

Arena Task Force Meeting Minutes

Meeting: November 12, 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, Dan Galles, Michael McGraw

Note Taker: Sharon Chute – Parks and Recreation

Meeting began at: 11:07 a.m.

1. Welcome and review minutes from previous meeting

Minutes motioned to be approved after revision suggested by Steve Reeves.

2. Update on task force membership

Debbie Montgomery has resigned from Arena Task Force. Commissioner Carter is looking for a new member to replace Debbie. After a new member is appointed Jon Oyanagi will spend some time getting the new appointee up to speed.

3. Update on public input methods

Three of seven public input meetings have been completed. The Roseville meeting was well attended with 30-35 participants, the Merriam Park meeting had 10-11 participants and the Battle Creek meeting had 6 participants. Each meeting included an introduction of ATF members and Ramsey County Commissioners and small group facilitated conversations. During meetings we make clear that decisions haven't been made yet. Jon Oyanagi reports that a common theme of the three meetings completed so far is that users feel the arenas should continue being operated as arenas. Two separate surveys are available on line through November; current users | general public. Data to date, from each survey was provided to members.

4. Decision making

Three handouts shared with members. Members discussed the handouts. It has been determined that "Private" needs to be defined. Is it "Pay for Play"? Should non-county groups make up for county subsidy towards capital for facility upgrades? Group would like to have a spreadsheet that shows the age of various equipment within each arena (i.e. compressors, boards, glass, etc.). Oyanagi suggests adding top 3 users per rink to spreadsheet and that the demographics data be verified with Wilder's website. The County Mission Statement needs to be taken into consideration when it is time to make decisions. McGraw stated that a more detailed analysis of multi-sheet complex costs is needed. Steve Reeves suggests getting Rink Tec in to give real costs for adding new sheets.

5. Agenda for next meeting

The December meeting will define definitions and criteria. In late January a draft recommendation is due to the County Board with a final due by March. These dates can be extended if needed.

6. Agenda for Next Meeting

Next Meeting: December 10, 2015 – 11 a.m. in the Parks and Recreation Training Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.