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## OMAHA ROYALS EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR A NEW STADIUM

*President Alan Stein says it is in the best interest of their team and fans.*

OMAHA, NE – Omaha Royals president Alan Stein today announced that he is pursuing his options in finding a new home for the team, outside of the new downtown stadium. Following a meeting with MECA President and Chief Executive Officer Roger Dixon, Stein said the city has negotiated with the team in good faith but there are still some issues that have not yet been resolved. The decision to explore other potential options and a home for the Triple-A franchise was made to adhere to a strict timeline that is based on the eventual demise of Rosenblatt Stadium.

“We have to do what is best for the Omaha Royals, our fans and our shareholders. And while we continue to keep all options open, including the NoDo College World Series Stadium in downtown Omaha, we need to explore, more aggressively, other opportunities,” said Stein. “We are still looking at other communities, both inside and outside the Greater Omaha area, that are interested in being the new home to the Royals,” Stein continued. “But as I’ve said before we would very much like to keep a professional baseball team that is affiliated with Major League baseball in the metro-area.”

Stein said the final choice will be made based on good business sense for the organization and getting the right opportunity for the team’s success and the community.

During the 2007 season, the Omaha Royals saw attendance grow to a five-year record high. Average attendance was 4,803, drawing 326,627 fans during 68 home games. 2008 attendance sat at 266,051 fans through 49 openings, an average of 5,430 per game, currently ranking ninth in the 16-team Pacific Coast League.

**About Ivy Walls Management:** Ivy Walls Management is a Lexington, Kentucky-based organization that manages minor league baseball teams, including the Omaha Royals. Ivy Walls distinguishes itself through its commitment to community and customer service providing a clean, safe, value-and family-oriented environment for professional baseball.

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