

ARENA ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 29, 2017

Everett Arena 8:00 A.M.

Present: Nick Wallner, Chris Brown, Mick Mounsey, Councilor Dan St. Hilaire, Dan Arndt, Mike Gfroerer, General Services Director Chip Chesley, Arena & Properties Manager Jeff Bardwell; Public Properties Superintendent Jay Burgess

Absent: Gerry Blanchette, Councilor Gail Matson, Joe Farrelly

Guest: Wes Riley, Concord Youth Hockey Assoc.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM

Master Plan – Kiwanis Riverfront Park

Discussion took place regarding the recommendations by Arena Advisory and RPAC for the future development of Kiwanis Riverfront Park. The committee felt there is consensus on three of RPAC's recommendations:

1. Relocate fire training to an offsite location
4. Move the skate park to a different location although arena advisory is not tied for it to remain in Kiwanis Riverfront Park.
6. Purchase approximately 7 acres of land from the State, located along the river beyond the boat house.

Arena Advisory would not support RPAC 5th recommendation of not excluding development on the west end of the park. Parking on the west end is critical to the arena as the entrance is located on the west end of the facility and future development of a new entrance has been discussed located on west end or northwest corner of the arena.

RPAC's recommendation #2 regarding administration of the property needs further discussion along with item #3 regarding the hiring of a consultant. Dan St. Hilaire recommended having discussions with City Planning concerning future development of the park.

Discussion took place on parking and needs of the arena to host ice and non-ice events. Wes Riley stated that Concord Youth Hockey uses all the striped parking from September to March for its programs. When tournaments are hosted the area by the skate park is utilized. Jeff Bardwell stated that for shows the arena uses all the striped parking and parts or all of the area on the east end of the property. At a minimum the arena needs to maintain the existing striped parking and some accommodations would be needed for overflow parking. Wes Riley stated that when tournaments are held there is one or two Concord teams and the rest are from out of town. The mite tournament has over 20 teams and while at the tournament visiting teams spend money at local restaurants and some will stay in local hotel. Jeff Bardwell stated that the off-ice events hosted at the arena draw approximately 20,000 visitors to Concord and in addition to attending the event they also spend money locally benefiting the economy.

Mick Mounsey inquired to the status of the cornfields behind the post office. Dan St. Hilaire stated they were currently leased to a farmer. Discussion on the Greenway Trail and Terrell Park development took place.

Jeff Bardwell stated that the Recreation Director David Gill would be setting up one more joint meeting between arena advisory and RPAC, Jeff Bardwell will recommend the meeting be held at the arena.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Bardwell
Arena & Properties Manager