



**Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting
February 13, 2023
Conference Room 1, Recreation Department**



Attendance: Lauren Krans; Steve Trepanier, Dave Camire, Kevin Barry, Dave Colson, Sheila Colson, Dale Bickford, Dick Clough, Dana Berlin; Lexy VanBinsbergen

1. Accept January Minutes

Member D. Colson motioned to accept. Unanimous support

2. Review Revenue & Expense Reports

Member J. Strogon motioned to accept. Unanimous support. Arena Revenue Account – Director Krans explained the Retained Earnings line amount. Invite Mark Sullivan to March meeting.

3. CDBG Pickleball Court/HP Improvement Project Update

Assistant Director Trepanier was successful in presenting to the City Council his proposal and they have accepted the split of the project of the Pickleball Courts as well as Hanson Pines Park Improvement projects. The teen seating area at HP has evolved into the installation of bleachers around the outside basketball courts and is scheduled for this summer.

4. Senior Activity Center Membership & Program Update

Director Krans reviewed the status of our Senior Membership program and that we may need to pause the program in the future due to capacity concerns for some of the programs. 41% of senior programs currently have a waitlist. 315 members - 164 resident/151 non-residents. Commission supported that she have the ability to pause new membership registration if staff deemed it necessary in the future

5. Rochester Youth Hockey Donation Update

Director Krans discussed the councils approval of RYH's donation to install a synthetic ice space at the Arena. RYH will have access to the synthetic ice during their ice times for three years and there will be a fee for all other user groups. Director Krans is creating an MOU with the City Attorney to outline specifics with RYH.

6. FY24 Rec & Arena Budget Overview: O&M, CIP and Issues & Options

Director Krans meet with the City Manager and Deputy City Manager and rolled out our O&M budgets. Majority of increases were for PT staff wages. Assistant Director Trepanier - CIP budget – Arena locker rooms heat control repairs and updates; Dehumidifier will need to be replaced within the next couple of years; Recreation – will be working with DPW for replacing gym bleachers, sound boards, painting, update to the basketball hoops. Issues & Options – requesting 3 AEDs and a department reorganization. Proposing to reallocate funds from



Arena Supervisor position to get a Full Time Fac/Ops Attendant; as well as Administrative Assistant elevation; and move Program Coordinator to position to Full Time; Senior Center Attendant (Coordinator); Classification 2 part time positions. Piece 1 and Piece 2 - \$60,000 increase to Recreation budget and \$6,500 to the Arena Budget. Director Krans explained these staffing requests are in line with the department's evolving 3 areas of responsibility: facilities/operations, programs/services, community events/engagement.

7. Rochester Arena Ice Rate Review

Director Krans reviewed goals of Arena Fund are covering operating costs and accessibility based on sector norms. Proposed increase of 6.5% new rates would be \$293 p/h for prime and \$202 p/h for non-prime. Commissioner Clough and Bickford suggested a lesser increase to support accessibility and Commissioner Camire suggested 2 increases over 2 years; proposed 4% increase for the 23-24 ice season (286 prime, 198 non-prime), while notifying user groups of at least another 4% increase the 24-25 ice season. The majority of the Commission supported this approach. Director Krans reminded the group that Deputy Finance Director would be invited to the next meeting to do an overview of the history and current state of the Arena Fund.

Anctil Cup – February 22nd @ 6:00pm at the Arena. It is also Spaulding's senior night.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2023 at 6:00pm at Recreation Department Conference Room 1