

# **ARENA ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Everett Arena 8:00 A.M.

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

**Absent:**

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM

## **FY20 Fees**

Jeff Bardwell briefed the committee on proposed fees and rate increases for FY2020. A survey of New Hampshire rinks was distributed along with proposed fees for the Everett Arena. The fees proposed reflect an approximately 2% increase in the ice rates and other rates to increase or stay the same as outlined. Discussion took place on rates of various arenas and how the rate structure is calculated. Mick Mounsey expressed concern on any increase as it has an impact on the Concord Youth Hockey Program. Jeff Bardwell explained that staff is recommending the increase based on the arena proforma. Now that the arena is in a special revenue fund vs an enterprise fund there may be an opportunity in the future not to increase rates. Mike Gfroerer made a motion to approve the proposed rates, Gail Matson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, there was no further discussion, motion passed with all in favor except for Mick Mounsey who voted against.

## **Alcohol Update**

Jay Burgess updated the committee on status of alcohol service. Staff met with FPAC who was in favor of moving the proposal forward to the city council. A February council meeting with a March public hearing is planned.

## **Space Planning**

The committee reviewed the latest floor plans. Mike Gfroerer inquired if there were any outside renderings; Gerry Blanchette explained that at this stage outside views are usually limited. Mike Gfroerer expressed that some sort of an outside view is important even at this stage in the process. Gerry Blanchette will work with staff to see what be produced at this stage and within the space planning budget.

Dan Arndt asked about an estimate on the cost of the project. Gerry Blanchette explained that based on square footage the cost would be approximately 5.5 million. Mike Gfroerer asked how likely it would be for this project to be approved. Gail Matson explained that the city is willing to invest in projects that will draw people to the city and it would be part of the overall park development.

Dan Arndt made a motion to accept the current floor plans, Mick Mounsey 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

The next step will be for the arena advisory and RPAC subcommittees to meet and move forward on the rest of the park master plan.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 AM

Respectfully Submitted

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Arena & Properties Manager