



Northfield Ice Arena Advisory Board

Monday April 2, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Second Floor Training Room

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Ben Martig, Dave Bennett, Todd Bornhauser, Brett Reese, Brad Ness, Mike Ludwig, Tania Will, Carey Tinkelenberg, Chris Heineman, Chris Kennelly

Members Absent: Chris Sorenson, Jeff Hasse, Jim Fischer, Jan Hanson, Ryan Bowles

Others present: Barb Neitzel – Recording Secretary

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The mission statement was read.

II. Any questions / follow up / updates from the last meeting.

None

III. Approval of March 15, 2018 Minutes

A motion was made by T. Bornhauser and seconded by B. Ness to approve the March 15, 2018 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Review Draft Council Presentation of Ice Arena Board Recommendation

D. Bennett gave a preview of the power point presentation for the April 10th Work Session. In addition to the report, there will be a staff report with other studies included. The main topics of the presentation and their findings include:

- Phase I – Assess Arena Ice System, Arena Condition, Perform Long Rang Condition Analysis
- Phase II – Ice Market Study and Economic Impact Analysis
- Phase III – Facility Options – Operational Costs and Capital Costs

- Summary Matrix for all five options

- Northfield Ice Arena Board Recommendation – Two sheet ice arena on land donated to NHA
- Collaboration and Financing

The following revisions were made by the board:

- Categorize board members by groups and organization they represent.
- Include local hockey registration numbers for 2017.
- More detailed descriptions of primary and secondary impacts.
- Shift Annual Project Tax Impact column to the last column on the right and highlight.
- Separate Private Fundraising from other forms of financing.
- Include Dundas Dome in map images.
- Show how other communities fund their arenas.
- On Summary Matrix - note that it assumes 205 hours would be sold on the secondary market and/or increased by the NHA.
- Include figure skating article from April 1, 2018 Sunday paper.
- Include other civic multi use options to show it as a community asset.
- Show clear explanation of why St. Olaf option was not a strong option.
- Show reasons for broader aspects of 30% of ½ cent sales tax option.
- Connect Strategic Plan with sports tourism.
- Illustrate how development on the proposed site could spur future development in that area.

D. Bennett and B. Reese will present at the work session. Other organizations involved are encouraged to attend as a show of support.

V. School District Other Financing Considerations

D. Bennett noted the school district is still in the process of working through their options.

VI. Any other items to discuss?

B. Martig stated it would be better served to start a new group to strategize as to how to move forward once voted on by the City Council.

VII. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.