

ARENA ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Everett Arena 8:00 A.M.

Present: Nick Wallner, Councilor Gail Matson, Mick Mounsey, Gerry Blanchette, Mike Gfroerer, Arena & Properties Manager Jeff Bardwell, Public Properties Superintendent Jay Burgess
Absent: Councilor Dan St. Hilaire, Chris Brown, Dan Arndt

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM

Master Plan – Kiwanis Riverfront Park

After lengthy discussion of the future development of Kiwanis Riverfront Park the committee came up with the following recommendations in order of priority.

1. The city to hire a consultant for space planning inside the arena and to coordinate with a landscape architect to master plan the site.
Possible topics to include:
 - a. Arena: New entrance (fans, players, summer shows, other), pro shop, reception, office, meeting/function room, food service (part time, full time – northwest corner. Traffic patterns (fans, players, staff, Zamboni, etc. East end - possible attached restaurant or other structure with warm viewing opportunities of rink,
 - b. Site: Parking for all venues (paved or green), view sheds from the street & while on site, low/no maintenance landscaping, public amenities (picnic, toilets, grilles/bbq pits, etc.) trails, story boards, discover/interpretive trails, handicap fishing platform, handicap accessible trails, exercise stations, bike/canoe/kayak rentals, access to and from the river, connectivity to Merrimack Greenway Trail/city sidewalks, bike trails, playground areas (kids and adults), landscaped areas, bocce court(s), winter activities, hosting large and small venues, permanent structures (pavilion, gazebo, etc.), lighting, other, see attached pictures for possibilities discussed at January 30, 2017 meeting.
2. Relocate fire training to an off-site location
3. Move the skate park to a different location.
4. No further development on the west end of the park.
5. Consolidate arena property and existing park under one administrator keeping the arena operation separate in an enterprise fund.
6. Purchase approximately 7 acres of land from the State; the parcel is a flat triangle shaped piece located on the east end of park beyond the boat house adjacent to the river. If acquired provide a permanent easement such that the State of NH maintains the major drainage swale that runs through the parcel.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Bardwell
Arena & Properties Manager

Possible Park Features

Water Park



Pet Station



Fishing Pier



Covered Kids Playground



Hardscape Play Area



Public Grill

