

Arena Task Force Meeting Minutes

Meeting: September 24, 2015 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Ramsey County Parks and Recreation

Attendance: Jon Oyanagi, Sara Ackmann, Steve Reeves, Mike Searles, Moose Younghans, Candy Petersen, Don Mullins

Guests: Mark Erickson – Program Director, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, Gus Blumer RCPR, Ryan Ries RCPR

Note Taker: Shar Whebbe – Parks and Recreation

Meeting began at: 11:05 a.m.

1. Welcome and review minutes from previous meeting

Minutes approved

2. Review Arena Land and Property owners

Gus Blumer went through each arena and shared maps showing land owners.

Charles Schultz – lease agreement with St Paul Water district

Oscar Johnson – shared with private company Merrill Real Estate. Merrill maintains property in exchange for parking, agreement is only good for space as an arena.

Pleasant – Plat not rectified after freeway

Harding - by ISD 625

Gustafson/Phalen – by ISD 625

Shoreview – Ramsey County owns parcel. New water treatment facility being installed by city.

Vadnais Sports Center – County Owned

White Bear – County owned

Ken Yackel – County owned

Questions: Is there written agreements with ISD's? (Harding, Phalen, Oscar Johnson, Highland). Need to share with ATF. Levy with ice time? Any on land purchased with Geo Bond, tax forfeit or permanent covenant? Staff will have to research.

Need to look at the Impact on existing ice time with repurpose including drive time, etc.? Land options: new site? Or adding sheets at current locations.

ATF would like to know where we can possibly add sheets of ice to current facilities (land availability)

3. Recap of Hockey Summit – Engagement questions

Matt Just reported that this was the 3rd year of Hockey Summit. A feedback survey will help identify community needs/wants. Three key questions – Non-Ramsey County vs. Ramsey County users, 2 ice sheets vs. 1 sheet (multi-sheet complex), and tax funds support arena operations? Matt will compile information the 2nd week in October. Some grass roots efforts for grow game.

4. Community Engagement Schedule

First meeting October 21, 2015. Location to be determined. Sara Ackmann reports that the schedule has been corrected and will be distributed. Meetings will be facilitated by Ramsey County Parks and Recreation. Intern will be conducting community surveys.

5. Survey Update

Template on survey. Needs one more proof and will be posted soon.

6. MN Amateur Sports Commission – Mark Erickson

Cost comparison of multi-sheet complexes (1-4 sheets). Much more efficient to run multiple sheets than a one sheet facility.

Initial comp.

Retrofit price may differ from building new – MNASC has info from Kraus Anderson
MNASC is ready to assist in B3 energy estimate. Sara will get info to Ashley.

Next Meeting: October 22, 2015 – 11 a.m. in the Parks and Recreation Training Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.