will comprise of Bristol Motor Speedway and the adjacent parking and camping areas operated by Bristol Motor Speedway, LLC.

At a roll call vote all members voted aye and approved the boundaries of the NASCAR All-Star Race Event under the Event Tourism Act.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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Approved:



Tre Hargett
Secretary, State Building Commission Executive Subcommittee
Secretary of State