



CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Department	Presented by	Date
Parks and Recreation	Diesel Post - Parks and Recreation Director	October 5, 2021

ITEM

Approval of relationship agreement with the Chaffee County Amateur Hockey Association

BACKGROUND

In Oct. and Nov. of 2019 the CCAHA met with City Council and explained their proposition to build an ice rink on city property for the coming winter season. In January of 2020 the City of Salida entered into an MOU with CCAHA to collaborate in the construction of a temporary and seasonal ice rink in Centennial Park. The CCAHA chose to forgo the "shade structure" that it had proposed due an inability to secure such structure and instead brought in back fill, graded the backfill, built low board and gradually built ice. The City provided funds for some equipment and personnel as per the MOU. On February 8th, 2020 the CCAHA opened the ice rink to the public; it rink kept ice for a few hours before the sun began melting it and it was not conducive to try to build ice for the remained of that season.

In the late summer of 2020 the CCAHA secured poles for the "shade structure" from a similar structure being upgraded in Alamosa. They were delivered to Centennial Park. CCAHA hockey association then began soliciting engineers for design document as required by the county. CCAHA could not engage with an engineer to complete the required work in time for the 2020/2021 winter season.

For the 2020/2021 winter season, CCAHA managed and led skating opportunities on Long Lake on CPW property. They have reported on the success of that experience. Design documents were secured in the spring of 2021. These designs required the 40 poles for the "shade structure" be secured to or in 12 ft. deep footers. This requirement made the shade structure in Centennial Park impossible because of the financial, permanent and workload impact that the 12 ft. deep footers would have.

Staff and CCAHA continued to explore options. CCAHA association secured a Zamboni for operations. CCAHA then secured many of the most important parts of an ice rink from Colorado College. Part of this package was the refrigeration equipment that generates the temperatures needed for an ice rink at most facilities.

CCAHA now believes that it can build and keep ice with the refrigeration equipment and is asking for the opportunity to try this strategy. At this time, the CCAHA is asking for:

- Consent to build a minimal garage to house the refrigeration machinery and Zamboni.
- Site preparation including regrading/laser leveling the rink deck, and adequate water / electrical supply.



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- Extension of our MOU for 3 more years through winter 2024-2025.
- Support in closing the \$100,000 funding gap for initial rink construction.
- Inclusion of a permanent ice rink location in the Saldia Recreation Facility Master Plan.

CCAHA has worked with staff and presented their proposal and request to the PROST board. The PROST recommendation is below in the "Staff Recommendation" section

FISCAL NOTE

Approving the agreement would release \$18,700 to the CCAHA

STAFF RECOMMENDATION – the following is a transcript of the minutes of the PROST board concerning this item

Ice Rink - space currently available. Extension of MOU for 4 years. Needs shade or refrigeration... Shade requires footers. Refrigeration requires a building. Potential for Marvin park parking lot - already has a barn that can be storage. There is water and electricity. Fits into Marvin Park plan better than it fits into Centennial Park. The orientation isn't great (should be north/south).

Kristy: Is the ice rink in the Master Plan? Not specifically, but at that moment, the skatepark was the focus. Ice Rink is ranked as a priority.

Lisa: Marvin Park's redevelopment is supposed to be a Gateway Park. How can we make sure it looks good as a gateway park? It's an ice rink during only a few months of the year, in the summer, is it a stage?

Al: The ice rink could be reoriented once the ball fields, or do we have the ice rink at Vandaveer?

Question for Al: What is the perfect world for the ice rink? A cooperation between Saldia/BV for a sports complex. He wants to build a nice facility.

Rob: What sort of infrastructure do we put into this - the most important thing is to extend the MOU to continue to build momentum. Is CCAHA willing to put in the infrastructure for the machine and then move it to vandaveer if that is the overall plan?



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Jessica: Can we approve the MOU and the nuances of the details with location can be decided upon with a pro/con of locations. The City Attorney does not want us to enter into agreements more than 1 year. We still owe CCAHA about \$18k from the previous agreement with Council.

a) Motion for recommendation to the Salida City Council and/or administrator

- i) Rob Motions: City of Salida works with the city attorney and hockey assoc to extend the MOU to agreeable terms to both and add a temporary facility to Centennial or Marvin park. Once agreement is signed by both parties, release the allocated funds. Jessica Seconds.

Connor: Yay. Lisa: Yay. Kristy: Yay. Rob: Yay. Daryl: Yay. Jessica: Yay.
Motion Passes.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A Council member should move to approve the consent agenda.
