March 16, 2021

Dear Members of the Spokane Public Schools Board of Directors,

The principals of schools in northeast Spokane encourage the Board of Directors to build the district’s new stadium downtown. We do this, not from a place of personal interest, but on behalf of the families in NE who have barriers in both accessing a stadium at Albi and in having their voices heard either through advisory votes, community forums or the use of Thought Exchange.

All district families are encouraged to support their children’s activities, whether on the football field, playing in the band, participating in color guard, or cheering on their schools. But barriers exist, especially for families with modest means. Adding a barrier of accessing the games should not be one of them.

The chart below details commute times to each of the stadium options for families who do not have personal transportation. This chart was created using a typical commute following a Friday night game that ends at 9pm. Commutes are calculated using the arrival location as the school itself. Times to individual homes will vary.

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All schools in NE, require 2 buses and an increase in one-way commute time of between 19 and 87 minutes. This is considerable, given Fall weather and the safety of waiting for buses and walking later at night. For families at Bemiss, the amount of time they would spend getting to Albi and back would be roughly the same as the entirety of the game itself.

And for families from Logan and Stevens, not to mention other schools not in NE, it is feasible for many more families to avoid transportation altogether and walk to the downtown site. This option would apply to many more residents than at Albi.

When considering feedback from the community through advisory votes, community forums and through Thought Exchange, an equity lens would recognize that not all voices are heard at the same rates.

To provide an example, the graphic below shows the rate of ballots cast across Spokane in the 2019 city primary. We were unable to find a similar graphic from the 2018 advisory vote, but would posit that the rates are similar, given the same pattern of higher participation in higher income parts of town exists in each of the years for which similar graphics were found.

In considering participation in community forums and Thought Exchanges, we again surface barriers to participation from NE. Transportation challenges and work schedules will prevent many from attending forums, while data access and connectivity will be a barrier for accessing Thought Exchange.

As principals in NE, we stand as one in encouraging The Board to build the stadium downtown. As a district, we need to remove as many barriers as possible so that families can participate in the lives of their children.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Barnes            Liderwood Elementary School
Adrian Espindola         Stevens Elementary School
Tricia Kannberg          Regal Elementary School
Adam Oakley             Longfellow Elementary School
Brent Perdue            Logan Elementary School
Jody Schmidt            Whitman Elementary School
Rachel Sherwood         Bemiss Elementary School
Katie Stone             Cooper Elementary School
Jon Swett               Shaw Middle School
Sue Unruh               Arlington Elementary School
Wendy Watson            Garry Middle School
Lori Wyborne            Rogers High School

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LETTER

Community Member of the Spokane Public School District –

As Spokane Public School Athletic Directors, we would like to personally reach out to the SPS community regarding the upcoming district sports stadium. As fellow community members, parents, administrators, and former coaches we stand in unity with the proposed location of the SPS Sport Stadium to be erected in the downtown Spokane area.

As most of you recall, in 2018, voters approved a Spokane Public School bond to establish a completely new sports stadium for our home district. The passed bond money will be used to build a completely new stadium regardless of chosen location. We recognize that some in our beloved community may have personally examined a possible location, but the bond was not run in conjunction with a decided location. The bond would be to either completely level, demolish, and rebuild. J. Abi from the ground up due to its unplayable state or build a new stadium in a centrally located area. Choosing the downtown location would not only be more responsible but would also remove all major barriers to SPS students and benefit the SPS community in the highest possible way financially.

As athletic directors representing North Central, Rogers, Shadle, Ferris, and Lewis and Clark High Schools, we constantly focus on reducing barriers and optimizing opportunities in all forms of academic and extra-curricular programs. We do this because we understand the core needs of our students and we align ourselves with the SPS motto of providing excellence for everyone. Stadium access can determine which students can and cannot participate in school activities and the lack of accessibility can be devastating for a student’s high school experience. Access to stadiums that are far removed from SPS schools, like J. Abi, do not help our students grow and flourish due to the added transportation barriers. Location matters. Travel time matters. Public transportation matters.

Students prosper when they have maximized support of their families, friends, and community. A downtown located sports stadium offers this in unparalleled fashion. As each SPS school serves a mixture of under privileged and privileged populations, having a centrally located and easily accessible stadium is of utmost importance to us as SPS Athletic Directors. A downtown location means more students, parents, guardians, grandparents, and community members can walk, ride bikes or buses easily to get to games and events in a matter of minutes versus the current sprawling 45-minute public transportation bus to J. Abi. The downtown location would eliminate this financial pressure of bus fares for our district families and students.

Financially, a downtown stadium would be a school and community asset that yields benefits beyond the $350k annual cost savings for Spokane Public Schools and the $11.4M annual economic development. These two factors alone will greatly impact our SPS district for decades to come. Additionally, attendance at high school games, which has been dropping at J. Abi, will go up, thereby building connection and community at each school and for our city. It will be a point of pride for our community. Building the SPS Sports Stadium downtown would make our district majority owner and would solidify our priority in stadium access.

A downtown stadium will help students feel connected to their community through their performance in a highly visible and celebrated place. Giving our students a space to be on a big stage in the heart of our city will help elevate their high school experience and highlight their athletic, band or dance career. The opportunity to play on the same field as a professional soccer team would be very meaningful to our student athletes, and a very rare opportunity that will bring our SPS students to a new athletic and extra-curricular level. This high quality experience is what our kids deserve.

Lastly, an added benefit is placing the SPS Sport Stadium in downtown Spokane is the opportunity to open J. Abi to potential development of eight additional synthetic turf multi-use fields for district and community use. As stated, J. Abi is no longer play able within safety standards so decommissioning and demolishing the former stadium to build practice fields could bring new sports and tournaments to our area like soccer, rugby, and field hockey. Increasing opportunities and variety for our students. Utilizing the possibility of J. Abi to become an additional sports complex and building the SPS Sport Stadium downtown would offer the community of SPS a true win – win scenario.

We love our community and our district, and we support this proposal to continue building upon our constant endeavor to do what is best for the students in the Spokane Public School District. This is a meticulous and responsible plan that has resolved and removed all potential barriers for our SPS students. Building our SPS Sports Stadium downtown is the best option for our students and their futures. We understand the personal connection some have with past stadiums. We value our past and we look to the future by growing and providing better options for our current and future SPS students. We urge the community, the school board, and its representatives to support building the SPS Sport Stadium in the proposed downtown location.

Gratefully –

Madison Petersen, North Central High School
Aaron Breck, Rogers High School
Stacey Ward, Ferris High School
Bret Tillman, Shadle High School
Dave Hughes, Lewis and Clark High School
SPOKANE CIVIC THEATRE

SPOKANE CIVIC THEATRE AND THE DOWNTOWN STADIUM PROPOSAL

APRIL 16, 2021

Founded in 1947, Spokane Civic Theatre is a nonprofit community theatre that has been located at 1020 North Howard Street since 1967. Each year, Civic hosts more than 180 performances, created by more than 400 volunteer cast and crew members, serving approximately 50,000 audience members. Additionally, Civic is home to hundreds of young artists who participate in a variety of performing and technical arts classes and workshops. As an entertainment venue, per state mandates, Spokane Civic Theatre operations and productions have been paused due to the pandemic since March 16, 2020.

Spokane Civic Theatre learned details of the new Downtown Stadium proposal on March 2, 2021 following Downtown Spokane Partnerships’s (DSP) press conference held at the Wonder Building. In December 2020, Spokane Civic Theatre was approached by DSP President Mark Richard with a request to explore potential relocation. No further context was provided at that time with regards to the nature of the request. After considering locations suggested by DSP, Civic determined that Mr. Richard’s proposed sites would not adequately meet our mission and community’s needs.

In response to the March 2, 2021 DSP presentation and the March 10, 2021 Spokane Public Schools (SPS) Board Meeting, Civic sent preliminary concerns to SPS Board Members on March 16, 2021 which included the following:

• Should the Downtown Stadium concept be realized, soundproofing Spokane Civic Theatre would be necessary to continue operations as is.
• The impact of simultaneous events at The Arena, The Podium and Civic remains to be seen and warrants a study that also takes into account any Downtown Stadium proposal.

Between the March 10, 2021 and April 14, 2021 SPS Board meetings, Spokane Civic Theatre met with Stephanie Curran, CEO of the Spokane Public Facilities District (PFD) on April 5 and Jerrell Haynes, SPS Board President, on April 13. In both occurrences, the topics discussed included potential parking mitigation should the project move forward, soundproofing needs that Civic would require to remain operational, and a request for the visibility of Civic and our community impact as a piece of the larger puzzle moving forward.

In conjunction with these meetings, Spokane Civic Theatre is collaborating with Performance Contracting Incorporated, Tremco, and other companies that regularly work with The Arena, The Podium and other public facilities buildings in Spokane to determine actual costs for sound infrastructure should the Downtown Stadium be realized. Additionally, to ensure Civic’s ability to fully operate and honor our mission, we continue to explore all available options to enforce Civic’s capacity to utilize its property and engage with its community.

As a fixture in the Spokane arts and culture community, Spokane Civic Theatre is excited by all prospects of growth and development, as well as the undeniable potential that Spokane possesses. We also recognize that should the Downtown Stadium move forward, Spokane Civic Theatre, one of the oldest and most awarded community theatres in the nation, a North Bank land owner, economic participant, and equitable entertainment provider, must be invited into the conversation as a key player and joint solution maker.

We look forward to the future of the North Bank and further conversations surrounding its development.

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April 8, 2021

The Honorable Spokane Public Schools’ Board of Directors
200 North Bernard
Spokane, WA 99201

President Haynes and School Board Directors,

We are very excited to hear about the potential plans for building a new sports stadium in downtown Spokane. I worked for many years in San Antonio, Texas, and saw the utilization of a public sports venue that was a tremendous asset not only to the city and professional sports, but also for both secondary and collegiate sports programs. Eastern has always had a presence in downtown Spokane, but with our recent expansion of academic programs in the University District at the Catalyst Building, we have further strengthened the connectivity between Spokane and EWU. Having a downtown sports venue will allow for a unique experience for students and opens up collaboration with the sponsorship of special events for athletics and general entertainment.

Being only 17 miles from downtown Spokane, we would love to work with you in looking at future events that we could collaborate on, those that would help showcase both our programs as well as bring visitors and visibility to the city of Spokane. We would love to visit with you to get more details about your plan and your vision around bringing events into the stadium. The two EWU programs that have the most potential in partnering with you would be our football team and women’s soccer team. We would also like to offer the opportunity to visit with the Big Sky Conference about bringing significant conference championship events to utilize the stadium.

Congratulations on this new venture and we look forward to visiting with you about how we could best be of assistance. We have a significant alumni base in the region and believe that we could be a real asset to your plans.

Thank you and your administration for what you do for the youth of our community and region. It has been a very unique and challenging year so it is wonderful to see a new project being moved forward to continue the growth of opportunities for the Spokane region.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Lynn Hickey
Associate Vice-President/Director of Athletics
April 2, 2021

The Honorable Spokane Public Schools’ Board of Directors
200 N. Bernard
Spokane, WA 99201

President Haynes & School Board Directors,

We have followed with great interest your discussions on potentially building a new sports stadium in downtown Spokane. WSU Athletics has a long history with Spokane Public Schools and youth athletics in the greater Spokane area. A downtown stadium has the potential for significant collaborative opportunities with Cougar Athletics. Spokane is home to many Cougs, one of the WSU campuses within our system and one of the key areas for our marketing and fundraising initiatives.

Tentatively, we would like to explore utilizing a downtown Spokane stadium for:

- Women’s soccer matches
- Spring football practice and/or scrimmage

Working within the regulations of the NCAA, Pac-12 Conference and Spokane Public Schools athletics, WSU is committed to being a partner with the Spokane community and involving local students in these activities at a potential downtown stadium.

WSU greatly values its fan base and tremendous support from the Spokane community. Thanks to each of you on the School Board for your service. We look forward to exploring exciting opportunities for collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,

Pat Chun
Washington State University Director of Athletics
Fwd: School stadium

Jerrall Haynes
To: SchoolBoard

Fellow Board Members,

I'm forwarding letter from Lisa Brown to you all.

From: Lisa Brown <lrbrown.wa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:13 PM
To: Jerrall Haynes
Subject: School stadium

Board of Directors
Spokane Public Schools

To Board President Haynes and members of the board,

I'm writing to you as a member of the Spokane community, the mother of a former student of the district, and the grandmother of a likely future student.

I believe it is in the best interests of students and families in the school district for you to formally consider further exploration of the proposal of locating the new stadium for school events in central Spokane. The potential benefits of the central location include greater access for students and families without reliance on cars, improved access for many economically disadvantaged students and their families, financial benefits from a partnership with the PFD, and a win-win with more playing fields for students at the A&S site on the north side.

A centrally-located stadium will support small businesses located near the proposed site and help realize the vision of an economically and culturally diverse downtown with walkable, livable neighborhoods.

Hopefully, through a negotiation with legal representation, the board could secure even better financial benefits than already offered. At a minimum, parking benefits and reduced operating costs should be secured in any agreement and affected entities in the neighborhood should be engaged in the process.

Thank you for your public service and for considering my recommendation. I trust you will make the decision that seems best to you for our students and their families.

Sincerely,

Lisa

Lisa Brown
April 21, 2021

To Spokane Public Schools’ Board:

I’m writing to you today to ask for a full and fair consideration of a stadium in downtown Spokane.

Over the past year, I’ve been increasingly concerned about the health and well-being of youth in our community. As our schools were forced to close, and sports and extracurricular activities were cancelled, negative physical to mental health impacts began to compound. As we continue to defeat the COVID-19 Pandemic, a new downtown stadium will provide our kids and community with exciting opportunities to come together safely, and stay active.

In addition, the economic opportunities for the Spokane region and the fiscal savings for taxpayers are significant. According to the study published in October 2020, a downtown stadium would not only save the district $17.5 million in operations and maintenance expenses, but also generate over $11 million in positive annual economic impact for Spokane. This would provide a great boost for local businesses, especially as we recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.

The downtown location would be centrally located to all Spokane Public Schools and provide greater access to public transportation. It would build upon the investments already made to our community, while still putting the needs of the students and School District first.

I support the downtown location, and believe it would benefit the Spokane Public School District and Spokane community at large.

Sincerely,

Cathy McMorris Rodgers, WA-05
Hello Spokane School Board Directors,

Thank you for your service to our community. I appreciate how this Board has taken the time to really evaluate what is best for students and families, while also considering the most prudent financial decision. I believe you are all working to put students and their families first. Thank you for considering the new information and new opportunities a downtown stadium presents. I wanted to make sure you all heard directly from me and my position. While it has not been submitted yet and there might be some slight changes, I think the best way for me to share my position is to send along the joint guest opinion Spokane County Treasurer Michael Baumgartner and I have been drafting and will be submitting soon to the Spokesman-Review. Please call or email me with any questions.

Best regards,

State Representative Marcus Riccelli

Build the Stadium Downtown

Joint Guest Opinion by State Representative Marcus Riccelli and Spokane County Treasurer Michael Baumgartner

Spokane has a history of coming together to do big things. It’s a principle that makes our community great and rather unique. Most recently, we helped lead a bipartisan group of elected officials and community leaders who came together to create a new medical school. While we may disagree on a lot at times, when it comes to doing what’s best for Spokane, we align to support big ideas. Now we have another chance to do something transformational for our community, benefiting students, families and taxpayers while generating economic growth in our community.

Above all, the Spokane Public School Board should put students and their families first. We applaud the School Board for considering the new information and new opportunities a downtown stadium presents. We appreciate how this Board has taken the time to really evaluate what is best for students and families, while also considering the most prudent financial decision.

Before we cast the benefits of building the stadium downtown, let’s clear the air. There has been a lot of confusion on the advisory vote that was offered by the City of Spokane -- not Spokane Public Schools -- and the results have been used by some as a reason the School Board should shut down discussion. Let’s start with the facts. The City and Spokane Public Schools have different boundaries. This advisory ballot measure drew votes from 4,867 residents outside of the district, at the same time it denied input from 10,172 actual Spokane Public School residents who live south and east of the city limits. Bottom line, the advisory ballot measure gave voice to thousands outside the district while disenfranchising many within their boundaries.

The reasons to support locating the new stadium downtown are abundant. A downtown stadium will enhance participation and the overall experience of student’s extra-curricular activities -- whether as athletes, band members, drill team members or fans with school spirit. Additionally, building it in a central location that is more accessible aligns with smart growth principles of a strong urban core, and is more inclusive and equitable.

It would open the opportunity to build new playfields where Joe Albi currently exists. They are desperately needed and would significantly augment the fields currently at Dwight Minkel. Additional playfields have enormous community benefit as we encourage a healthier next generation and they would provide more opportunities for kids from all income levels to play recreational and competitive sport. They are so important, we are committed to finding opportunities in the state’s capital budget to help fund building of those fields.

Speaking of opportunities in Olympia, we are also committed to working in a bi-partisan fashion with our local delegation to secure capital funding, and find private funding, to offset any costs of soundproofing the 50-year-old Civic Theater. It is a local treasure. Property acquisition adjacent to the downtown stadium site will result in 500 new parking spaces free to Spokane Public School district patrons and we believe parking mitigation for the Civic Theater could be worked out as well.

Is it also exciting to potentially bring professional soccer to downtown? Yes, undoubtedly. But more importantly, a stadium will be built. It’s just a question of where. In its last full year of operation the Joe Albi stadium was used 20 days out of 365. So being able to have additional uses for a taxpayer funded public facility just makes good dollars and sense. Building upon Friday Night Lights and high school football, to DSL Soccer -- one could quickly see top ranked WSU Women’s Soccer coming up from Pullman, outdoor concerts and so much more happening in that central location. If built downtown, the stadium would generate an estimated economic impact of $11.4 million, versus an estimated $2.3 million if built at Joe Albi. As leaders, we need to continue to make decisions that lead to a more vibrant downtown core, making downtown Spokane the unequivocal heartbeat of the Inland northwest.

From Expo 74 to the North South Spokane Freeway, from a new medical school to a downtown stadium, working together this community has shown it can dream big and work together to transform our region. We bring momentous ideas to fruition when we believe Spokane and move beyond Spo Can’t and missed generational opportunities. Let’s usher in the next big thing and build the stadium downtown.
A proposal for a downtown sports stadium is gaining support from public officials, including Spokane Mayor Nadine Woodward and state Rep. Marcus Riccelli.

In a video released Tuesday, the mayor urged the board of Spokane Public Schools to direct $31 million in already-approved funds toward the downtown site instead of the current Albi location in northwest Spokane.

“Generational decisions are rare,” Woodward said. “Equally uncommon is the opportunity to reevaluate them through new information and fresh perspective.”

The school district stadium is the unique chance to do both, Woodward said.

“Spokane Public Schools has a decision to make that will influence the next 30 years of its operation and shape a community in the process.”

That decision could come as soon as Wednesday, when the board meets in a virtual special session that begins at 6 p.m. The agenda includes next year’s budget and back-to-school plans, but also the stadium, with “potential action.”

Board President Jerrill Haynes said last week that a decision must come soon if the district is to avoid costly delays in construction — regardless of the site chosen.

The stadium is part of a $495 million capital bond approved by Spokane voters in 2018. In an advisory vote during that same election, 64% of voters said they preferred the Albi site.

Since then, the district has proceeded with plans at Albi, though construction hasn’t begun.

Early in March, the Downtown Spokane Partnership pitched a new proposal for a 5,000-seat stadium to be located just east of the Arena.

The effort is backed by a study that predicts an $11.4 million annual economic boost for Spokane, and $17.5 million in long-term savings for the district. The central location could also attract a team from the United Soccer League.

Seeking input from the public, the district hosted a pair of virtual forums, both of which attracted heavy support for the downtown option.

A ThoughtExchange drew comments from about 7,779 people, with most favoring the downtown site. However, many questioned the availability of parking, the potential impact on the Spokane Civic Theatre and the wisdom of going against the advisory vote.

Woodward addressed some of those concerns in her statement Tuesday night.

“The downtown location the school board is considering affords budget flexibility for years to come, creates more equitable access to the students it serves through athletics and extracurricular activities, and establishes a partnership to maximize the use of the stadium in a central location and the resulting space around the Dwight Merkel Complex,” Woodward said.

“This past year has taught us to be flexible, open to new ideas, and adaptable in the ways we look for and seize opportunities. After respectfully considering the many perspectives and valid considerations that go into making a decision like this, supporting a downtown location makes the most community, access, and financial sense,” Woodward concluded.

Riccelli made similar arguments Tuesday night.

“I think we have a history in this community to do big things,” Riccelli said. “If we can do something that helps families, students and taxpayers, that’s the right thing to do.”
April 21, 2021

Spokane Public Schools Board of Directors
Delivered via email Schoolboard@spokaneschools.org

Re: Stadium Location

Dear Board Members:

The two of us are writing to support you in choosing the stadium location that best meets the needs of its students and their families, regardless of any secondary business benefits. Spokane School District voters entrusted the Board with $31 million for the sole purpose of supporting education and student lives - not for economic development. The Board is already addressing economic growth by investing in a diverse and well-trained workforce and holistic support for the needs of underserved populations. You are in the best position to evaluate the student benefit and we trust you to do what’s best for students, especially those who have historically experienced barriers to participation in district sporting and special events.

From our perspective, an updated Downtown Stadium proposal will create the most equity and benefits for students and their families. The comprehensive report from ThoughtExchange at your recent meeting confirms that the students and families who invested the time in robust public engagement on this topic agree that Downtown is the best location for students.

The biggest benefit to students and families is the central location — compared to Albi, a Downtown stadium is much closer to home for the majority of students, especially those from schools that have a larger percentage of families with lower incomes. Ample free parking, frequent bus service and planned bicycle infrastructure make the Downtown location easier and cheaper to access for so many more people than the current location on the outskirts of the City. Promised free admission and parking to all Spokane Schools students and their families will also encourage greater attendance at events and better access to the ever-growing Riverfront Park and other Downtown amenities. Albi has a great history for many families, but it requires a car and a long drive through a suburban neighborhood for most attendees, which can be a barrier for those without sufficient resources. We believe a Downtown location will lower barriers and likely increase participation from a wider and more diverse student population at a lower overall cost to the District.

If the Downtown location is selected, we ask that the District insist on an updated agreement to ensure the current promises of equity and student benefit, including the prioritization of resources dedicated towards culturally responsive training to ensure high levels of inclusion of all students. This agreement should better recognize the $31 million the District is investing alongside funding from the Public Facilities District and the United Soccer League. The District should retain its percentage of ownership and any potential net revenues from all stadium events. All District events must be free to all its students and their families along with likely far more than the currently proposed 500 free parking spaces. The District must have the ability to hold a wide variety of school events beyond just football and soccer by utilizing a mutually agreeable joint scheduling system. And we can’t forget the ability of school booster clubs to staff the concessions stands for fundraising at District events.

We have heard arguments for and against the Downtown location based on its benefits to adjacent land and business owners. While it’s important to hear everyone’s perspectives, they are secondary to the real question: What is best for the kids who are the intended beneficiaries of this $31 million stadium? We believe Downtown is best for students, but the voters gave that decision to you, no one else. If you choose Downtown, we urge you to negotiate a proposal that benefits students even more than the first offer from the stadium promoters.

Thank you for deeply engaging our community in this conversation and for keeping the needs of our students and their families top of mind. We will support your decision on the Stadium location and join you in an ongoing commitment to foster an environment of belonging, value, and hope for the future in line with the Spokane Public Schools’ vision of “Excellence for Everyone.”

Best,

Sincerely,

[Breene Beggs, Spokane City Council President]

[Betsy Williamson, Spokane City Council Member, District 2]
MOTION
The School Board allow staff to engage in negotiations to create a partnership with the Spokane Civic Theatre and Public Facilities District based on the following parameters:

- Spokane Public Schools retains 100% percent ownership rights of the stadium
- The district retains priority usage rights of the stadium
- The district is guaranteed a minimum of 22.5 million dollars in cost savings during the term of the contract
- The district builds the stadium consistent with all of our capital projects (any building costs beyond $31 million and/or upgrades or future renovations are not the cost of SPS)
- The district receives a share of any (all) revenue from non-district related events
- Spokane Public Schools receives sufficient parking (as many as the district deems necessary) at no charge for all district events
- The Civic Theatre receives priority parking near their facility for all scheduled events (to the satisfaction of the Civic Theatre)
- The PFD, the district and any other entity partner with the Civic Theatre to solve its noise pollution concerns (to the satisfaction of the Civic Theatre)
- All reasonable efforts will be made to partner with locally owned businesses of color for contracted services related to the construction and/or operation of the stadium (to be in alignment with the district’s Equity Resolution)
- Cost savings and revenue associated with the downtown stadium will be reinvested by Spokane Public Schools to support equity related initiatives and bolstering our arts programs
- Any major tenants of the stadium for non-district events must agree to conduct community service initiatives that support families living in poverty and/or communities of color (including stadium staffing/operations be in alignment with the SPS Equity Resolution)

*Director Slagle suggested amendments to motion
*Vice President Wiser suggested amendments to motion