

Resolution G2022-01

Resolution Opposing Municipality of Anchorage RFP 2022P014

Re: Operations Management for Sullivan Arena, Ben Boeke and Dempsey Anderson Ice Arenas

The undersigned, being the incorporators of the Anchorage Community Sport Facilities Association (hereinafter “Corporation” or “ACSFA”), adopt the following resolutions on behalf of the Corporation:

WHEREAS, ACSFA was incorporated and is now managed by six (6) nonprofit user groups with over a 189 years of existence, approximately 1,800 Members and making up at least 70% of the revenues that Dempsey Anderson and Ben Boeke ice arenas currently under supervision from the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA),

WHEREAS, ACSFA is not interested in managing the Sullivan Arena. ACSFA is only interested in managing Ben Boeke and Dempsey Anderson ice arenas (“Arenas”).

WHEREAS, ACSFA has resolved that the skating community it represents has a substantial stake in the quality and usage of the MOA Arenas; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the increase in cost of “ice” over the previous fifteen (15) years and predictable corresponding decline in usage, as well as a failure to reasonably maintain the quality and safety of the facilities, ACSFA has resolved to take over the management of the Arenas in the same fashion as the MOA turned over the management of its Museum to a private nonprofit group; and

WHEREAS, Accordingly, ACSFA has developed a comprehensive business plan and proposal to take over management of the Arenas as well as a draft ice allocation policy that prioritizes user groups that primarily rely on public arenas as well as provides the public with consistent use of the ice when not be rented by a private party; and

WHEREAS, the RFP 2022P014 is not in the best interest of the public and ACSFA’s user groups since it continues to charge above average rates for ice when compared to other public ice arenas in the State; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, ACSFA finds the MOA RFP 2022P014 “Operations Management for Sullivan Arena, Ben Boeke and Dempsey Anderson Ice Arenas”;

1. Does not maximize public access on the whole and discriminates against certain user groups;
2. Does not provide terms and conditions to maintain the facilities in a safe and clean condition, especially since the maintenance of the Arenas have been pulled and given to an undisclosed Facilities Maintenance Contractor;
3. Does not include terms, conditions or incentives for improvements or upgrades of the Arenas;
4. Does not provide terms, conditions or incentives to bring down the hourly cost of ice rental;

and

5. Includes an “Ice Allocation policy” (attachment 4 in RFP) that was finalized without notice and opportunity to comment by ACSFA’s user groups or the public at large; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ACSFA is respectfully requesting the following from the MOA;

1. The cancellation or removal of Ben Boeke and Dempsey Anderson ice arenas from RFP2022P014 ;
2. The authorization of the Municipal Manager (MM) or designee to enter into negotiation with ACSFA and allow the MM or designee to execute a short-term contract and begin transferring management, maintenance and operations of the Arenas to ACSFA with control similar to the one given to the Anchorage Museum Agreement under AO 2005-137S; and
3. The MOA to consider the Memorandum of Understanding that was submitted on September 24, 2020 as a starting point for negotiation between the MOA and ACSFA. The draft contract is to include similar control and autonomy afforded by the Anchorage Museum Contract that was executed in accordance with AO 2005-137S, which will be subsequently presented to MOA Assembly for consideration for approval with any waivers needed to execute the proposed contract.

Date: April 12, 2022

/s/ Mandy Reale.
Mandy Reale, Chair
Scotty Gomez Foundation

Date: _____

Amber Morey, Vice Chair
Alaska Association of Figure Skaters

Date: April 12, 2022

/s/ Justin Marcum
Justin Marcum, Secretary/Treasurer
Alaska All Stars Hockey Association

Date: April 12, 2022

/s/ Scott Sivulich.
Scott Sivulich, Director
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Date: April 12, 2022

/s/ Karen Witthoeft
Karen Witthoeft, Director
Anchorage Women’s Hockey League

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/s/ Jeannie Carey
Jeannie Carey, Director
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