

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
SPORTS COMMISSION
HELD FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 2:32 P.M. E.S.T.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Sports Commission (the “Sports Commission”) was held upon proper notice on the online conferencing platform Zoom on Friday, March 8, 2024, commencing at 2:32 P.M. E.S.T.

Members of the Commission present:

Sen. Jay Costa, Chairman
Sen. Wayne Fontana, Member
Tracey McCants-Lewis, Member
Michael Quatrini, Member

Also Present:

Aaron Waller, Bridget Pascal, Doug Straley, Rodney Pratt, Paul McDonald Jr., Theresa King, Jhason Dixon, Sandhya Giri, Randall Porch, Jeff Gartska, and Alicia Matos of the SEA; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor, Mark Belko; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Senator Jay Costa called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Morgan Hanson followed with a roll call of the board members and advised that a quorum was present.

Beginning with public participation, Senator Costa asked if any members of the audience would like to address the board. Members of the public were offered participation by email, telephone, or the Zoom chat function. Mr. Paul McDonald Jr. stated the Sports Commission (“SC”) had not received any comments via email, no one registered to speak via telephone, and no comments were submitted via the Zoom chat function thus far. Seeing no request from the public

to address the board, Senator Costa moved to the next item on the agenda, approval of the minutes from the meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of a Sports Event Funding (“SEF”) program grant in the amount of \$20,000 to Rise High Elite Basketball, Inc. for Nothing But Net Classic to be held Saturday, March 30, 2024, through Sunday, March 31, 2024, at the All-American Sports Arena Field House in Monroeville.

Ms. Theresa King stated the Nothing But Net Classic basketball tournament is a one-weekend basketball tournament held Saturday, March 30, 2024, through Sunday, March 31, 2024, for grades 2nd through 12th, both boys and girls. This event was previously funded by the SEF Program in 2022 Round 2. The economic impact for the 2023 event amounted to \$251,986. The event’s attendance totaled 3,094, surpassing the initially estimated 1,750 attendees. The event’s 2023 Final Event Revenue and Expense Statement (“FERES”) had a total expense of \$39,889 and a total revenue of \$83,648, resulting in a net profit of \$43,749.

The applicant states the event will occur without SEF Funds however this grant will increase the ability of marketing efforts, better facilities, and a better tournament platform. The applicant projects the event to generate approximately 4,150 attendees (3,670 local, 330-day trips, 150 overnight stays) with 50 hotel room nights. SportsPittsburgh (“SP”) estimates a direct spending of \$142,765. The SEF Program grant of \$20,000 is recommended to be used for venue rental and referee fees. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact and growth potential.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC032

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF program grant in the amount of \$20,000 to Rise High Elite Basketball, Inc. for Nothing But Net Classic to be held Saturday, March 30, 2024 through Sunday, March 31, 2024, at the All-American Sports Arena Field House in Monroeville, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, the recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$45,000 to Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc. (“P3R”) for the EQT Pittsburgh 10-mile race to be held Sunday, November 3, 2024, on the streets of Pittsburgh.

Ms. King stated P3R is requesting funding to support its EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler (“10 Miler”). The 10 Miler will be held in the streets of Downtown Pittsburgh on Sunday, November 3, 2024. The 12th edition of the race allows walkers and runners of all ages and ability levels the opportunity to venture the streets of the Steel City in a 10-mile/10k running course, or 10k walking course with an abundance of on-course entertainment, activations, and cheer groups to motivate runners. The 2024 event is expected to be the largest event to-date with an estimated 5,200

participating. By 2025, P3R's goal is to have 6,500 participants, and the budget for the event is \$562,000.

This event was previously funded by the SEF Program in 2023 Round 2. The economic impact for the 2023 event amounted to \$221,087, lower than the initially estimated \$596,328. The lower economic impact was due to fewer overnight stays than predicted. The event's attendance totaled 20,148, surpassing the initially estimated 15,843 attendees. The event's 2023 FERES had a total expense of \$538,501 and a total revenue of \$548,482, resulting in a net profit of \$9,981. The applicant projects the event to generate approximately 17,259 attendees (15,159 local, 644-day trips, 1,456 overnight stays) with 441 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$630,285.05.

Ms. King further stated the applicant states the event will occur without SEF funding, but the funding would allow P3R to cover the cost of city services including police, EMS, and public works. These services are essential for hosting a world-class event that's safe for all participants, volunteers, and spectators. With those services covered, P3R can expand marketing efforts to drive more out-of-state participants, as well as provide more course activations. The SEF Program grant of \$45,000 is recommended, to be used for police, EMS, and public works. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the event's economic impact.

Senator asked if there were any questions.

Senator Costa stated the SEA needs to monitor this event to verify P3R is meeting their goals.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC033

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$45,000 to Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc. for the EQT Pittsburgh 10-mile race to be held Sunday, November 3, 2024 on the streets of Pittsburgh, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$74,000 to 3Step Sports LLC (“3SS”) for a weekend youth basketball tournament to be held Friday, April 19, 2024, through Sunday, April 21, 2024, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (“DLCC”).

Ms. King stated 3SS, the parent company of Hoop Group Elite, is a for-profit organization. This is a youth basketball tournament for boys ages 10-18. The event includes a free Thursday night clinic for middle school students (both boys and girls) from Pittsburgh Public Schools. 3Step Sports LLC was previously awarded a \$75,000 SEF Program grant in 2022 Round 2 for DLCC facility rental and operational expenses, and equipment purchases/rentals. 3SS’s final report for the 2023 event stated there was a total of 10,840 attendees, 5,750 participants (610 teams), 90 staff, and 5,000 spectators who occupied a total of 3,513 Allegheny Hotel Room nights.

SP estimated the event had an economic impact of \$5,706,348. Their 2023 FERES had a total expense of \$616,396 and a total revenue of \$788,919, resulting in a net profit of \$172,523. These net profits were used to support 3SS operating costs to put on 25-30 additional summer

events across the Atlantic and Mid-West Region. This enables student-athletes to perform, compete, and showcase their basketball talent to college coaches, fans, and spectators.

Ms. King further stated the 2024 tournament will be held from April 19 to April 21, 2024, at the DLCC. However, the 2024 tournament will look a little different due to the NCAA adjusting the live recruiting period. As a result, there will no longer be any Division 1 college coaches recruiting at the event. To adjust for this change, the tournament will only be hosted at the DLCC with 40 courts and at Mt. Lebanon High School with 4 courts. Additionally, the event will introduce a new middle school division at the RIZE basketball facility, featuring 4 courts. This will bring the total number of courts for the 2024 Hoop Group Pitt Jam Fest to 48. The event budget is \$617,000, and the applicant projects a total attendance of 7,660 for the 2024 event (1,350 local, 1,780-day trips. 4,530 overnight stays) with 2,500 hotel room nights, and SP estimates a direct spending of \$2,795,378.26. The SEF Program grant of \$74,000 is recommended, to be used for DLCC venue-related costs and four premier wood court rentals. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact and growth potential.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC034

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$74,000 to 3Step Sports LLC for a weekend youth basketball tournament to be held Friday, April 19, 2024 through Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may

be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, the recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association (“PVGPA”) for a vintage car race to be held from Saturday, August 3, 2024, through Sunday, August 4, 2024, at Schenley Park.

Ms. King stated the PVGPA is requesting funding for their vintage car race weekend, which is taking place Saturday, August 3, 2024, through Sunday, August 4, 2024. The vintage race goes through the streets of Pittsburgh’s Schenley Park. The applicant states that this race is the nation’s most challenging race circuit surrounded by 3,000 show cars and 100,000 spectators. While the PVGPA is a 10-day event, 85% of their attendance happens during the PVGPA race weekend at Schenley Park. The 2024 event will be the largest event to date. PVGPA plans to grow the event by adding Ragtime Racers (1920s racing cars) and the Vintage Indy to their Shenley Park Race Weekend. The event will also continue its digital marketing plan that includes livestreaming of its Schenley Park races and car shows nationwide to raise awareness of its event and the region. The budget for the PVGPA is \$210,000.

This event was previously funded by the SEF Program in 2023 Round 1. The event met its economic impact goal with an impact of \$14.44 million. The event’s attendance totaled 55,187, slightly surpassing the initially estimated 54,050 attendees. The event’s 2023 FERES had a total expense of \$212,459.23 and a total revenue of \$57,936, resulting in a net loss of (\$154,523.23). The applicant projects the event to generate approximately 54,000 attendees (32,500 local, 18,450-day trips, 3,050 overnight stays) with 1,200 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of

\$13,118,718.58. The SEF Program grant of \$75,000 is recommended, to be used for concrete jersey barriers, facility rentals, and Allegiance staffing for labor. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact and potential to highlight the region as an event destination.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Michael Quatrini stated going forward with this event the board and SEA needs to verify if there is and increase in attendees coming from outside the area.

Senator Costa agreed with Mr. Quatrini as the board needs to determine if this event is growing.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC035

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board a SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association for a vintage car race to be held from Saturday, August 3, 2024, through Sunday, August 4, 2024, at Schenley Park, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$70,000 to the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (“USCAA”) for a collegiate national soccer championship to be held Thursday, November 14,

2024, through Monday, November 18, 2024, at Montour Junction Sports Complex and Highmark Stadium.

Ms. King stated USCAA is a non-profit organization and is requesting funding to support the USCAA Small College Soccer National Championships. These tournaments were previously funded by the SEF Program in 2023 Round 2. The economic impact for the 2023 event amounted to \$607,151.89, slightly lower than the initially estimated \$647,583.29. The event's attendance totaled 839, slightly lower than the initially estimated 1,740 attendees. This was due to two teams not meeting the USCAA qualifications to complete. The event's 2023 FERES had a total expense of \$123,867.50 and a total revenue of \$111,350.00, resulting in a net loss of (\$12,517.50).

The applicant projects the USCAA Championships will generate approximately 1,740 attendees (144 local, 240-day trips, 1,356 overnight stays) with 1,440 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$775,000. The applicant states the event will occur without SEF funding, however, the funding requested ensures that the association can provide a first-class experience for student-athletes without going over its annual budget. Should the funding not be secured, it will impact USCAA's ability to keep the event here in the city of Pittsburgh due to facility expenses. The SEF Program grant of \$70,000 is recommended to be used for venue expenses and officials. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact and assisting in securing Pittsburgh as a host city for other USCAA events.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC036

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission

hereby recommends to the SEA Board a SEF Program grant in the amount of \$72,500 to Atlantic Coast Baseball, LLC for fifteen (15) youth baseball and softball tournaments to be held Friday, May 3, 2024, through Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at softball and baseball venues located throughout Allegheny County, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$72,500 to Atlantic Coast Baseball, LLC (“AC Sports”) for fifteen (15) youth baseball and softball tournaments to be held Friday, May 3, 2024, through Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at softball and baseball venues located throughout Allegheny County.

Ms. King stated AC Sports is a for-profit organization. AC Sports requests funding to support a series of youth baseball and/or softball tournaments to be held for 15 weekends from May 3, 2024, through July 31, 2024, at various locations throughout Allegheny County and the event budgets total \$659,120.

AC Sports was previously awarded a SEF Program grant in 2022 Round 1 and 2023 Round 1 both for (\$10,000 baseballs, \$5,000 softballs, and \$60,000 field rentals). The event met its economic impact goal with an impact of \$10.01 million (this total includes taxes). The event exceeded its attendance target of 33,247 attendees, with a total of 37,638 attendees. Their 2023 FERES had a total expense of \$691,265.61 and a total revenue of \$760,300.64, resulting in a net profit of \$69,035.03.

Ms. King further stated AC Sports states that the 2024 funding will help maintain the event, considering increasing costs, as well as providing an opportunity for growth. The applicant projects

the 2024 tournaments series will generate approximately 37,638 attendees (26,975 local, 1,663-day trips, 9,000 overnight stays) with 8,429 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$5,590,718. The SEF Program grant of \$72,500 is recommended, to be used for field rentals, baseballs, and softballs. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for economic impact and will help continue an event whose costs are increasing, with an opportunity for growth/expansion.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC037

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$70,000 to the United States Collegiate Athletic Association for a collegiate national soccer championship to be held Thursday, November 14, 2024 through Monday, November 18, 2024, at Montour Junction Sports Complex and Highmark Stadium, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$30,000 to Premier Ice Prospects, LLC (“PIP”) for two girls’ hockey tournaments to be held Friday, August 30, 2024 through Sunday, September 1, 2024 and Friday, November 28, 2024 through Sunday, December 1, 2024, at the Ice Castle (Castle Shannon), RMU Island Sports Center (Neville Island), Baierl Ice Complex (Warrendale), Mt. Lebanon Ice Rink (Mt. Lebanon) and UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex (Cranberry).

Ms. King stated PIP is a for-profit organization and is requesting funding for their events – PIP’s Labor Day Girls Fest and PIP’s The Burgh Girls Fest. The total budget for both events is \$320,000.

PIP’s Labor Day Girls Fest is a three-day hockey tournament to be held Friday, August 30, 2024, through Sunday, September 1, 2024. This tournament will attract 66 elite-level teams, only three of those teams will be from Pittsburgh. This event provides an opportunity for participants to play in front of 100 National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA”) and professional scouts. The Burgh Girls Fest is a four-day hockey tournament to be held Friday, November 28, 2024, through Sunday, December 1, 2024. This tournament will attract 65 teams. Both events will occur at the Ice Castle (Castle Shannon), RMU Island Sports Center (Neville Island), Baierl Ice Complex (Warrendale), Mt. Lebanon Ice Rink (Mt. Lebanon), and UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex (Cranberry).

Ms. King continued, these tournaments were previously funded by the SEF Program in 2023 Round 1. The economic impact for the 2023 event amounted to \$3.93 million, slightly lower than the initially estimated \$3.96 million. The event exceeded its attendance target of 7,614 attendees, with a total of 8,555 attendees. Their 2023 FERES had a total expense of \$333,335 and a total revenue of \$383,353, resulting in a net profit of \$49,018.

The applicant projects the 2024 tournaments combined will generate approximately 9,762 attendees (2,212 local, 3,750 overnight stays) with 3,750 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct combined spending of \$5,566,494.87. The applicant states the SEF funding will help offset the high cost of Pittsburgh ice rental which is more than twice the rental cost in areas like Rochester, and Buffalo, NY. Currently there are other cities approaching the applicants that are trying to move

this event to their facilities. However, offsetting the high cost of Pittsburgh ice rental will allow the event to stay in Pittsburgh and help keep the participating teams' entry fees affordable.

Ms. King further stated The SEF Program grant of \$30,000 is recommended, to be used for venue ice rental fees in Allegheny County. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact, the event supports girls in the sport of hockey, and to help keep the event in Pittsburgh instead of moving to a city with lower ice rental costs.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Quatrini stated this is an excellent investment to hopefully make Pittsburgh a woman's hockey capital.

RESOLUTION NO. SC038

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant to in the amount of \$30,000 to Premier Ice Prospects, LLC for two girls' hockey tournaments to be held Friday, August 30, 2024 through Sunday, September 1, 2024 and Friday, November 28, 2024 through Sunday, December 1, 2024 at the Ice Castle (Castle Shannon), RMU Island Sports Center (Neville Island), Baierl Ice Complex (Warrendale), Mt. Lebanon Ice Rink (Mt. Lebanon) and UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex (Cranberry), pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to SuperSeriesAAA, LLC ("SS") for two hockey tournaments to be held Friday, September 20, 2024 through Sunday, September 22, 2024, and Friday, November 22, 2024 through Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the Alpha Ice Complex.

Ms. King stated SS is requesting funding to support the THF Pittsburgh and THF Pittsburgh Bantam hockey tournaments. The 2023 event had 56 teams in attendance with 10 teams in the Allegheny/Greater Pittsburgh area. SS and THF are adding an additional tournament to expand at various age levels. Each weekend will include separate age levels and therefore different teams: 15U, 16U, and 18U in one weekend then 12U, 13U, and 14U in another. There will be approximately 50 teams each weekend. USA Hockey will sanction both tournaments.

The THF Pittsburgh hockey tournament will take place September 20, 2024 through, September 22, 2024. The participants will be season teams that are at the 18U, 16U, and 15U age levels. 54 teams are confirmed for this 2024 tournament, 10 of those teams are from the Allegheny/Greater Pittsburgh area. The THF Pittsburgh Bantam will take place November 22, 2024, through November 24, 2024. The participants will be in season teams that are at the 12U, 13U, and 14U age levels. 32 teams are confirmed for this 2024 tournament, and 3 of those teams are from the Allegheny/Greater Pittsburgh area. The combined budget for the tournaments is estimated at \$384,300.

Ms. King further stated the applicant projects the hockey tournaments will generate approximately 3,197 attendees (339 local, 116-day trips, 2,742 overnight stays) with a total of 3,282 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$1,618,991. The applicant states without SEF funding the hockey tournaments will occur at a reduced amount and the future plans of adding a three-weekend tournament in 2025 will not take place. A SEF Program grant of \$75,000 is recommended to be used for venue ice rental fees and officiants. Only the portions of the tournaments that are held in Allegheny County will be reimbursable. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact and it's a North American event.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC039

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$60,000 to SuperSeriesAAA, LLC for two hockey tournaments to be held Friday, September 20, 2024 through Sunday, September 22, 2024 and Friday, November 22, 2024 through Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the Alpha Ice Complex, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to SuperSeriesAAA, LLC (“SS”) for two hockey tournaments to be held Friday, September 20, 2024, through Sunday, September 22, 2024, and Friday, November 22, 2024, through Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the Alpha Ice Complex.

Ms. King stated SS is requesting funding to support the TopTier USA (“TT”). TT is the premier tournament catering to athletes born between 2009 and 2016. Unlike regular season teams, participants are elite players selected by top-tier coaches specifically for the spring/summer competitions. The event attracts over 100 teams to Allegheny County. USA Hockey will sanction the event. The budget for the event is estimated at \$248,458. The applicant projects the TT will generate approximately 4,635 attendees (300 local, 4,335 overnight stays) with a total of 2,000 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$2,513,826.

In 2023, the event had 112 teams attend. For the 2024 event, 130 teams will be in attendance. For 2025, SS has secured enough ice to host 140-142 teams and would like to recruit international teams outside of North America. The applicant states without SEF funding the hockey tournaments will occur at a reduced amount and 2025 expansions will likely not take place. A SEF Program grant of \$75,000 is recommended to be used for venue ice rental fees and officiants. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact and a North American event.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC040

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to SuperSeriesAAA, LLC for a hockey tournaments to be held Friday, May 3, 2024 through Sunday, May 5, 2024 at the Alpha Ice Complex, Baierl Ice Complex, Ice Castle Arena, RMU Island Sports Center, and UPMC Events Center, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$10,000 to Special Olympics Pennsylvania (“SOP”) to host a western sectional competition to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at various venues located in Allegheny County.

Ms. King stated the SOP is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1962 to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. SOP is requesting funding to support its Western Spring Sectional. The event will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Carnegie Mellon University, Central Catholic High School, Bob O'Connor Golf Course, and Winchester Thurston School. This event will serve as the qualification event for athletes to attend SOP's statewide competition events and Special Olympics USA and World Games opportunities. The sports offered at this event will be athletics (track and field), basketball, golf, tennis, swimming, and softball. This event is sanctioned by both SOP and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association ("PIAA").

In 2022, SOP hosted 7 teams (counties) with 350 total athletes. SOPA plans for their 2024 event to host 15 counties with 650 total athletes. The budget for the event is estimated at \$77,000. The applicant projects total attendance for the 2024 event at 2,763 (1,755 local, 1,975-day trips, 8 overnight stays). SP estimates direct spending of \$82,077. A SEF Program grant of \$10,000 is recommended, to be used for venue rental fees and equipment. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for being a diverse event for people with intellectual disabilities, to assist with event growth and development of the event, and as an incentive to help bring future Special Olympics events to Allegheny County.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC041

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$10,000 to Special Olympics Pennsylvania to host a

western sectional competition to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at various venues located in Allegheny County, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Premier Soccer Services, LLC (“PSS”) for a 3-day international soccer competition to be held on Friday, October 18, 2024, through Sunday, October 20, 2024, at various venues located in Allegheny County.

Ms. King stated PSS is a for-profit organization requesting funding to support its Pennsylvania International Cup (“PIC”). The event will partner with US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) (“TS”) which is a recreational sports program for children and adults with intellectual, emotional, or physical disabilities offered only through local US Youth Soccer-affiliated soccer clubs. During the tournament, PSS will have a unique TS bracket that will guarantee at least three matches with four to six TS teams.

This will be a new event for the area and PSS is estimating more than 80 teams will participate and 60% of the teams are estimated to be overnight stays, 20% day trips, and 20% local trips. There is a possibility for Pittsburgh to be considered as the main venue for this event for the next 5 years. The budget for the event is estimated at \$168,650. The applicant projects the PIC will generate approximately 4,318 attendees (816 local, 810-day trips, 2,692 overnight stays) with a total of 4,000 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$1,658,838.

Ms. King further stated the applicant states without SEF funding this event would not take place. An SEF Program grant of \$75,000 is recommended, to be used for the following expenses:

social media, set up/tear down, marketing, referees, sanctioning fees, athletic medical trainers, equipment, and facilities rentals. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board as it's a new event to the area, the economic impact to Allegheny County, and as an event that targets diverse communities.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC042

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Premier Soccer Services, LLC for a 3-day international soccer competition to be held on Friday, October 18, 2024 through Sunday, October 20, 2024, at various venues located in Allegheny County, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of a SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Ripken Factory LLC (“Ripkin”) for a three-day premier baseball experience to be held on Sunday, August 11, 2024, through Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at PNC Park and other various venues in Allegheny County

Ms. King stated Ripken is requesting funding to support its 2024 Baseball Factory All-America Game. This event will have 40 of the country's top high school baseball prospects attend PNC Park for a weekend of intense competition, instruction, and national exposure. Baseball

Factory All-Americans are selected by a committee of Baseball Factory scouts. The All-America Baseball Game is the culmination of a three-day premier baseball experience, highlighted by a formal workout in front of MLB Scouts and a home run derby, all while under the tutelage of some of the game's best players and coaches. The budget for the event is estimated at \$207,200.

This is a new event for the area and the applicant states due to the high cost of running this event without the SEF grant they may have to move the event to another host city. The applicant projects the 2024 Baseball Factory All-America Game will generate approximately 5,070 attendees (4,510 local, 250-day trips, 310 overnight stays) with a total of 230 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$205,407. An SEF Program grant of \$75,000 is recommended, to be used for the following expenses: venue expenses, TV production company, sports equipment and uniforms, umpires, trainers, and marketing. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact, being the first time, the event will be held in Western Pennsylvania, and the event will showcase Pittsburgh/Allegheny County as a sporting event host city.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC043

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Ripken Factory LLC for a three-day premier baseball experience to be held on Sunday, August 11, 2024 through Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at PNC Park and other various venues in Allegheny County, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with

the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to the United States Golf Association (“USGA”) for a senior women’s professional and amateur golf championship to be held on Monday, July 29, 2024, through Sunday, August 4, 2024, at Fox Chapel Golf Club.

Ms. King stated the USGA is requesting funding to support its 2024 U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship (“SWOC”). This is a national golf event for females 50 and older and is open to any professional or amateur whose Handicap Index does not exceed 7.4. There are eighteen holes of stroke play scheduled each day from Thursday, August 1, through Sunday, August 4. In the case of a tie after 72 holes, a two-hole aggregate playoff will commence immediately following the conclusion of the fourth round. The total purse for the 6th U.S. Senior Women’s Open is \$1 million, and approximately 10 U.S. Women’s Open champions will compete for the highly coveted title of U.S. SWOC. The budget for the event is estimated at \$2,845,373. This event will happen with or without the SEF Grant.

The applicant projects the 2024 U.S. SWOC will generate approximately 10,220 attendees (5,020 local, 2,515-day trips, 2,685 overnight stays) with a total of 1,016 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$4,980,628.21. A SEF Program grant of \$75,000 is recommended, to be used for venue rentals expenses, police, and medical expenses. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the economic impact, the diverse event for senior women, and the incentive for the applicant to bring future USGA events to Allegheny County (2025 U.S. Open will take place at the Oakmont Country Club).

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Quatrini stated this is a great opportunity to reach out with the USGA, especially with the US. Open coming to Oakmont in 2025.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC044

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to the United States Golf Association for a senior women’s professional and amateur golf championship to be held on Monday, July 29, 2024 through Sunday, August 4, 2024, at Fox Chapel Golf Club, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$4,000 to Pittsburgh Derby Brats (“PDB”) for two junior roller derby (“JRD”) tournaments to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, and Saturday, May 4, 2024, through Sunday, May 5, 2024, at Pro+Sports and RMU Island Sports Complex.

Ms. King stated PDB is requesting funding to support two junior roller derby tournaments: the Pajama Jam Tournament March 23, 2023, at Pro+Sports, and the Mayday Melee Tournament May 4 – 5, 2024, at RMU Island Sports Complex. The Pajama Jam Tournament will consist of three teams: PDB, Tri-City, Ontario, Canada, and Southeast, Massachusetts. The Mayday Melee Tournament will consist of four teams: PDB, Nashville, TN, Cincinnati, OH, and Rose City, OR.

The Junior Roller Derby Association will sanction both tournaments, and the budget for the event is estimated at \$9,621.

The applicant states this event will take place with or without the SEF grant; however, the grant would allow the organization to pay a fair wage to the officials and announcers. The grant would also allow PDB to have more cash reserves to support its 2024 season. The applicant projects the two tournaments will generate approximately 458 attendees (216 local, 21-day trips, 221 overnight stays) with a total of 135 hotel room nights. SP estimates a direct spending of \$76,225. A SEF Program grant of \$4,000 is recommended, to be used for facility rental, medics, and officials. The grant is recommended to the SEA Board to help support the sport of JRD, as an inclusive event welcoming people of all genders, and its international participation.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC045

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$4,000 to Pittsburgh Derby Brats for two junior roller derby tournaments to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 and Saturday, May 4, 2024 through Sunday, May 5, 2024, at Pro+Sports and RMU Island Sports Complex, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided; and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Senator Costa continued to the next item on the agenda, recommendation of an SEF grant in the amount of \$75,000 to The Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc. ("Regatta") for Formula One Powerboat Races ("FOPR") to be held Friday, August 2, 2024, through Sunday, August 4, 2024, in the Pittsburgh waters.

Ms. King stated the Regatta requests funding to support a three-day race event of FOPR with a field of 34 drivers. The event will take place Friday, August 2, 2024, through Sunday, August 4, 2024, in the Pittsburgh waters, and will use North Shore Riverfront Park and Point State Park. The applicant reports the event will be the largest inland regatta featuring the most F1 Powerboats ever assembled in the United States and that the sport has growing national and international interest. The American Power Boat Association is the sanctioning body for FOPR. The most recent Pittsburgh Regatta took place in 2018. The event has a budget of \$737,205.

The applicant projects that the three-day Regatta attracted 689,024 attendees, will generate 10,000 hotel room nights and a direct spending of \$14.39 million. The grant funds would be used to pay the costs of City services (Public Works, Police, EMTs etc.), private security, safety boats, North Shore Riverfront Park license fee/ rental, and/or Point State Park license fee/rental. The grant is recommended to the SEA board for funding for reasons that include the economic impact, the consideration of the national/ international fan base for FOPR, the event has the potential of creating positive national/ international media exposure for the region, the regatta has not occurred in the city since 2018, and a restructured regatta has the potential of becoming an annual event.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions.

Senator Costa stated if the event doesn't take place the grant doesn't occur. This is in anticipation of their ability to generate the resources needed to conduct the regatta. Senator Costa further stated with the events approved today if the events don't occur the resources don't go out.

Senator Fontana asked if the budget of \$700,000 is over the three days of speed boat racing or what the regatta anticipates doing.

Ms. King stated there were talks of a drone show, but the budget doesn't specify the entertainment.

Ms. Tracey McCants-Lewis asked if the regatta has an opportunity to come back to the board with a revised budget.

Ms. King stated if there are any scope changes, those changes will be brought to the board before a grant agreement is signed.

Senator Costa stated if the grant is awarded it would only be for the 2024 event. If the event doesn't occur in 2024, then the applicant will have to re-apply.

Mr. Morgan Hanson confirmed that is correct.

Senator Costa asked if there were any questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. SC046

RESOLVED that in accordance with the ACT 42 EDTF Restricted Account Programs and Procedures the SEA Sports Commission hereby recommends to the SEA Board that a \$75,000 SEF grant be provided to The Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc. for Formula One Powerboat Races to be held Friday, August 2, 2024 through Monday, August 4, 2024 in the Pittsburgh waters, pursuant to a grant agreement substantially in the form provided, and further that the proper officers and members of the SEA Sports Commission are hereby authorized to do all acts as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or rescinded, canceled, or annulled so far as the same affects this resolution.

Mr. Quatrini stated for the events funded, there needs to be a promotional item recognizing of the investment in their events.

Senator agreed with Mr. Quatrini. Senator Costa asked how much economic impact and funds were awarded today.

Mr. Aaron Waller stated the total amount awarded is \$850,500 and the SEA will provide the total economic impact.

Senator Costa asked if anyone in the audience desired to address the board.

Mr. McDonald Jr. stated the public was provided with three options for public participation: email, telephone, or the Zoom chat function. No public comments were submitted via email, there were no registrations to submit a public comment via telephone, and no comments were submitted via the Zoom chat function.

Senator Costa asked if there were any additional comments or business.

With there being no additional comments or business, Senator Costa asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 P.M.