

## **ARENA ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES**

Friday December 12, 2014

Everett Arena 8:00 A.M.

**Present:** Mike Gfroerer, Chris Brown, Dan Arndt, Don Crandlemire, Arena & Properties Manager Jeff Bardwell, Public Properties Superintendent Jay Burgess

**Excused:** Gerry Blanchette; Nick Wallner; Councilor Gail Matson

**Absent:** Councilor Dan St. Hilaire

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM

### **Public Properties Superintendent**

Jay Burgess was introduced to the committee, Mr. Burgess started with the City of Concord in October as the Public Properties Superintendent which oversees the Public Properties Division of the General Services Department.

### **Roof Project Recap**

Jeff Bardwell updated the committee on the membrane roof project. The replacement of the membrane roof on the original part of the arena was completed in August. As part of this project the roof exhaust fans were evaluated. Finding the fans mechanically sound, Public Properties staff replaced the louvers, built down the soffit to the Low-E ceiling inside the arena. New switches were installed in the mechanical room and the fans are now operational and can be used to ventilate and cool the building when needed. Mike Gfroerer asked what the project cost was, Jeff Bardwell explained the project cost was approximately 85,000, Chris Brown inquired what happens to the balance of the funds remaining for the project. Jeff Bardwell explained that remaining funds would return to the arena fund balance or can be reallocated to another project with council approval. Discussion took place on using some of the remaining funds to replace the side doors to the arena and hardware that are in need of increasing repair.

### **Outside Sign Project**

Jeff Bardwell updated the committee on the outdoor sign project. Metro Sign received the bid to replace the outside sign. Arena staff and several members of the advisory committee met with Metro Sign and reviewed designs. The size of the proposed sign requires a variance from the ZBA, the arena is in the Institutional Zone which only allows signs up to 40 sf while across the street from the arena is the Gateway Zone which allows signs up to 150 sf. Metro Sign has submitted the application to the City of Concord on behalf of the arena. The ZBA hearing is on January 7, 2015.

### **History of Hockey Disc**

Discussion took place regarding the history of hockey in Concord and a disc that was intended to be produced when the lobby project was completed. Jeff Bardwell indicated that there is now a staff person in General Services who can complete this project if we can get her the materials. Chris Brown said he would contact the Legends of Hockey who has most of the information and see if he can get the needed materials. Dan Arndt asked if there was room to display some items from the past, such as a hockey stick etc. Jeff Bardwell indicated the area across from the snack bar is intended to display the history of hockey and could be utilized for such a display.

### **Roller Skating**

Jeff Bardwell updated the committee on the addition to roller skating as an activity for June and July starting in 2015. The arena picked up 150 pair of used rental skates and will offer roller skating Friday, Saturday and Sunday's during June and July.

### **Other**

Dan Arndt asked if there was some sort of door stop that could be used for the back doors of locker room C & D to prevent people from propping open with rocks. Jeff Bardwell explained that the doors have hold open door closers that will keep doors open when needed; the issue is that people want to use the doors as an

entrance to the locker rooms but not leave the door wide open. The doors are not intended to be entrance doors but as a mean of egress from the building. Discussion took place on various methods to keep doors open, Jeff Bardwell will see if there is something they will work in this application.

Dan Arndt asked about the “warning track” that some rinks were installing. Jeff Bardwell explained that this is a pilot program being tested to see if it reduces injuries from checking from behind. USA Hockey surveyed rinks regarding the warning track; many rink operators questioned the warning track because unlike baseball that has a warning track of 15 feet the proposed rink warning track is 40 inches. There is also the difference in going from grass to dirt in baseball and only a change of color in the rink. When discussed at the October rink managers meeting many felt that enforcement of the “hitting from behind” rule or making it more stringent may do more to protect players.

Next meeting will be Friday, January 9, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted

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Arena & Properties Manager