

AGENDA
City of Huntsville
Municipal Ice Complex Board of Control
March 16, 2022
5:30pm

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Minutes:** From meeting held February 19, 2022
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. City Updates**
- 5. Senior Manger's Report**
- 6. Financial Report**
- 7. Public Comments**
 - a. AAHPA
 - b. General Public
- 8. Committee Reports**
- 9. Unfinished Business**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Next Meeting**

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

All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

MINUTES OF February 16, 2022:

Presiding Officer: David Edwards

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Board Members:

Present: David Edwards
Kim Ford
John Green
Jeremy Schreiber
Jan Davis
Sasha Sealy

Absent: Dr. Tyler Kirby (excused – work)
Mark Russell (excused – work)
Pat Sanders (excused – work)

Facility Representatives: Steve Clough
Chantay Naeger
Dita Dotson-Bowser

Hockey Representatives: Troy Skinner

City Representatives: James Gossett

Visitors: None.

Minutes: Approved.

Public Comments

a. General Public: Troy Skinner spoke as Executive Director of the Alabama Amateur Hockey Players Association (AAHPA). He noted that lockers in the hallway near the locker rooms on Rink 2 were not secured to the wall. Mr. Skinner also provided information on the plans to add AA Elite youth hockey teams to next season's program. The Elite teams will be composed of players from across Alabama.

b. NAHA: None.

c. Skating Club: The ISC was awarded an Ice Sports Industry event to be held in February 2023.

Chairperson's Report: David Edwards discussed meetings with City Council members on operations at the ISC. City Council members have questions on funding the proposed rink expansion.

City Updates: None.

FRIA Report: This was included in the Senior Manager's report.

Main Checking Account	\$ 89.90
M. Dotson Sponsorship/Scholarship	\$ 2,644.23
FRIA Curling Club	\$ 2,664.15
FRIA Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 10,887.04</u>
Grand Total	\$ 16,285.32

Financial Report: Financials for October and November will be presented at the November meeting. The end of fiscal year and the transition to DASH have delayed the October report.

Facility Financials:	General Checking Account	\$ 141,671.49
	Capital Account	\$ 26,117.37
	Reserves Account	<u>\$ 1,515.42</u>
	Grand Total	\$ 169,304.28

Senior Manager's Report: As reported.

Incident Report: As reported.

HSSTA Report: As reported.

HR Report: As reported.

Maintenance Report: As reported.

Committee Reports: On Tuesday, March 8th the Strategic Planning Committee met with John Hamilton. This meeting was extremely informative for both sides - the City and the ice user groups as John Hamilton received a better understanding of the needs and the urgency for the new facility as it relates to the growth for all ice user groups and the public at large. Conversely, the user groups were informed about why the new facility would be built in John Hunt Park as well as the process for budgeting.

John Hamilton informed the strategic planning committee that the new facility (3rd sheet of ice for hockey and figure skating as well as a designated sheet of ice for curling) would be built in John Hunt Park for several reasons. It's not only been part of the City's original master plan, but also for efficiency reasons when tournaments and competitions are hosted. John said that if individuals want a rink built out west, then the City of Madison would need build the facility as it would primarily be serving the residents of Madison.

John Hamilton instructed the strategic planning committee to approach the new facility as a math problem with respect to hours of usage. That is, of the number of hours of ice time that is currently available, each user group must show the number of hours currently used per week, as well as project how many hours would be needed/used with the addition of a 3rd sheet (taking into consideration the anticipated growth of each user group over the next couple of years). FYI... this includes the ability to host camps, tournaments, competitions and other type events related to each user group too with the expansion.

John Hamilton encouraged the committee to continue to work with the previous architect, Darryl Byrd, and that the City would cover the architectural costs associated with.

John Hamilton also informed the group that he will begin working on the budget for the City's Capital plan starting in May. Upon hearing this information, the committee agreed to further refine their respective needs assessments to reflect John Hamilton's request so that he can work on putting the new facility into the City's capital plan. In addition, the Strategic Planning Committee agreed to continue meeting with the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting taking place on April 12th from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in multi-purpose room C at the ISC.

In addition, David Edwards, Steve Clough, and I continued to meet with City Council members including Jennie Robinson, Bill Kling and Devyn Keith regarding the need for expansion to include a sheet for hockey and figure skating as well as for curling. As such, to date, we have meet with all City Council members. During our meetings, we reminded the City Council members that this need has existed for many, many, many years, and that with the growth of our community as well as the closure of Decatur's facility this need is even more urgent. We also let them know that due to the increased demand by user groups, public skating has also suffered. Furthermore, the expansion would enable the ISC to host larger tournaments and competitions, and that the designated curling ice would set us apart from other places across the southeast as curling is one of the fastest growing sports in the south. All economic wins for our community. We also reminded City Council members that over the course of the ISC's existence, it has been operationally independent and does not rely on any annual City monies for operations. Note: we will continue to meet with the City Council members to keep them informed about our expansion efforts and operations.

Lastly, David Edwards, Steve Clough and I along with Jeremy Schreiber's help met with the Athletic Director for UAH, Cade Smith, to gain a better understanding of the state of hockey at UAH and their intent, if any, to build a facility. Currently, there is only Club Hockey at UAH, and sounds like it will remain at the Club level. There are also no efforts being made to build a rink on the campus of UAH as it's considered a non-profitable venture..

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm. The next scheduled board meeting is Mar 16th at the ISC.