

**BENTON H. WILCOXON
MUNICIPAL ICE COMPLEX
BOARD OF CONTROL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

MINUTES OF September 18, 2019:

Presiding Officer: David Edwards

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 5:28pm

Board Members:

Present: David Edwards
Sasha Sealy
Susan Phelan
Pat Sanders

Absent: Fred Hudson
Ed Ragland
Kimberly Ford
Jan Davis
Ralph Stone

Facility Representatives: Steve Clough
Chantay Naeger
Wendy Ruch
Dita Dotson-Bowser

City Representatives: None

Visitors: Vance Carden, Anna Anderson, Troy Skinner, Debbie Barrie, Lisa Novak

Minutes: Approved

City Update: In a 7-day timeframe, the Phase 2 project has gone from an \$8 million budget to an \$11 million budget. The Ice Complex is thankful for the increase because most of the original scope will be completed. Pre-construction meetings can begin and timelines can now be considered.

Public Comments

- a. General Public:** Vance Carden addressed his concern regarding the 6-month timeframe for the shutdown. He fears that due to construction projects never coming in on time, it will be longer. He appreciates capital improvements but doesn't understand why both sheets need to be shut down at the same time. He said according to the 2018/2019 budget, the rink wouldn't operate without the kids who figure skate or play hockey and can't see why we would let them go 6 + months without ice time. He wants the City to tell the kids why they won't be skating or playing hockey for a year and feels there has to be another alternative.

Anna Anderson has the same sentiments and is concerned for her son to go 6 months without skating or hockey. She says people are talking and spreading rumors and miscommunication and thinks if the BOC would start feeding info to the parents, it would alleviate all of that. She says facts and deadlines are needed and answers to questions like; Why can't they use the money for a separate rink be built like in Nashville; What are the dates of the shutdown & What is actually going to happen in the renovation? She believes more information made public would help with the rumors. Debbie Barrie is curious why Fight Club Hockey Association is not listed under hockey on the profit & loss report. She also wants to voice concerns about the renovations and shutdown to the city at a council meeting and urges others to do the same. Troy Skinner thanked employees and the BOC president for getting the hockey pictures uploaded to the website. Lisa Novak, a figure skating mom shares that her 7-year old son has found his passion in ice skating. She is speaking out for the younger figure skaters about closing and says we need to find another solution other than shutting down. She feels if her son has to go 6 months without skating, he may suffer psychological effects that will carry over to school, home and multiple places. Decatur cannot be a solution and she says something must be done to keep the rink open in some capacity so as not to harm the kids. She feels the City needs to understand how important the facility is to her son and other kids. Dita, as the Skating Director, responded stating Steve has been communicating everyday with her about various options and communicating these same concerns to the construction company, the city and John Hamilton. The rink management is trying to do all they can to keep the rinks open as long as possible. Dita assures everyone that their voices are being heard and a solution is actively being pursued. Steve explained how the Ice Complex has been in contact with the VBC to secure hours of ice for all user groups.

b. NAHA: None

c. Skating Club: Dita reported that due to Decatur's shutdown, the Point Mallard Skating Club requested the Ice Complex to host their annual skating competition this Saturday.

President's Report: None

FRIA Report: The FRIA board did not meet in August 2019.

Main Checking Account	\$ 1,659.47
M. Dotson Sponsorship/Scholarship	\$ 1,471.23
FRIA Curling Club	\$ 3,601.15
FRIA Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 10,827.54</u>
Grand Total	\$ 17,559.39

Financial Report: Steve Clough provided an itemized description of the August financial reports highlighting the following key items:

- Public/Private ice time had a \$14K increase due to SYTHL tournament
- Fight Club will be moved to its own line item under the 4030 hockey account as of October
- Fortunately, there was an \$8K decrease in repair and maintenance
- Net income is (\$12,969.75). This is 13.5K better than last August.

Facility Financials:	General Checking Account	\$ 92,988.19
	Capital Account	\$ 231,125.37
	Reserves Account	<u>\$ 30,003.17</u>
	Grand Total	\$ 354,116.73

Senior Manager's Report: The audio/video contractor is currently installing the new equipment and screen in the multipurpose area. Steve and Mark Thomas worked with the city on getting the new gas meter installed for the expansion.

Incident Report: As reported

HSSTA Report: As reported

HR Report: As reported

Maintenance Report: As reported

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:03pm. The next scheduled board meeting is October 16th, 2019 at 5:15pm.