

ARENA ADVISORY MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Everett Arena 8:00 AM

Present: Chairman Nick Wallner, Dave Palisi, Bob Lachapelle, Gary Young, Tom Ackerson, Arena & Properties Manager Jeff Bardwell, Public Properties Superintendent Jeff Hoadley, Councilor Candice White

Excused: Dick Patten, Mike Gfroerer

Absent: Michelle Mullen, Gerry Blanchette

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM

20/20 Docks

Jeff Bardwell updated committee on 20/20 docks. Engineering indicated that the dock installer had a couple of days of work left to complete the docks so they would be ADA compliant with the State of NH. This work will be done in the spring when water level is low enough to complete. The question will be if the City accepts the docks what division or who will be responsible for putting them in and out and maintaining. Public Properties does not have the equipment necessary for installing and removing.

Boat House

There was a preconstruction meeting for the Boat House on January 5, 2009 that Jeff Bardwell and Jeff Hoadley attended. Concord Crew plans to be in the ground ASAP. Nick Wallner questioned the final location of the structure if it was still close to the river to allow as much room for recreation. Jeff Bardwell will check with engineering and see if surveyed plan is available.

FY2010 Rates

Jeff Bardwell handed out the proposed rate sheet for arena fees. Fees are proposed to increase by 5 to 6 percent based on the arena's proforma. Discussion took place of surrounding facility fees and that the Everett Arena's fees were in line and necessary to keep the arena in a positive position. Bob Lachapelle made a motion to accept the proposed fee schedule, Candice White 2nd the motion, there was no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Program Change

The six weeks of summer ice programming that the arena has run has been a little bit better than breakeven financially for the arena. Because of rising energy costs and the number of arenas now open in the summer the Everett Arena will not have summer ice. Jeff Bardwell has arranged to move the fall shows into the month of August and for Concord Youth Hockey purchase their fall ice at the Everett Arena. The arena will start its winter operations four weeks earlier about the 2nd week in September. Jeff Bardwell explained that operationally it makes a lot of sense putting the rink up and down one time a year versus twice and the energy savings of not running ice during the summer. Discussion took place of the opportunities this opens up by having a block of time the end of June and July for additional shows or other activities. Dave Palisi suggested a brain storming session for other activities. Discussion took place regarding indoor soccer and lacrosse. Jeff Bardwell indicated one draw back for those types of activities is there is no floor covering for the concrete and three quarters of the rink boards are taking down for the non ice season shows.

Other

Gary Young requested more heat in the referee's room. Jeff Bardwell explained the heat was set at 68 degrees during occupied use.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 AM