

Ballpark: Senator brokered deal

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Also Monday, the County Council gave its approval to two other baseball matters:

The council voted 10-3 to lend \$8.1 million to the Public Facilities District so it can proceed with land acquisition for the stadium.

The council voted 12-1 to approve a lease with the Mariners through 1999 at the Kingdome.

The Mariners' owners had threatened to sell the team last month after some County Council members

wanted to slow down the stadium project, due for completion in 1999. The owners said they didn't want to face another season of losing millions of dollars with the Mariners playing in the Kingdome.

U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., brokered a deal in which the owners agreed to reconsider if the county issued more bonds, the stadium board approved a lease on the Mariners' terms and the city of Seattle picked up the bill for traffic control and other game-day costs

Dodgers put up for sale; asking \$300M

■ **BASEBALL:** After 46 years of ownership, the O'Malley family is selling its team

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Peter O'Malley, whose family has controlled the Dodgers since 1950 — seven years before they moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles — surprised baseball Monday by announcing that the team is for sale.

O'Malley, about 60, said estate planning was the primary reason behind the decision. He succeeded his father, Walter, as team president in March 1970, but none of Peter's three children has held more than a part-time position with the team.

"It's probably smart to plan for the future. That's probably the main reason," O'Malley said. "I'm not a tax expert, [but] it's a pretty good idea not to have all your eggs in one basket."

The O'Malley family is second in seniority among baseball ownership groups, trailing only the family of the late Tom Yawkey, which purchased the Boston Red Sox after the 1933 season and turned it over to the Jean R. Yawkey Trust, which remains the team's primary owner.

"The O'Malleys leave to baseball a rich and powerful legacy," acting commissioner Bud Selig said. "I want to assure Dodger fans, Peter and the team that we will work with them to keep the franchise in Los Angeles."

The sale price could be more

than \$300 million, well above the current record for a baseball team, the \$173 million paid by Peter Angelos' group for the Baltimore Orioles in 1993.

In addition to the team, the Dodgers own the 300-acre site near downtown Los Angeles that includes Dodger Stadium, which the team also owns; a spring training facility in Vero Beach, Fla.; and some property in the Dominican Republic known as Campo Las Palmas.

O'Malley; his sister, Terry Seidler; and her husband, Roland, are the team's primary owners. O'Malley said six months would be a realistic timetable to find a buyer. Baseball's approval process could take another 6-12 months.

"There's no pressure," he said. "Results are more important than timing. We've probably received one offer a year for 25 years. I may be here for a long time. It will not be a circus."

When asked how his father, who died in 1979, might react to Monday's announcement, O'Malley said, "He would have said, 'Peter, it's your call, think it through,' which I think I have done. He would have supported it."

O'Malley said family ownership of sports today is "probably a dying breed," and that he can "defend corporate ownership."

Walter O'Malley was hired as the Dodgers' lawyer in 1942, began acquiring shares two years later and took control on Oct. 26, 1950, from Branch Rickey, who

had been general manager since October 1942 and a part owner since August 1945. John L. Smith and O'Malley jointly owned 50 percent of the team, and Rickey owned 25 percent. O'Malley acquired Rickey's shares and later bought out Smith's widow, raising his percentage to at least 67 percent by 1951.

Walter O'Malley moved the team from Ebbets Field to Los Angeles following the 1957 season and convinced Horace Stoneham to move the New York Giants from the Polo Grounds to San Francisco, ushering in the nationwide expansion of the major leagues, which had never put a franchise west of the Mississippi.

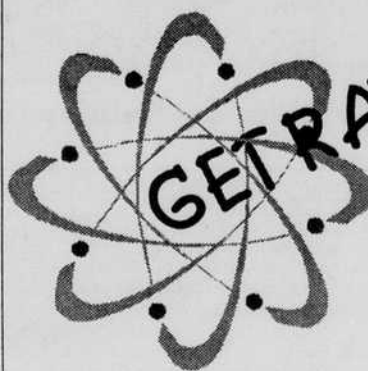
Widely regarded as the most intelligent owner, Walter O'Malley was widely believed to be the power behind Bowie Kuhn, baseball's commissioner from 1969 to 1984.

"The O'Malleys will be sorely missed upon completion of the sale," NL president Len Coleman said.

The Dodgers have prided themselves for having the lowest ticket prices in baseball, and O'Malley said "commitment to the community, to Southern California, to Los Angeles is the No. 1 criteria" for the new owner.

"I think quality ownership is very important," O'Malley said. "I will do everything possible to identify the most quality ownership to follow our family. I want the transition to be smooth and go on as if nothing has happened."

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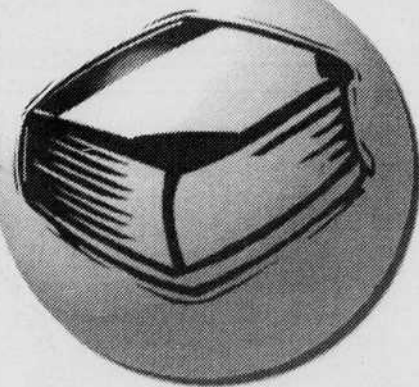


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