

# County Board

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March 21, 2013  
Handouts

Item XIII-2: States Attorney Recommendation Re: Semi-Annual Review of Closed  
Session Minutes

Item XIII-1: Presentation – Midwest Athletic Complex & Institute

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DA: March 20, 2013

FR: David DeThorne, Assistant State's Attorney

TO: Alan Kurtz, Champaign County Board Chair  
Debra Busey, County Administrator

RE: Closed Session Minutes Review for the County Board

Mr. Chair:

Under the Open Meetings Act, the Board (or Committee) is required to review its closed session notes at least semi-annually. The Board must then determine whether the need for confidentiality exists as to all or part of those minutes, or that the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment, and are available for public inspection. Therefore, the question is whether there is no longer a need to keep minutes closed in order to protect either the public interest or the privacy of an individual.

If the Board approves making minutes available to the public, the Board may then direct the destruction of the verbatim record of the corresponding meeting.

Please note that the Board may enter into closed session for the purpose of review of closed session minutes. A closed session need not be set forth in the agenda for the Board to enter into closed session, although the Board must still identify the basis for entering into closed session. Also, just as in open session, if the matter requires action by the Board, the matter must have been noticed on the posted agenda.

The Board passed Resolution No. 7969, "Resolution Establishing Procedures for Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes by the Champaign County Board" on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Under the parameters set forth in Resolution 7969, there is no apparent reason for the minutes set forth below to remain closed. The individual minutes are numbered for ease of reference.

1. The minutes of May 18, 1993, concern what was considered imminent litigation against the county as a member of the Illinois Solid Waste Disposal Association. Resolution 7969 asked for the State's Attorney's opinion regarding closed session minutes related to litigation matters. There is no need

for the minutes to remain closed to protect the county's interests for litigation purposes in this or any pending or imminent litigation.

2. The minutes of March 22, 2000 concern litigation regarding a potential unfair labor practice. Resolution 7969 asked for the State's Attorney's opinion regarding closed session minutes related to litigation matters. There is no need for the minutes to remain closed to protect the county's interests for litigation purposes in this or any pending or imminent litigation.
3. The minutes of August 22, 2000, August 31, 2000 and April 17, 2001 concern litigation in which the county was a defendant and the matter was resolved. Resolution 7969 asked for the State's Attorney's opinion regarding closed session minutes related to litigation matters. There is no need for the minutes to remain closed to protect the county's interests for litigation purposes in this or any pending or imminent litigation.
4. The minutes of September 16, 2001 and October 16, 2001 concern litigation in which the county was a defendant and in which the matter went to the appellate court. Resolution 7969 asked for the State's Attorney's opinion regarding closed session minutes related to litigation matters. There is no need for the minutes to remain closed to protect the county's interests for litigation purposes in this or any pending or imminent litigation.
5. One of the two sets of minutes for May 4, 2006, concerns potential litigation against a former nursing home resident in order to recover money for unpaid bills. Resolution 7969 asked for the State's Attorney's opinion regarding closed session minutes related to litigation matters. There is no need for the minutes to remain closed to protect the county's interests for litigation purposes in this or any pending or imminent litigation.



# MIDWEST ATHLETIC COMPLEX & INSTITUTE

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Champaign, Illinois



# Midwest Athletic Complex & Institute

- Champaign-based, 160+ acre, indoor/outdoor regional multi-sports complex
- A two-phase project worth \$100 million
- Public-private partnership leveraging private and public support
- Hybrid for-profit/non-profit facility
- Wide range of athletics, for daily, tournament- and convention-scale programming, plus educational, fitness, health programs for all ages and abilities
- Daily functionality for school and park districts, community needs, non-profit/after-school programming
- Economic development, tax base, and job growth engine for Champaign County

# Location, Location, Location



- 200 miles: Indy, Chicago, St. Louis
- I-57/I-74 access and visibility
- Growth opportunities







# More than just sports:

## COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

- Tournament-scale: Midwest destination for athletics
- 500-person+ convention, trade show, conference hosting
- Increased tourism and community visibility
- Major economic driver with substantial primary, secondary, and tertiary job creation
- Millions in new hotel/motel, food/beverage, and sales tax revenues annually
- Major collaboration opportunities for area schools, park districts, and non-profits
- Health, wellness, and activity-based programs for youth, adults, families, seniors, at-risk, disadvantaged, and physically challenged

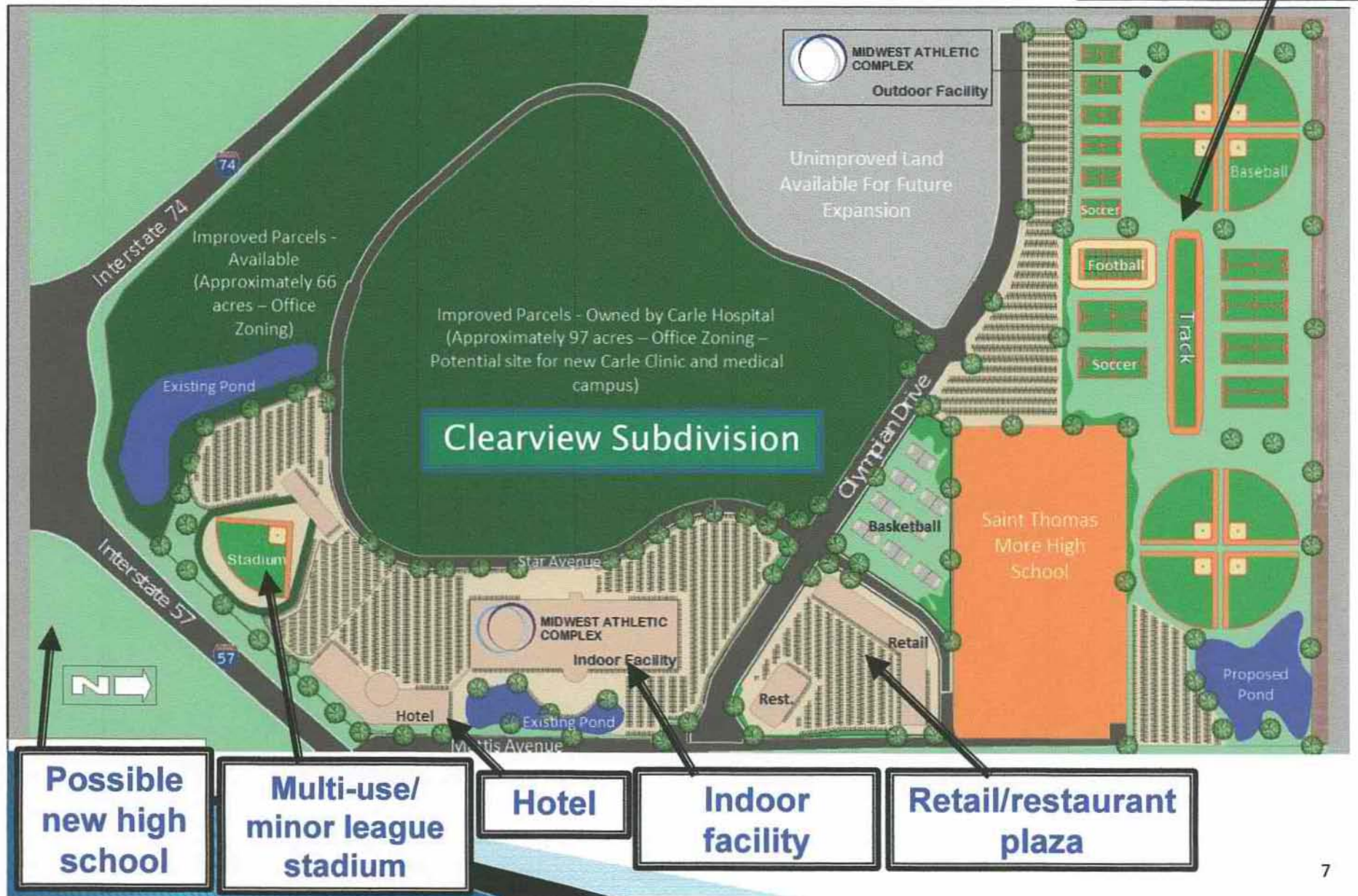


# A Major Economic Driver

- ▶ Athletics generate **~\$150 in economic impact *per player per day*** in Champaign County.
- ▶ The 2012 Illinois Marathon – held just one weekend of the year – generated nearly **\$10 million dollars** in Champaign County.
- ▶ Phase 1 construction is projected to create **356 direct/indirect/induced jobs, \$14.6M in wages, and \$44.4M in economic impact** – *without a single athlete playing a single game.*
- ▶ Fiscal impacts of the Reclaiming First project in Rockford, IL are estimated at: **\$16.5M in private sector revenue and new annual local tax revenue of \$1.9M in the first 5 years.**
- ▶ Amateur sports tournaments tourism hosting in Rockford generates **\$15.25M in local economic impact, \$1.85M in regionally generated taxes, and 226 FTE jobs.**

# Complex Overview (all phases)

**Outdoor Fields & Courts**





# Proposed Features: OUTDOOR

- Artificial turf for all-weather usability
- All areas lit for maximum usage
- Entire area covered in walking, multi-purpose, and cross-country paths and opportunities
- Playground areas, bleacher seating, concessions, press boxes, and covered pavilions
- 1,800 parking spaces
- MTD bus service



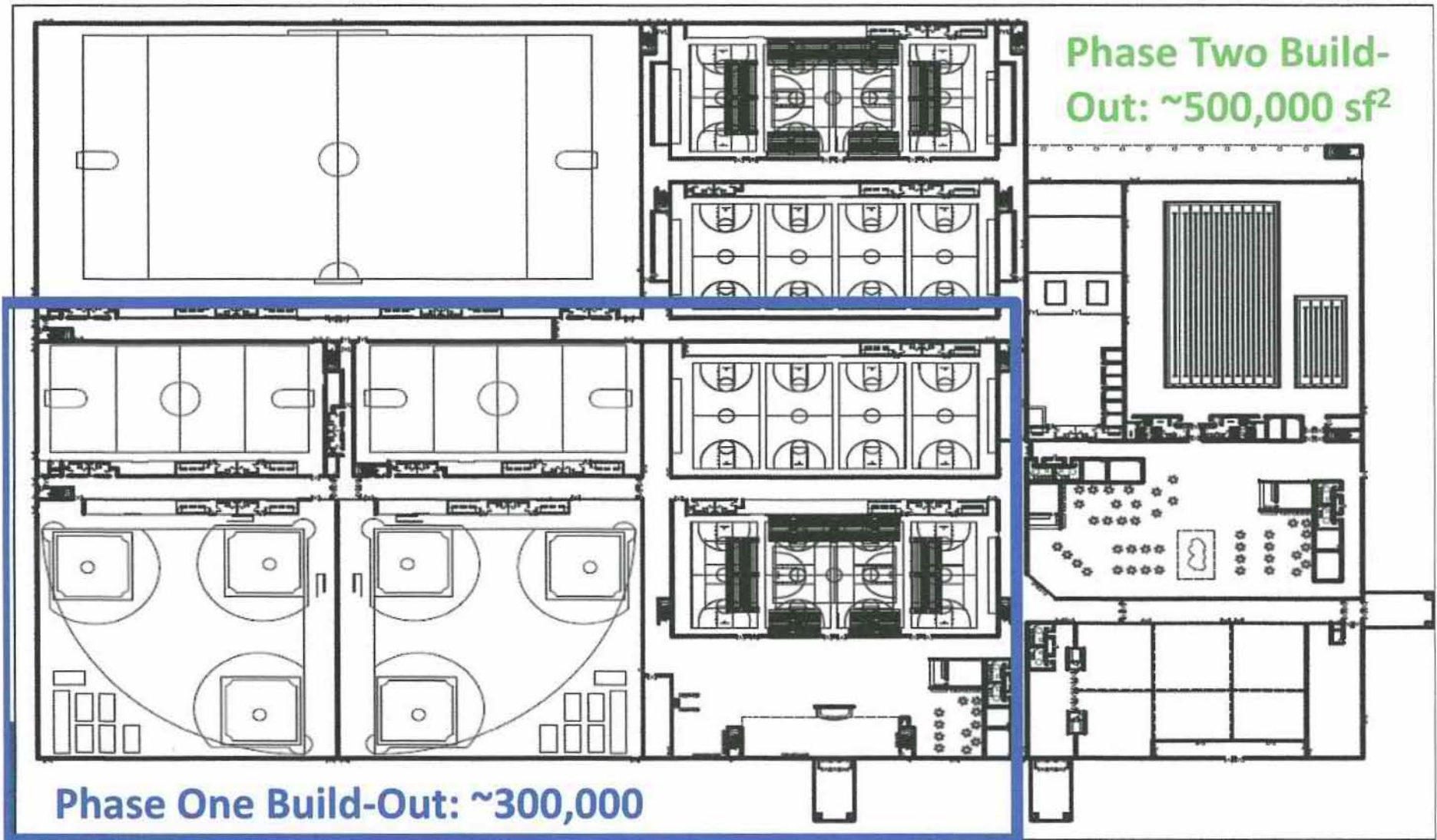
# Proposed Features: INDOOR

- ~500,000 sf<sup>2</sup>: athletics, trade shows, conferences, and meetings
- Convertible hard court and turf areas for ball games, tennis, roller hockey, soccer, wrestling, gymnastics, and more
- Retractable walls for highly multi-functioning spaces
- Aquatics, batting/pitching cages, rock climbing/rappelling, walking/x-country track, fitness, performance training
- Removable, retractable bleachers for championships
- Concessions, internet café, and merchandise





# INDOOR FACILITY plus Future Expansion



# Comparable Facilities

- Eastside Centre  
East Peoria, IL
- Spire Institute  
Geneva, OH
- Legends Sports Complex  
Spring, TX
- Asphalt Green  
New York, NY
- Freeport Sports Complex  
Freeport, FL
- Westway Sports Centre  
London, England





# Collaborations and Support

## COLLABORATIONS

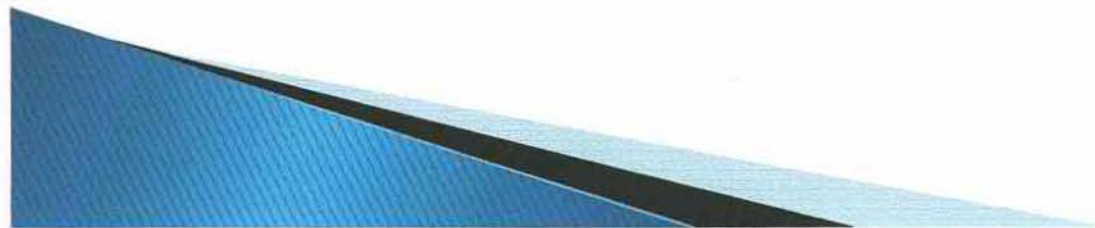
- Schools and park districts
- University of Illinois
- Convention & Visitors Bureau
- State and federal elected officials
- Health care entities
- Professional trainers/ sports related businesses
- Sport clubs/leagues/ organizations

## LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- *Champaign School District*
- *City of Champaign*
- *Parkland College*
- *Urbana School District*
- *Urbana Park District*
- *US Senator Dick Durbin*
- *Congressman Rodney Davis*
- *One Week Boutique*
- *Pepsi-Cola CU*

# Financing: A diverse public-private partnership

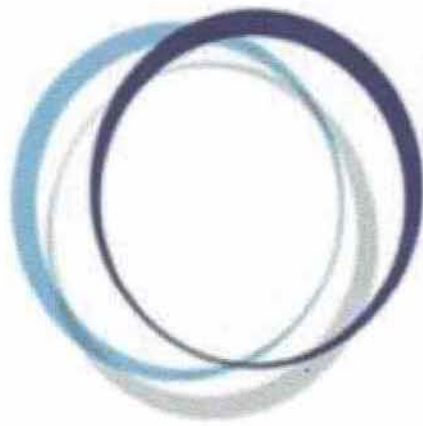
- Private and equity investors
- Federal, state, and local opportunities
  - Bonds, tax rebates, creative revenue capture
  - Agency grants, loans, and allocations
- Bank Loans
- Community Development Corporation
- Sponsorships and Donations
- Foundation grants





# Timeline & Next Steps

- **Timeline**
  - Break ground: Fall 2013
  - Indoor facility opens: Fall 2014
- **Finalize development plan and economic impact report**
- **Secure financing**
  - Secure investor support and bank loans
  - Liaise with City of Champaign and County regarding bonds and creative revenue capture options
  - Build equity relationships with contractors and suppliers
  - Seek sponsorships and donations
  - Prepare and submit grant proposals



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