

Ice Rink Advisory Committee

May 6, 2014

Present: Greg Esakoff, Bailey Minnich, Carol Anderson, Kelly Davidson, Murray Craven, Andy Hergesheimer, Donna Taylor.

Guests : Paul Travis and Linda Clark from the Glacier National Park Conservancy

- A. Approval of minutes - Moved by Murray to approve, second by Donna Taylor, unanimously approved. Will be posted on the website.
- B. Public Comment- Two representatives from Glacier National Park Conservancy requested donation from the ice rink for the Backpacker's Ball. The Conservancy is a merger of the Glacier Association and the Glacier Fund and it is the fundraising arm of the park. They have one event that they hope to raise \$125,000,000.
- C. Old Business –
 1. Capital fundraiser- currently have \$105,000 committed, deposits around \$100,000. All Necessary city commitments are in the works, GSA has signed agreement with the City. Almost have a contract with a General Contractor donating his time but the GC wants a contract with the city for permission to dig a hole and pour concrete pad. Greg has drawings and engineering package for the Evaporative Condenser but city wants more money committed up to cost + 10% contingency over costs. GSA ordered condenser and hopefully get it up and running this year for a test. Goal is 2nd week in June. Hope to break ground and pour concrete asap. Crane scheduled to lift condenser onto stand plus need one week for connections. Still need money for ceiling improvements. Cost will increase 9-10% unless we can pre-order. GSA also looking to upgrade part of compressors and put a dryer in line to separate acid out. Some type of isolators. Also, found out \$10,000 to drop sprinkler may not be necessary. (this, however, sadly does not translate to \$10,000 toward heaters for the seating area)
 2. Whitefish Wolverines are now the official Junior Hockey team in Stumptown. Park Board unanimously voted to approve contract. Glacier Nationals have moved to Havre.
 3. FY 2015 Budget is not done but not much will change. Standard season budget (August to April) does not include summer. Greg wants to know process for getting something added to the budget and how to make things happen like extending the season. Park Board does not do budget, City Council does budget. Ice rink has had capital improvements outside operating budget before, including bleachers, zamboni. These expenses do not result in "operational losses." The city was given a \$2.5 million building and they pay to run and maintain it. New ice fee for 2015 is \$115 per hour. City has to figure out actions that make sense but goal is to keep ice fees down. Fees determined by comparing operational budget to the projected income.
- D. New Business
 1. Committee members - Bailey Minnich's term is expiring but City Council will address this and renew. Murray is moving for the school year but will remain the GHA rep.

2. Evaporative condenser – see above
3. Development of IRAC mission Statement and Guidelines – Greg has suggestions on handout and we will review and consider. What role do we serve in the community? Mission Statement for the RINK and then possibly one for the committee.
4. Lighting upgrade project that was completed received donated funds but the rink budget in 2012 does not reflect the donation.
5. Agendas and minutes are on City web site and will be posted moving forward.

E. Manager'S Report

Andy requested guidelines on giving donations of either rink passes, hockey passes, parties etc. to organizations who ask. Is this a slippery slope? Some giveaways take from the budget (private ice) but some don't. Andy should consider loss of income and potential for advertising and other public awareness. We will defer to Andy to make these distinctions.

1. Financial Report – Canada Cup raised almost \$15,000 and Andy is planning on a second one. April held three tournaments in three weekends. Stumptown does 8 adult hockey tournaments and most others only do about 4 per year. They are good revenue and everyone likes to come here. May- the rink is closed and there are already some private rentals from a youth team from Calgary, three private rental parties, Calgary men coming for hockey and golf and local squirt teams.
2. August 11-30 GSA camp advertising now, summer ice shows had success last year and hope to have more this year. Same pro's and some other surprises.
3. GSA office installation in foyer moving forward.
4. July pints for purpose (in which C league won) raised money that will be used to remodel lobby Once ice is out. Lobby will undergo remodeling to accommodate youth skates donated by Murray Craven (\$2500) worth. Cubbies will be moved out onto wall for shoe holding and then others disposed of. Rink will buy skate rack system or other system that is more efficient.
5. Goal is to have school groups make skating a p.e. requirement. City will donate ice time, skate rental and instruction. Want 1x week for four weeks. Need funding for transportation. Andy and staff doing maintenance like painting doors and regrouting showers etc.

F. Board Comments

G. Next meeting June 3, 2014