

ARENA ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Everett Arena 8:00 A.M.

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

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM

Fiscal Year 2021 Fees

Jeff Bardwell updated the committee on the FY21 Budget and Fee Schedule. The Fee Schedule was adopted as submitted by arena advisory from the January meeting. Included in FY21 Capital Improvement Program for the arena is: Replacing the shingle roof on the north and south side of the arena; Replacing two 750,000 BTU hot water heaters with two stainless steel boilers that services the 2001 addition; Replace two compressors, vintage 1949 and 1952.

New Entrance Update

Jay Burgess updated the committee on next step which is the cost estimate that was approved to be conducted by council. Paperwork detail is being worked out and should be completed by the end of July for the contractor to move ahead with the estimate.

Opening Status Update

Jeff Bardwell updated the committee on the status of opening the arena for summer events. The COVID19 Pandemic caused the arena to close on March 16th which resulted in the cancellation of spring shows. A coalition of New Hampshire Rinks has been working to get arenas reopened since mid-April. Rinks were allowed to reopen for limited activities in mid-June but public skating has remained closed. Since public skating is closed the arena had to cancel its Roller Skating Program.

Summer events are scheduled to begin the weekend of August 16th through the end of August. Limitations of fifty percent capacity have been set by the state and the city is requiring masks be worn while inside the arena. Staff will work with the promoters of events to ensure COVID19 requirements are being followed.

Mike Gfroerer asked if there was any update on the Greenway Trail, Jay Burgess updated the group that the current activity was at Terrell Park, nothing down at the Kiwanis Park end at this time. Staff will check on the Recreation CIP and email the committee the status of the Master Plan for Kiwanis Park.

Jay Burgess mentioned that there are other activities being planned in Kiwanis Park. On August 9th there will be a drive thru barbeque put on by the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness. Also recreation is looking to host a drive in movie night(s) in the overflow lot by the skate park.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Bardwell
Arena & Properties Manager