

Ice Rink and Recreation Advisory Subcommittee Meeting Minutes Tuesday April 16th, 2019 12-1pm at the Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center

Present: Christopher Jeffery, Bob Nolen (LAHA president), Darren Meadows, Dan Erickson (county staff), Dina Pesenson (PRB Liaison).

Absent: Richard Vandewater, Rachel Adler.

1) Subcommittee procedural updates

- a) Dan Erickson introduced himself and discussed his background for those who have not met him yet. IRRAS is very excited to have Dan's expertise and support during such critical time for the Ice Rink CIP process.
- b) Darren and Rachel will update the subcommittee applications for their current term and submit them to Linda Lindstrom ASAP.
- c) Voted for new chair: Dina Pesenson (PRB liaison to IRRAS)
- d) Decided on first Tuesday of the month at lunch as the new standing monthly IRRAS meeting time. May meeting will be Tue May 7th, 2019 at noon at Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center in PROS Manager's office (Dan Erickson's office).

2) CIP for Ice Rink improvements status.

- a) Dan's input:
 - i) confirmed what councilor Ryti told us at the April PRB meeting: council does have to make an action to keep CIPs moving now that GRT has been resolved.
 - ii) is optimistic that at the end of council budget hearings next week council will direct staff to begin working on the RFP for the Ice Rink improvement CIP.
 - iii) Confirmed with county budget manager that all 'frozen' CIP projects due to GRT uncertainty will be carried over into the 2020 budget as they continue.
 - iv) Indicated that since construction cannot happen during hockey season, the timing now (**after council directs staff to begin work on the Ice Rink improvements again**) will be to release the RFP as soon as possible (~May 2019**) to allow for design award and and design completion this spring/early summer (~June 2019**) and to advertise and award construction bids by fall (~Sept 2019**) so that construction can begin next spring after hockey season (~April 1st, 2020**). **Dates shown are just to show approximate (and recommended) progression to be able to begin construction in spring of 2020.
- b) Concerns/needs until Ice Rink improvements are completed:
 - i) Bob Nolen: Absolute need for women's locker rooms+bathrooms during tournaments. Current situation no longer acceptable to tournament officials.

- ii) Dan: will work on it, things to consider are building code requirements for any portable additions that may work.
 - iii) Darren expressed hope that the fact that any portable structure will be on site less than 4 months may allow for some flexibility on the building code requirements (similar to those exercised during construction at the local schools when involving portables for student use etc).
- c) IRRAS input to the Ice Rink improvements project
 - i) IRRAS would like to make sure that minimum specifications are provided by IRRAS to the bidder as far as how many people were to be using each locker room so that design accommodates accordingly.
 - ii) IRRAS would like to review the approximate drawing of the locker room addition/improvement as a starting point to use to explain needs and use density to the bidder for better RFP information/content. Drawing will be requested from Wayne/Philo Shelton via email before next IRRAS meeting on May 7th so that IRRAS can explain their locker room use needs for the RFP.
- d) IRRAS wishlist
 - i) Discussed other much needed improvements as a wishlist to keep in mind for future improvements as relevant funds are available:
 - (1) Some sort of nonpermanent removable structure/cover would be great to keep ice safer during last few weeks of season.
 - (2) Ice Quality
 - (a) Darren pointed out that setting aside dedicated time biweekly during colder temps (evenings/early morning?) when a particularly skilled/trained Zam operator can work on building up the ice can pay off long-term allowing ice to stay safer and higher quality throughout the season.
 - (b) Make sure Zam operators are well trained to avoid doing accidental damage to ice.
 - (c) Coolers in some areas of the rink appear in need of a check up as ice tends to not be cold enough in some places.
 - (3) Pavement by bleachers - tends to stay icy, dangerous to spectators. Have had spectators take bad falls. Heated cement would be quite useful there.
 - (4) Bleachers can be updated/replaced with newer ones that will also be safer during icy conditions.
 - (5) Parking lot improvements:
 - (a) Keep it free from ice, including paths and overflow areas.

(b) Working with LANL to move the gate farther into canyon to allow more overflow parking - currently during high school games, the entire main road is parked along side all the way to the Reservoir road, making walking and driving to/from rink along the narrow and dark section of road without sidewalks extremely dangerous.