

## Arena Task Force Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** October 22, 2015 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Location:** Ramsey County Parks and Recreation

**Attendance:** Jon Oyanagi, Sara Ackmann, Matt Just, Steve Reeves, Mike Searles, Moose Younghans, Candy Petersen, Jason Sprague, Michael McGraw

**Note Taker:** Sharon Chute – Parks and Recreation

Meeting began at: 11:05 a.m.

### 1. Welcome and review minutes from previous meeting

Mike and Candy motioned for minutes to be approved after minor adjustments.

### 2. Engagement Schedule

Parks will direct mail public meeting postcards to residents within a 500' radius around focus arenas and send invites to user groups of the arenas. Engagement Meeting Agenda was reviewed by group. Engagement Meetings will be small group sessions to provide a more personal meeting. Staffing of meetings is yet to be determined. Attention will be made to keep group session in a working process vs. addressing specific scheduling issues. Facilitator will acknowledge issues but keep group on track. Jon O. suggests some minor wording changes to community print documents. Kee Vang and Sara are working on a door knocking strategy to get public input.

### 3. Expansion Opportunities

Aldrich, Highland and Vadnais Sports Center (VSC) have room around them for potential expansion. If expansion were to take place at VSC a parking ramp would need to be added to accommodate additional parking. It has been determined that the TCAAP property that Ramsey County is acquiring probably isn't suitable for the addition of ice facilities as the location isn't large enough.

Other unknown locations could be considered if something becomes available. It should be noted that The City of Arden Hills is working on a sports complex. The Hippodrome has been considered; it is heavily used in the fall. Adding ice would need to be at the expense of Ramsey County. Jon O. talked about a possible facility at the State Fairgrounds that could be used except for the dates the fair is in operation.

### 4. Agreements – Land Use Update

Board Resolutions have been located and were shared with the group. We are still trying to locate some of the use agreements to see if there is language showing what if a facility is no longer operated as an arena. Pleasant has a lease agreement with the Department of Transportation. Harding and Phalen are not located on county owned land but on School District 625 land.

#### 5. Use Shift Scenarios / County Resident Priority of Use

Matt Just narrated a presentation on potential use shift scenarios and county resident priority of use modeling hypothetical shifts within arena and customer usage.

#### 6. Agenda for Next Meeting

Next Meeting: November 12, 2015 – 11 a.m. in the Parks and Recreation Training Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.