May 4, 2021

Chairman Haynes and Board of Directors
Spokane Public Schools
200 N. Bernard St.
Spokane, WA  99201

Dear Chairman Haynes and Spokane Public School District Board Members:

On behalf of the Downtown Spokane Partnership and our partners working together for the downtown stadium location, we are excited to update you with some additional steps we have taken to honor the vote you took on April 21st.

In your deliberations, it was made clear that the interests of the Civic Theatre need to be accommodated in order to site the stadium at this downtown location. In our previous letter to you, we shared that we had worked to gain the support from Representative Riccelli and Spokane County Treasurer Baumgartner to lead a Washington State capital ask for the purposes of funding possible noise mitigation modifications to the Civic Theatre facility. On that very same day, you also received a letter from Representative Riccelli, affirming his support. Representative Riccelli has further verbally committed that he is working to secure the endorsement of this request from multiple local Legislators from the 3rd and 6th Legislative District to put forth the funding request in the 2022 Legislative Session, and that the Spokane School Board and Civic Theatre will be receiving letters to this effect.

Secondly, it was conveyed to the DSP that the Civic Theatre leadership would like the DSP’s support by way of a capital campaign to cover any costs over and above the funds secured by the State, should sound mitigation be deemed necessary. As a strong sign of good faith for the well-being of the Civic Theatre and for the downtown stadium project, the DSP Board voted unanimously to support the Civic Theatre’s capital campaign if needed. Further, in a matter of just two weeks, the DSP has facilitated $95,000 in private pledges under the following conditions: as a sign of support for the downtown stadium project and the future of the Civic Theatre. If the downtown stadium project moves forward, these private entities are committed to working with regional political and business leadership to obtain state funding for the upgrades to the Civic Theatre building for sound mitigation and other related needs. If additional funds are needed beyond what can be obtained from the State for the Civic Theater, $95,000 has been pledged or earmarked for this campaign. A foundation gift request process would require an explanation of the needs, an overview of the financial condition of the Civic Theatre organization, and a fully developed plan for how the money will be spent. This would also require the Civic Theatre organization to agree in writing that the sound mitigation plan resolves all stadium associated concerns and that they agree to hold all parties harmless from future damage claims due to noise.
We sincerely hope that these efforts meets your expectations and provides you with a clear path to approve the downtown site location. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Mark Richard
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Downtown Spokane Partnership