

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY (JPA)
Board Meeting
February 11, 2014

Meeting Began At: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Ended At: 5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Chris Beutler, Tim Clare, Doug Emery

Item 1 -- Introductions and Notice of Open Meetings Law Posted by Door

Chair Beutler opened the meeting with introduction of the Board members. He advised that the open meetings law posted at the back of the room is in effect. Pam Gaden alerted attendees that parking coupons are available here for those parked in the north lot. That gate will be open after 5 p.m. Cars in front of the building must be moved prior to 4 p.m. to avoid being towed.

Item 2 -- Public Comment and Time Limit Notification

Public comment is welcome. Beutler stated that individuals from the audience are given a total of five minutes to speak on specific items listed on today's agenda. Especially with so many wanting to speak, people are asked to be mindful of the time limits. Pam will monitor the time and alert you to when that time limitation is approaching. Individuals are welcome to speak on any item at the time the chair invites comment on that item. Those testifying should identify themselves for the official record and sign in.

Item 3 -- Approval of the minutes from the JPA meeting held December 19, 2013

Beutler asked for corrections or changes to the minutes of the December 19, 2013 JPA meeting. Emery moved approval of the minutes as presented. Clare seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Item 4 -- WH 14-1 Resolution approving Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 to the Contract Agreement between the JPA and Hawkins Construction Company for construction of the West Haymarket Parking Lot, Festival Space and Pedestrian Bridge.

Caleb Swanson, PC Sports, explained that this item deals with two separate change orders to the festival space contract with Hawkins Construction. The first change order is for a deduct of \$176,161.38 to the contract. It captures various credits and savings that the project team has been able to identify to this point. The second change order is an additive change for \$124,164.81 to add decorative fencing around the north half of the space lot to match the existing south half fencing. This allows the entire space to be enclosed as one entity. This also allows SMG to have additional controls when events are occurring in the area without adding temporary enclosures. The net request for this item is a deduct to the contract of \$51,996.57.

Jane Kinsey, Watchdogs of Lincoln Government, questioned where the savings came from specifically. Swanson responded that it was for various line items and adjustments to scopes of work. This captures items not used or later identified as not needed or only partially needed. One of the larger items was an amount in the contract to correct environmental problems during site preparation in case a large amount of bad soils or environmental problems were discovered. Minimal issues were encountered and, although he does not have the entire list with him, that is an example and a large piece of the savings.

Emery moved approval of the resolution. Clare seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Item 5 – WH 14-2 Resolution approving Change Order No. 28 to the Contract Agreement between the JPA and Hawkins Construction Company for Construction of the West Haymarket JPA Infrastructure Improvements Core Area Roadway and Utilities Project to add additional work and make actual quantities adjustments to the contract resulting in a contract deduction of \$806,347.33.

Adam Hoebelheinrich, PC Sports, introduced this resolution stating that this item relative to core area roadways and utilities is a deductive change order for \$748,287.67. Although that number is different from what is shown in the resolution and on the agenda, the documents do show this net deductive value. Onsite work is now complete and they are in the process of finalizing the final quantities and payments.

Hoebelheinrich also wanted to take this opportunity to thank the entire project team for their efforts on this project. It was a difficult project, involved teams working together, and ultimately was completed early. This team includes Hawkins, Tom Crockett, Troy Alexander and their team and subs: Bookstrom, Watts Electric, Land Construction, Trafcon, and Green Solutions. He cannot say enough good things about them. Considering all the personalities and general contractors working in the area, things flowed smoothly on the project. He also thanked the onsite management team of Kent Rohren and Brandon Koinzan from Olsson Associates, Brad Elting with Schemmer, and Tom Leikam and his design team at Olsson.

The project met every major milestone with several completed early, allowing the arena to open a month early. The project is also an award winner. It received an honor award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Nebraska for Olsson's design on the project. He also stated that the project was rated the Best Urban Streets Project for 2013 by the Nebraska Concrete Paving Association.

Beutler thanked Adam stating that anytime this amount of money can be saved and returned to the coffers of the people it is certainly something to be recognized, and they want to say thanks. Emery echoed that sentiment, noting that contingency monies are necessary and people often talk about their use, but this is the reverse and sometimes this goes unnoticed by the public. This is proof that money was not lavishly spent and that the project was well managed.

Clare thanked everyone as well noting that a project of this magnitude done early is often unheard of today. A project done early with contingencies remaining is even rarer, and he appreciates it being treated as if the money was out of their own pockets. Responding to Clare, Kinsey commented that there is a big bill coming due so all the money available will be needed.

Clare moved approval of the resolution. Emery seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Item 6 -- WH 14-3 Resolution approving Change Order No. 20 revising the Amended and Restated Construction Manager at Risk Contract with M.A. Mortenson as part of the overall Contract Closeout to reduce the contract sum by \$750,000.

Paula (Yancey) Portz, PC Sports and main project manager for the West Haymarket, presented this deductive change order to the Manager at Risk Contract with M.A. Mortenson for construction of the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Over the last several months, they have been closing out the different subcontractors, the last open remaining items, and the punch list items, etc. At this time, they are pleased to bring forward a deductive change order of \$750,000 that reduces the Mortenson contract to \$160,882,078. They will continue the process and hope to bring another deductive change order before the Board next month. Mortenson has worked very diligently, along with their team, to be sure they are doing their best to save money that can be refunded to the owner.

There was no public comment. Emery moved approval of the resolution. Clare seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Item 7 -- WH 14-4 Resolution approving the Amended and Restated Parking Rights Agreement between the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency and the City of Lincoln regarding the City's use of the BNSF Parking Lot, West Depot Parking Lot and Construction Parking Lot as temporary replacement parking for the existing Lumberworks and Iron Horse Parking Lots.

Hoebelheinrich explained we were dealing with one specific area of the West Haymarket surface lots between "P" and "N" and between Canopy and Pinnacle Area Drive. This resolution is to amend the agreement with the JPA for the City of Lincoln's use of those lots. It keeps the dollar value the same, but the lot has expanded. So, within the agreement the JPA will still be able to use the lots for construction parking and for parking on Decks 2 and 3 during the day at no charge, but it can be opened up for events. In exchange for use by City Parking Services for events, they will handle all the maintenance on the lots. This is helpful to the JPA to have a knowledgeable resource and to have the lots on scheduled maintenance along with other City lots. This is a month-to-month lease for six months.

There was no public comment. Clare moved approval of the resolution. Emery seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Item 8 -- WH 14-5 Resolution granting the Nebraska Sports Council permission to use the West Haymarket Festival Space and Pedestrian Bridge for the Big Red Challenge on Saturday April 26, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Dave Minarik, Executive Director of Nebraska Sports Council, introduced Scott Ash, Operations Director, and Scott Dwyer, Director of Events. On a side note, Minarik said they could do a lot with a couple of sheets of ice in Lincoln. More on point, he explained that last fall they got together with an organization called the Big Red Challenge to discuss a race by the same name. This would create funding for scholarships for wounded veterans and/or their descendants. The event is an obstacle race and they have put together a route. Their role in the event is to see that it is conducted safely and efficiently. They have a 30-year record using City streets and other areas such as parks including the Cornhusker State Games. They submitted a map with a plan

for that event for April 26, Saturday morning. Beutler thanked Minarik and suggested that watching the movie “Lone Survivor” is a good reminder of why he does what he does and our obligations to our soldiers who have been in war.

Clare moved approval of the resolution. Emery seconded the motion. Prior to voting, Emery disclosed that he sits on the Board of Directors for the Council for the Cornhusker State Games and asked for a legal opinion as to his voting. Rod Confer, City Attorney, recommended he abstain as he was probably disqualified under the Accountability and Disclosure Act. Motion carried 2-0 with Emery abstaining.

Item 9 -- WH 14-6 Resolution approving a Temporary Energy Service Agreement between the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency and TDP Phase Two LLC for a building located on the southwest corner of Canopy Drive and P Street.

Chris Connolly, City Law Department, explained that this was a temporary energy service agreement negotiated with TDP Phase Two for their buildings in the West Haymarket District. The permanent agreement is ready to go into effect once the building reaches substantial completion, but it is not there yet. Thus, they need a temporary agreement to provide energy mostly for heating until the permanent agreement takes over.

There are two components to this agreement. The commodity charge (electricity, gas, and sources needed to produce the energy for the building) and the demand charge other (administrative costs, insurance, etc.). There has never been disagreement on paying the commodity charges, but discussions dealt with the demand charge other costs because they were not using the heating on all the floors during construction. Therefore, this agreement has negotiated numbers in Section 5.02 based on what they expect to need for heat during construction until they reach substantial completion. Responding to Emery, Connolly confirmed this is a bridge until substantial completion.

There was no public comment. Emery moved approval of the resolution. Clare seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Item 10 -- WH 14-7 Resolution authorizing the Chair to enter into an agreement with the City of Lincoln to have City staff negotiate and oversee any telecommunication company uses of Operating Space in the Equipment Room in the Pinnacle Bank Arena with revenues from such space agreement allocated to cover City staff involvement.

David Young, City Fiber and Infrastructure Manager, stated they have been approached by carriers in the Arena to place additional servers and equipment inside the equipment room. Currently that is not covered under any responsibility for SMG or the City.

Displaying a slide, Young explained that currently the Arena is being fed by fiber coming from Denver, Colorado, down “O” Street into the south portion of the building. This particular carrier is proposing to add a fiber connection to Denver over the pedestrian bridge via the north side. Currently the City does not have anyone obligated to manage these types of agreements. Law and Public Works infrastructure staff would perform that work for the JPA. We are looking for that approval.

Kinsey asked how much money is involved and how many years would the contract run. Young responded \$6,000 and \$9,000 per agreement annually. They would expect no more than three agreements. They will not enter into an agreement with a telecommunications company for this type of service unless it has a benefit to the Arena. Young said the years are to be determined, but they are looking at a five-year agreement with a five-year renewal.

Emery moved approval of the resolution. Clare seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Item 11 – WH 14-8 Resolution of intent to make a grant of funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska in an amount not to exceed \$2 million from the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency Infrastructure Contingency Fund to reimburse the University for a portion of its costs to design and construct the Breslow Ice Center.

Beutler recognized there are many here feeling passionate about this topic. He asked that everyone respect each other's opinion and not display approval or disapproval in response to comments made during testimony. They will stay until everyone has a chance to testify, as they are very interested in what you have to say. It is helpful if people do not repeat themselves, and they want all new well-articulated information. He asked for a raising of hands for those in favor and those against the resolution. The testimony will not be in any particular order, but they have invited one speaker, Christine Jackson from UNL, since the JPA is one of the University partners on this matter. Essentially this is a result of a gift to the University from a great citizen of Lincoln, John Breslow. The City was asked and, in fact, contributed \$1 million towards the project. A short time later, when the site was determined, the City put in another \$200,000 into the project.

Christine Jackson, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance at UNL, read a short statement from the University of Nebraska. The statement is attached as part of these minutes.

John Bodami, an architect with the DLR Group, who has been charged with the design of the Breslow Ice Center came forward. Cost is not the only driver of this project. Design goals were established early, and did not say to design one of the least expensive rinks in the Midwest. Regarding costs that seem to be higher, he explained that when looking at "comparable" facilities there are a number of fundamental questions to ask. What is the location? Is the ice year round or seasonal? What kind of ice plant do they have, or other amenities? Do you have backup systems in place in case of power failure? When was the building constructed? These are all cost factors.

What have they been asked to do and what makes this building unique from other ice facilities? This building is not being constructed in a cornfield. It must be a compatible neighbor architecturally to the surrounding buildings, such as the Haymarket Park baseball facility and the new Pinnacle Bank Arena. It is at the leading point of the new pedestrian bridge leading to the Arena so it must fit appropriately in its context. It is located in a prominent viewing corridor into the City of Lincoln and will need to meet the approval of the City Urban Design Committee. Aesthetics are important to both the City and the donor, John Breslow. It must meet the program requirements of the University to support UNL Club Hockey, student recreation, City ice hockey, figure skating clubs, and recreational skating. A business model has been developed by UNL Campus Recreation with basic amenities in the program to benchmark that revenues will keep pace with operational costs. If you remove the basic amenities, the business plan will be affected. The site provided is in the flood plain next to a levee. They need to meet the Corps of

Engineers' requirements and raise the grade elevation up to six feet to get the elevation one foot above flood. They also need to surcharge the site to compact the soil so it is adequate to support the building.

There are also challenges with building the rink in our climate. The Ice Box currently only has ice six months out of the year. In order to maintain year round ice in Breslow Ice Rink, the building envelope needs to be insulated properly, and HVAC systems need to be designed to keep the ice sheet temperature consistent and humidity controlled regardless of the outside temperature. This is a challenge in summer and during large fluctuations in temperature. A backup generator will be used in the event of a power outage to avoid a mess once power is restored that would affect the bottom line. Eco Chill ice plant is an environmentally safe and more efficient ice making system that will cycle the heat generated in making the ice and heat the building in the winter months, saving operational costs by as much as 20%. Adequate air exchange is important in areas off the ice as well, such as locker room areas. They need to be able to cycle the air exchanges to control humidity and odor. It will be designed to University of Nebraska facility design standards, as they will be the owner and manager of the building. They have value and quality standards that have proven to be sound, long-term investments that will last over the lifetime of the building and be efficient to maintain. The number they use for this project is total project cost – not just building cost. It includes design fees, construction fees, and furniture, fixture and equipment costs so that the facility is complete and ready to use. They have had three independent cost estimates by their estimating consultant, by one ice arena consultant, and by a respected local contracting firm. In their professional opinion they have done cost comparisons of recently completed facilities. The facility has always been designed with two sheets of ice in mind. One sheet would be year round and one sheet would be seasonal. They plan to design a one-sheet facility and an alternate design for a second sheet if money is available. Any monies given by the JPA would help towards this goal.

Nancy Myers, 23 year Lincoln resident representing the sport of curling, shared that she had curled since she was 13 and is actively curling now. She is an advisor for the UNL Student Curling Team, a member of the US Curling Association College Committee, and serves as a regional representative to the US Women's Curling Association. She supports the Breslow Ice Center, and she would like to see two sheets of ice. Interest in ice sports is growing and many have to travel all over the State to obtain ice time. She travels, as do the UNL Students, to Omaha every weekend to curl. There is no opportunity for additional play, practice, or ice instruction here in Lincoln. Curling is a sport for many generations and has broad appeal. Three generations of her family curl. They can start at five years of age and can go to 80 if able. There is also a strong wheelchair-curling program nationally. The key to good curling is ice preparation. Curlers cannot curl on skating or hockey ice because skate divots affect the trajectory and accuracy of the curling stone. Curlers need flat smooth ice that is pebbled to provide an appropriate surface. Most curling is played on dedicated ice used only for curling. Since Lincoln does not have a large curling population, it would not make sense to have an ice rink dedicated to only that sport. Therefore, as curlers, we would like to use the Breslow Ice Center. She would urge you to build the facility carefully to allow multi-purpose use of the ice, which she believes is key to ice sports success in Lincoln. This means the base and preparation of the ice is created to adapt to and meet changing ice needs and purpose. She invites everyone to come and learn to curl.

Clare asked if a second sheet was built as a multi-purpose sheet could hockey be played on the sheet when curling was not being played. Myers affirmed saying that was the current situation at

Tranquility Moylan Iceplex in Omaha and may be true for Fremont as well. Clare asked what sort of hours or time would be needed for the curling association in Lincoln. Currently the curlers are students, but about 30 were turned away. Neither they nor the Aksarben Curling Club absorb them. Ideally, they would like to be curling twice a week with more during tournament preparation -- at least eight to ten hours per week.

Kaylan Pielan is an 11 year old who is in her first year skating as a member of the Star City Figure Skating Club. She does two group lessons and two private lessons per week. Her goal is to compete in national competitions and possibly the Olympics one day. Her coaches recommend that she continue to skate throughout the summer, but that would require traveling to Omaha at least once a week to meet with her Lincoln coach. This requires additional time and money for her and her parents and is a difficult commitment since she also participates in a local track and field club during the summer. She is asking the JPA Board to remember the dreams of all the others for whom she is speaking today and to vote for a new ice skating rink in Lincoln.

Troy Kirk grew up in Michigan where hockey is a way of life. With four sons of his own, he is excited to have the opportunity to pass down his love of hockey to them. They are very involved in the ice hockey community and the life-long lessons learned are invaluable. Unfortunately, their current facility, the Ice Box, is falling into disrepair. It is aesthetically unpleasing and riddled with hazards for the young children using the facility. The restrooms do not have hot water and he questions the integrity of certain parts of the structure itself. The facility lacks certain amenities other regional facilities offer, such as large open areas with seating, a pro shop that is open and continuously staffed, two sheets of ice and a general warm and welcoming feel. Lincoln is extremely limited in hosting competitions and other events resulting in lost revenue, not only from our own citizens that must travel to other cities to participate, but the potential dollars generated from participants coming in from outside the City. Revenue generated from lodging, food sales, gasoline sales, and entertainment could be quite substantial. Lincoln desperately needs a new ice facility. Building the Breslow Ice Center in the Haymarket would be a great addition to help revitalize the downtown area. A new facility would allow for more ice time meaning the Lincoln Ice Hockey Association (LIHA) would not have to turn away new players because of limited space and time. Ice hockey is not the only sport that would benefit – curling, figure skating, broomball, UNL Hockey Club, and other UNL intramurals would be able to expand and grow. In 1996, the US Hockey League was interested in adding an expansion team in Lincoln. At that time, there were many naysayers and opponents of converting the State Fair Coliseum into a hockey arena. Opponents said Lincoln did not have a market for ice hockey, that money should not be spent, that the hockey team would not survive here. History has proven them very wrong. The Stars team has had the largest average attendance in the UHL during its inaugural season, several subsequent seasons, and for the past five consecutive seasons. This shows that Lincoln has a very large hockey fan base and many hockey families. Lincoln has spent millions of dollars on parks and recreation, sports facilities, and our bike trails. They are asking the Board to invest surplus funds in our youth and into our community. Those who oppose building Breslow will say we should pay off bonds early. However, the majority of Lincoln's population feels like we should finalize and fast track the project to enhance our City. Those who oppose building Breslow not only oppose the facility, but also are opponents of youth sports, creating new jobs, and generating revenue. So let us stop losing dollars to Omaha, Fremont, and Kearney by moving forward to build the Breslow Ice Center. Thanks from the Lincoln ice sports community for the opportunity to voice our needs, our opinions, our wishes, and our passion.

Frank Schmal has been involved in ice hockey and has been President of LIHA for the last four years. LIHA is a non-profit organization benefiting those from three years to 72 years old with a diverse range of backgrounds. They offer scholarships to allow any youth to learn to play regardless of their economic background. Currently they have 380 plus athletes in their program. They are at their maximum capacity and last year they had to start a waiting list for those interested in playing due to ice time limitations. This year they closed registrations due to the same limitations. LIHA is the largest purchaser of ice hours in the City. They purchase over 600 hours of ice during our season. The Stars organization controls the availability of ice and we are grateful for what is available. LIHA would purchase more if it were available allowing more kids to play. Because of sharing of ice per sport per season, there are times when there are two or three times too many athletes on the ice at the same time than what is optimal for athletic development. Some programs are forced to practice off ice in the hallways. They could easily double or triple the ice usage if it was available to purchase. Winter Olympics creates an interest that is a blessing and a curse since they have to turn children away. Lincoln does not have facilities to handle current demand, much less increased demand. LIHA feels strongly that two sheets of ice in Lincoln would be utilized and have a positive economic impact for the City. One sheet of ice will open practice times for all teams at all ages, but two sheets of ice will open the possibility for in State and regional tournaments bringing in teams and families from surrounding states, thereby having the greatest economic impact. LIHA house teams currently travel to other cities for games and travel teams always travel out of the State for three-day tournaments to places such as Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. The infrastructure is in the Railyard for housing and feeding visitors, but they do not have the facility to accommodate these tournaments locally. A two-sheet facility is necessary for running tournaments and ice events. LIHA is in full support of the JPA approving the \$2 million commitment to help fund this project. He had a very positive meeting with Stan Campbell, Director of the City Recreation at UNL, yesterday. If or when this facility is built, it is understood that UNL Recreation will operate the facility. He is excited to see how committed Mr. Campbell is to working with himself and the organization to make this a win-win for the City, UNL, all the ice sports associations, as well as rallying for a two-sheet facility. He is asking each of the Board members to do what they can to move this project forward to maximize the potential of this wonderful gift for the benefit of youth and economic development to the City of Lincoln. Take what was only a dream to many of the kids seven years ago and make it a reality.

Emery asked how many sheets were available in Fremont and Omaha and if either is hosting tournaments. Schmal replied that there is only one sheet in Fremont and two at Tranquility with up to five or six sheets overall in Omaha. Omaha is holding tournaments, actually hosting High School Nationals this year. Also, although Lincoln is hosting the Cornhusker Games, many of the ice events will be in Omaha. Emery wants to be sure we are not “robbing Peter to save Paul.” He is also concerned that he has not seen a final plan for the sheets of ice, but they are considering contributing to the finances of that plan. He does not want to delay this project, but does want to make sure it is done right since there is only once chance to do it. Is there a plan that says if there are two sheets we will get more tournaments and what is the University’s guarantee that that will happen? Schmal has not seen the business plan, but he understands that the business plan shows a 50/50 share between University use and public use. The need is certainly there for the hours of ice. He has no plans to leave the Ice Box, but needs additional ice time.

Clare inquired as to how much LIHA usage there is currently and, with more ice, would that expand to more of a year round usage. Schmal responded that they use the ice about 100 per

month – 600 hours over six months. That would expand as they send kids outside of Lincoln for practice and camps throughout the summer. Those camps could be held in town. Also, they may have 60 kids on the ice and there should only be 30 so the need is there. The demand for ice hours could immediately double if ice was available.

Bruce Hiller, Vice President and Coaching Director for LIHA, provided the handout attached hereto. It provides information on the financial impact to Lincoln if there were two sheets of ice to allow tournaments to be held locally. The handout covers multiple scenarios and identifies the conservative estimates of revenues generated by a LIHA tournament. These revenues are going out of town approximately three out of four weeks each month. An eight-team tournament would bring in roughly \$56,000 to \$60,000. He did not include the monies paid to be in the tournament, as often those funds go towards trophies or overhead costs to hold the tournament. For the last four seasons, Omaha has had a large Joust Tournament and this year there are 52 teams signed up to attend with another possible four coming. The revenues are shown at the bottom of the first page as an example of the financial impact of such a tournament.

Beutler asked if all the tournaments require two sheets of ice to make such draws and associated revenue, and if it would be practical to hold a tournament using two sheets at two different locations. Hiller responded that there is a minimum of ice time needed, such as 20 hours showing for the eight-team tournament. Normally they run all day on a Saturday and half the day on Sunday to allow families to get home safely. Sometimes they may have a Friday night game, but two sheets are usually booked all the way through Sunday's end to meet the needs. He would estimate that you might be able to hold a six-team tournament with one sheet of ice. Hiller thought you might be able to hold a tournament at two separate locations to get the two sheets, although that would be somewhat difficult for the families. One drawback to the Ice Box being the second sheet is parking. They have to compete with football games and other events. Families may have to show up at several different times to play games and paying \$10 parking each time is a burden. Hiller went on to explain that the second sheet of his handout identifies the different teams they have and their travel out of town this season.

Jeff Maul, Executive Director of the Lincoln Conventions and Visitors Bureau, was present to represent both the Visitors Bureau and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. They have long been major supporters and players in the support of the West Haymarket and Pinnacle Bank Arena, as well as other sports venues. As an organization tasked with recruiting events to Lincoln, they view youth sports as Lincoln's market with a large potential for growth based on interest nationwide and in our community. Last year alone 83% of our hotel room night bookings for future events came in the sports market, with the majority from youth sports. It is a major player for Lincoln, and we need more facilities to compete for more youth sports tournaments. A new ice facility would allow them to do that. A new ice facility with related baseball field development in the West Haymarket vicinity would complete the sports triangle vision that was laid out from the beginning by the 2015 Vision Committee. There is not enough facility space for those interested today, so there is no way Lincoln could host a regional tournament, USA broomball event, or USA speed or figure skating event. Many of these have a sheet size requirement, seating requirement, as well as a requirement for more than one sheet of ice. If we could host the tournaments that families are traveling out of state to currently, we could enjoy the daily overall economic impact of national and regional travel at \$375 per night per booked room for national and regional events, plus an increase in statewide tournaments at \$350 per night per booked room. Those numbers are from a study that is about two and one half years old.

Assuming two sheets were available, Clare asked what type of tournaments would open for us in terms of size, what the frequency would be, and an estimate of associated revenues. Maul responded that the previous testimonies revealed what the possibilities were for bringing in tournaments and number of teams. They spend a great deal of time at trade shows nationwide and many people are talking about Lincoln, Nebraska. Our success with Special Olympics in 2010 and the anticipated success of the 2015 State Games of America (the National version of the Cornhusker State Games) are going to allow us to do more of these events. They have spent a lot of time with the USOC in Colorado Springs. He already mentioned USA broomball and USA speed and figure skating, and that is just the tip of the iceberg for what they want to do in Lincoln. They have all said that we need multiple sheets of ice, and the answer is not in multiple venues. It is within one campus. It is easier to park your car and stay and play. Jumping across the City interrupts the flow of the tournament. Broomball is an Olympic sport and everyone can play. Clare added that it is one of the fastest growing sports at UNL. Maul summarized that, although they support two sheets of ice, they would take whatever they can get to get us on the map for ice sports.

Lola Reid, a seven-year old hockey player, asked the Board to support building the new ice rink. Her team has to practice in the hallway and would like to practice on the ice. Right now people can only free skate or play hockey as there is not enough ice time. They have to travel to play their tournaments.

Cole Bockman spoke representing his Lincoln Southwest teammates some of whom were with him. They were asking for the Board's help in funding the Breslow Ice Center. Many of them have been skating since they were five years old and would like to see high school hockey grow in Lincoln. They generally have two high school teams that play against teams from Omaha, Kearney, and Fremont. If they had more ice time they could build the program and one day have an ice hockey team at every high school in Lincoln. This year they had only one hour of ice practice time per week and traveled out of town to play games. They have no ice after April, and Omaha or Fremont is the closest locations to practice off-season. This gives the competition a great advantage over them. They are asking for assistance for all youth hockey. LIHA is a great organization. Without the people involved in that organization they would not have made it to this level. Anything the Board can do to help to build another rink would be greatly appreciated. Clare asked if other high schools have a hockey team in Lincoln. The response was that kids from LPS schools came together to form one team.

Elijah Schmal, a 13-year old hockey player and seventh grader at Lux Middle School, started playing hockey when he was five years old. He plays for a travel team. He was excited that there would be a new rink when Breslow donated money six years ago. In the eight years he has played hockey there has never been a tournament in Lincoln. He would like to have a home tournament so his friends and grandparents could watch him play. They currently drive one to ten hours to play tournaments and have to stay in hotels. If they had another rink, he could practice more and maybe have his dream come true to play at Notre Dame. He does not have that many more years to play until he goes to college so he would like everyone to come to some sort of agreement so it could be built by next year. He is in favor of the \$2 million contribution if that helps build the rink of his dreams.

Nancy Harris, representing the Star City Figure Skating Club of Lincoln, supports the \$2 million contribution to support the Breslow Ice Center. They also agree with everything said by LIHA and others regarding the two sheets of ice needed. They want to thank the UNL Campus

Recreation leadership for having a good meeting yesterday with LIHA and figure skaters. She believes they would tell you there are several versions of the business plan – including one sheet, two sheets, one sheet used year round and a second one used seasonally. There are several ways they are projecting the cash flow and feasibility of the rink. Since opening, the Railyard rink has had over 12,000 skaters. That tells you the need and interest is here in Lincoln. They feel it is important to move forward with two sheets of ice to bid on regional and national events. Clare asked what sort of hours figure skating would bring to the ice. Harris responded that they are currently buying five and one half hours of ice per week from the Stars organization because that is all they can get. She thinks there would be benefit in offering group skating lessons at a time other than Saturday at 9 a.m. They would buy more ice time, but she could not project how much. They would love to have 10 hours a week year round. The question is whether they can afford the cost.

Chris Bockman, President of Bockman Inc. a local environmental construction company, serves on LIHA Board of Directors and director of high school ice hockey teams. She is a proud hockey mom as well. She explained that they generally have two high school teams. With the growth they are seeing in youth hockey, they are anticipating there will be several more teams at the high school level in the future. They currently only get one hour of ice per week which is not sufficient for what they need at their level. Today's testimony is overwhelming in favor of the JPA funding \$2 million for the Breslow Ice Arena. She is asking that Board members do more than that by each of them being their advocates. Most people in the room do not understand everything that goes into getting a facility like this built, and they are leaving that up to the Board as their elected officials. For some of these kids their home life is less than desirable, but they obtain some very real positive moments in hockey. At the end of the day, everyone there is striving to improve the result of youth to adult to community members with the values, traditions and morals desired. As a businessperson in this community she has faith that the Board will make prudent, fiscal decisions to keep this ship sailing for them. LIHA is a sound organization and she asks that the Board please ask them for any help they may need. Ice hockey has been an enjoyable part of their life and she is glad her son gets to participate. She hopes many other families will have the same opportunity. She looks forward to the Board's guidance and for the Breslow Ice Rink to become an icon in the City of Lincoln.

Jane Kinsey, Watchdogs of Lincoln Government, began by clearing up that they are not against an ice rink or children's fun or adults' recreation. What they are concerned about is financing. Originally when Mr. Breslow pledged \$7 million to the City, the City gave land, Campus Recreation was supposed to raise \$1 million, and the UNL Foundation was to raise the rest. Where has that plan gone? UNL Foundation said they could not be involved in any more fund raising when they have over a billion dollars in money. They apparently backed out. The 2015 Vision group took away \$2 million a few months ago that was to go to the JPA, and the JPA was not happy. That means the push is for the JPA to pick up the bill. The original vote stated that this money was to be used for the Haymarket arena and that you would support the Breslow Ice Center in the way as she stated previously. In addition, the arena profits were to pay for this development, but no one seems to know what those profits are at this time. She has asked Tom Lorenz and Steve Hubka and has yet to get an answer. In 2020 the principle starts coming due and she wants to know the plan to pay the principle on what is already constructed. Sales tax is down so apparently people are not coming and spending as much as thought. Mr. Emery said earlier that you did not want to rob Peter to pay Paul, but you may be doing that at this time. Although she was called out for talking about extraneous information at one time, the Board allowed people to talk about two versus one sheet and other information. She does not believe it

is up to the Board to decide. The resolution before the Board today is to give \$2 million to UNL for the Breslow Ice Center so that is the issue being dealt with today. She would also like to remind the public that if the JPA cannot make its bills in the future, that the taxpayers will pay. No one knows what the future will bring. There are projections that may or may not come true. She does not want to be negative, but wants people to think about all the aspects because when the bills come due it may be the taxpayer that has to pick them up. She wondered if there was information that can be provided to her to show what will happen if \$2 million is given to this effort. She wanted to know where the rest of the money for the Breslow Ice Center will come from and where the replacement, if needed, will come from. Beutler invited Kinsey to see one of them afterwards if she would like them to go over the information that has been public for quite some time with regard to these matters. Emery responded that the funds right now would come out of contingency money. This money was intended to go back and pay down the debt and still will. The amount just may vary. Kinsey stated it did not seem like there was a plan to replace the \$2 million, but she would be interested if there is one. People are paying occupation tax and parking. Even if the Board gives \$2 million today, it is not a done deal and there is more money to be raised. Beutler stated this is a University of Nebraska operation. The money was given to them -- not to the City and not to the JPA. They have been running a fund raising campaign. It is his understanding that they have the \$7 million from Breslow, a couple of million from other donors, \$1 million from the City, and at one point had a million from the University itself. They are the main actor and we would just be helping with these funds. Referring to the LIHA handout, Emery offered to give Kinsey a copy showing the revenues that could be generated and that would contribute to the ability to be able to make that first balloon payment when it is due in 2022. Whether the numbers are exact or not, we know any person coming into Lincoln who eats in a restaurant, rents a car, or spends a night in a hotel are helping to pay off the bonds. So the more people you can bring in town and using the facilities, the more money that can be generated. Kinsey again stated that the future is uncertain and she will email the Mayor asking the questions that the Watchdogs has. Beutler relayed that the Finance Officer will be back in town next week and, if she is asking financial questions that would be the best place to get answers.

Joe Horacek is a Lincoln resident who has played ice hockey since five years old. He has traveled all over the country playing high school and double A. He still plays and believes, "If you build it, they will come." He has seen it happen. This would be huge for Lincoln, and not just for hockey. He runs a small print show called "Little Mountain Print Shop" which would love to be printing jerseys or t-shirts, especially for the little guys. This will bring in visitors from outside the community and Lincoln needs it.

Jake Candler, a hockey player with the adult league and a parent of a child who plays, is also a business owner opening a hockey shop here in town. The new ice rink brings many new opportunities to Lincoln. He wanted to address the concern about spending the money. Right now the families are taking money out of the community by having to travel elsewhere every weekend. Looking at Husker Saturdays tells you people like to come here to visit. He would like to see this approved and keep those dollars in Lincoln for our community's benefit and prepare for the balloon payment.

Nick Dahlberg is a hockey player and father of four boys with two currently playing hockey and another wanting to play. In Des Moines, after two sheets of ice were placed, the adult league alone went from 70 participants to over 400 over ten years. Clare asked what the translated to in terms of ice time. Dahlberg responded that you increased the number of players and teams and

games/tournaments so you have to book more hours. Fifteen on a team and, if you play once a week, that equals 20 hours. Dahlberg explained they were leaving tomorrow for a four-day tournament in Colorado, along with several other families. They have had compliments on Lincoln and it would be nice to keep the families and the revenue here in town.

JoAnn Leibus, a hockey aunt, is here today to show support and represent the fans of hockey. It is a great atmosphere and she loves hockey and watching the talent of these players. She agrees, "If you build it, they will come." They will come as far away as Oslo, Norway to play for the Stars. She hopes you will vote in favor for funding.

Additional correspondence received by the Board is attached hereto.

Emery moved approval of the resolution. Clare seconded the motion.

Clare apologized to the hockey and all ice folks, as well as John Breslow, for the time that has passed on the project. Mr. Breslow made a generous gift to the UNL Foundation with the goal of affording young people, adults, and others to use the ice. He is the parent of five who did not play hockey, but were involved in extracurricular activities and youth sports. He believes sports play an extremely important role for young people in particular, as well as adults. It teaches teamwork and teaches work ethic and teaches playing by the rules. It is problematic when there is no place to play, when children are turned away from something they may enjoy and/or excel at, and when families have to drive every weekend to play. As a regent for the University, he has also heard about 2,700 students that have to travel to Fremont and LaVista on a regular basis. There are financial and safety issues with the traveling, as well as taking away from other things such as study time. He believes that a growing community like Lincoln with a robust university like UNL should make efforts to provide space for people to participate. From that standpoint he is very, very positive about the Breslow Ice Center and moving forward with it. He also has to look at the other side of the coin. They were put in this position to govern the West Haymarket JPA. They were afforded the responsibility to watch the projects, to build and complete those to the best of our ability from a governance standpoint. They have a fiduciary duty to watch over the funds and make sure they are spent appropriately. They are to manage or oversee the management of these funds as a prudent person would. They need to consider how a prudent person would look at the money spent in terms of both construction and operation. Regarding construction, they have been talking about facilities and seen articles written that are not comparing apples to apples. It is important to get a good grasp of what is needed and the costs. He has personally met with Mr. Bodami and has called with questions of the architects. They are getting close, but they are not there yet. Regarding operations, they have seen the figures from LIHA, talked about usage, and heard testimony today that there is 600 hours that could triple in usage. Figure skating said they could use up to ten hours per week. The adult leagues talked about 20 hours per week. They heard about curling and about the 2,700 UNL students participating in some sort of ice sport. However, they have not seen fine tuned data on the revenues from UNL and only hearing some of these figures for the first time today. They have seen numbers on expenses, which raise some questions for him as to operational expenses as well. While this tugs at the heartstrings of everyone, people have to realize the money is coming from Mr. Breslow, from 2015, from the City, from the University, and money from the JPA. So all of those people/entities are contributing money, and they have a fiduciary duty to make sure it is spent to the best use. He is not challenging or questioning the validity of any of today's testimony, but they have a responsibility within which they must operate. Therefore, the question of contributing \$2 million without the answers in place makes it difficult. They need

good solid numbers to be able to determine whether it is a good move forward on behalf of all the taxpayers and determine if it is the best use of the monies. While he believes in the project and wants to make it go, he realizes that he has to evaluate the monies prudently. He wants to amend the motion to table it until they have more information that shows whether this will make it from a financial standpoint.

Emery understands what Clare is asking for is going to receive groans from today's room. They get it and the message is clear. He feels like we are close enough that we need to stop and be sure that it is done right. They only have one shot to get it right so they need to take the time to do that. One of the best things they hear about the arena is that it was done right. He has spent most of his lifetime dealing with amateur boxing and he understands. He understands what it does to take kids off the street and how important it is. Nevertheless, they are asking that you let them do it right.

Beutler stated that in some sense he is the same as his colleagues, but in another sense he is simply in a different place. In terms of his experience, he was once involved in fund raising for the Parks Department. He was involved in a couple of studies regarding ice. People involved are long suffering people. They have been wanting more ice for a long, long time. He had the advantage of hearing about ice, examining how rinks were run, and the results. Therefore, he is more comfortable with aspirations. He hears the message loud and clear and believes in what this group is doing. He believes advancing here is the reasonable thing to do. As this is a project mainly over on the University side, lots of information related to this matter has not been put before this Board as it was handled very privately. He does understand why his colleagues would like to take a little more time. It is important politically that they are all on the same page and have a common understanding and unified front moving forward. It is much more than this Board that must move forward. It is more important what the UNL Board of Regents decide and Regent Clare is their best connection to that Board. It is important that he be able to be persuasive with his colleagues and that he has taken the time to gather all the information possible as he enters that other arena. He will vote for the motion to delay it for one month, which will be before the Board of Regents next meeting. So, in fact, we will not be cascading delay. We are simply pausing to gather strength. The same enthusiasm and passion shown here today in explaining the needs, he hopes people will take to the Board of Regents.

Clare moved to table the resolution until the March JPA Board Meeting. Emery seconded the motion. Motion to table the resolution carried 3-0.

Item 12 -- Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the County-City Building Room 303.

Item 13 -- Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Pam Gadeken, Public Works & Utilities

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
February 11, 2014

Statement to the JPA Regarding the Breslow Ice Center

This is a unique opportunity for the University of Nebraska and the City of Lincoln to partner in support of a program that will provide much-needed recreational facilities for UNL students, Lincoln youth and the wider community. UNL is reinforcing its confidence in the project by contributing \$1 million. The university appreciates the proposed financial support from the JPA, which would exhibit strong community backing for a facility that will prove to be wonderful addition to the West Haymarket."



8 team Tournament 1 Home team and 7 Inbound teams

Hotel Revenue	16 Families @ \$100 each night	\$ 22,400.00
Ice Revenue	20 Hours @ \$265	\$ 5,300.00
Restaurant Revenue	112 Families @ \$50 for 4 meals	\$ 22,400.00
Gas Revenue	100 Families @ \$60	\$ 6,000.00
Total Revenue		\$ 56,100.00

13 team Tournament 1 Home team and 12 Inbound teams

Hotel Revenue	16 Families @ \$100 each night	\$ 41,600.00
Ice Revenue	29 Hours @ \$265	\$ 7,560.00
Restaurant Revenue	192 Families @ \$50 for 4 meals	\$ 38,400.00
Gas Revenue	170 Families @ \$60	\$ 10,200.00
Total Revenue		\$ 97,760.00

16 team Tournament 1 Home team and 15 Inbound teams

(Midwest League Tournament 3 select and 3 Travel opportunities)

Hotel Revenue	16 Families @ \$100 for each night	\$ 48,000.00
Ice Revenue	32 Hours @ \$265	\$ 8,480.00
Restaurant Revenue	240 Families @ \$50 for 4 meals	\$ 48,000.00
Gas Revenue	220 Families @ \$60	\$ 13,200.00
Total Revenue		\$ 117,680.00

Omaha annual Joust Tournament Revenue

52 team Tournament 16 Home teams and 36 Inbound teams

Hotel Revenue	224 Families @ \$100 each night	\$ 44,800.00
Ice Revenue	104 Hours @ \$265	\$ 27,560.00
Restaurant Revenue	504 Families @ \$50 each @ 4 meals	\$ 100,800.00
Restaurant Revenue	224 Families @ \$50 each @ 2 meals	\$ 22,400.00
Gas Revenue	504 Families @ \$60	\$ 30,240.00
Total Revenue		\$ 225,800.00

For this tournament:

Many of these teams are local (16) - no overnight stay and only one local meal for each family

4 game guarantee, 6 teams will get a fifth game

Local teams that work the tournament get reduced or complimentary entry fees

Teams will be smaller than the usual 16 skaters, I used 14 skaters

This tournament is a fund raiser for the local hockey club (generally raises \$10,000 - \$12,000)



Listed are some dates this season that our teams were playing out of town at tournaments. Most of these required two overnight stays at hotels, some in Fremont and Omaha were either one overnight stays or driving to and from each day.

Select "C" teams

Lincoln teams this past weekend were in these locations for their finals weekend:

They also had two seeding weekends prior to this.

Squirts (Ages 9/10) in Omaha with 12 teams

Peewees (Ages 11/12) are in Fremont with 10 teams

Bantams (Ages 13/14) are in Kansas City with 8 teams

Travel "A" teams participated in the Midwest Travel tournaments

These were scheduled during the January 18th weekend at these locations:

Squirts (Ages 9/10) were in Kansas City with 11 teams

Peewees (Ages 11/12) were in Fremont and Omaha with 13 teams

Bantams (Ages 13/14) were in Des Moines with 13 teams

Quantity of times these teams were out of town this season at tournaments:

Squirts teams will be out of town 11 times this season

Peewee teams will be out of town 10 times this season

Bantam teams will be out of town 10 times this season

Three teams traveling to nine tournaments would amount to a figure of \$260,000 spent at other facilities and towns.

The younger teams (under 8 years old) will travel to some one day jamborees and will stay overnight for some of them during the season.

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Dear Mr Chris Beutler, Tim Clare, + Doug Emery,

I am unable to attend the Feb 11th meeting due to work. My husband will be there. I just wanted to make sure my opinions were heard.

Lincoln needs more ice period. We do not need fancy aesthetics, just a nice building made for hockey & plenty of locker rooms and preferably two sheets of ice! Ice time is very hard to come by in Lincoln. Lincoln has hosted several jumborees or tournaments in the past each season. This year it was difficult to find ice time for the one we are hosting in March. Each time we host events like this it brings revenue to the city through hotels, restaurants, gas, etc. Why let this opportunity go to other cities? My family spends at least two weekends per month @ skating rinks in Fremont or Omaha for games. My daughter is part of an all girls team that only gets one 1/2 sheet practice per week. This means that these 4-9 yr girls are sharing the ice with high schoolers → not ideal. Their other practice per week is dryland, meaning no ice time.

My son (6 yrs) has been playing hockey since he was three years old. He loves it! His group of boys excell et would love to put together a "select" team next year, but ice time is limited or not available. His team spent every other weekend in Omaha last summer to be able to keep playing,

As Lincoln has No ice in the summer. This same group will likely do the same this summer to be able to keep playing the sport they love year round.

Fremont's ice rink is linked to the YMCA. Omaha has a rink controlled by City Parks and rec. They offer summer day camps for kids (more revenue) through city parks + rec.

I worry that if UNL has too much control of the rink, youth hockey will not benefit as much as I believe it was originally intended to. These kids don't need fancy. They just need a place to skate year round!!

Sincerely,
Shanon Roblyer

Shanon Roblyer
5930 S. 53rd St.
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Jamie Phillips

From: Trish A. Owen
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 11:22 AM
To: Jamie Phillips; 'Timothy F. Clare'; Doug Emery
Subject: FW: Invest in the Breslow Ice Arena

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From: Lin Quenzer
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 11:13 AM
To: Trish A. Owen
Subject: FW: Invest in the Breslow Ice Arena

From: Dan Sedor [<mailto:Dan.Sedor@lrsuccess.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 9:49 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: Invest in the Breslow Ice Arena

Mayor,
We are building something special in Lincoln beyond the Pinnacle Bank Arena. A hockey rink among the Haymarket Park, Pinnacle Bank Arena, and the eventual sports complex to the west of these facilities will continue to make Lincoln a destination for tourneys of all sorts ... year-round.

You have my support for the Breslow Arena. Do the citizens of Lincoln have yours?

Dan Sedor

Jamie Phillips

From: Trish A. Owen
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 11:41 AM
To: Jamie Phillips
Subject: FW: Build Breslow

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From: Lin Quenzer
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 4:30 PM
To: Trish A. Owen
Subject: FW: Build Breslow

From: Joe Horacek [<mailto:joe@littlemountainprint.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:41 PM
To: Mayor; tclare@nebraska.edu; Doug Emery
Subject: Build Breslow

What's up fellas,

My name is Joe Horacek. Born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. I've been playing hockey since the Ice Box opened in 1996. Hockey is a great sport and has made me who I am. Having a new rink here in Lincoln would mean the world to me and many others.

I run and operate a small design and screen printing shop here in town and would LOVE to have the ability to print jerseys for the little guys and clubs teams.

Thanks and I hope this becomes reality.

Sincerely,
Joe

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Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 4:22 PM
To: Mayor; tclare@nebraska.edu; Doug Emery
Subject: Breslow Ice Center

Mayor Beutler, Mr. Clare, and Mr. Emery,

I am writing to you today to ask that you invest in the Breslow Ice Center. There is a huge demand for ice time in Lincoln and this would be a great opportunity to keep more revenues in our town while creating more jobs.

This is the 2nd year that our 5 year-old son Mason has played hockey for the Junior Stars. Until last year, I had no idea that there was such a demand for ice time. The Ice Box is always booked, even as expensive and in as bad of shape as it is. The Lincoln Ice Hockey Association has had to turn away too many kids because we don't have the ice time for them to skate. There are kids practicing late into the evening and others not getting ice time until 11:00 PM, and often running until 3:00 AM. The UNL club hockey team travels to Fremont and so many other families go to Fremont or Omaha to find ice time. We, along with 15 other sets of parents, drove our children to Omaha over the summer to play ice hockey. That was just in our division of LIHA, the other divisions were doing the same thing. We are losing out on revenues.

There is a huge hockey following in this town. My husband and I are Stars season ticket holders, there's the Junior Stars with several age divisions, a high school team, and Men's and Women's UNL club hockey. We also have figure skating and broom ball groups fighting for ice time. Lincoln needs more than one sheet of ice.

Last year ice hockey was brought back to be a part of the Cornhusker State Games. All events were held in Lincoln, except ice hockey. Let's bring those revenues back to our town. Mr. Emery, think of the possibilities for other events in the Cornhusker State Games if we had multiple ice rinks in Lincoln year round! As I'm sure you're aware, the 2015 Games will be the State Games of America. What a wonderful revenue opportunity for the city to have a facility for the ice sports instead of sending them to Omaha.

I have heard from several people that open skating at the Ice Box is always busy and they wish they had more opportunities to skate than 2 days a week for a short amount of time. With another sheet of ice, we can allow more kids ice time. We could have more public staking and more kids could have the opportunity to play hockey or try figure skating

or other ice sports. Plus we could keep our UNL students in the town they came to for school.

Mr. Clare, you've said you want to strengthen the university and keep graduates in this state, A nice facility with 2 sheets of ice would allow UNL the opportunity to play more ice sports and draw more students to Lincoln, whether it's club sports or adding university level teams. As of now, there are over 2,700 UNL students involved in ice sports. With just under 25,000 registered students, that's over 10% which is not a small following.

As JPA members, the three of you were able to save money on the bonds for the Pinnacle Bank Arena to keep costs down. I fully trust that you will be able to do so with the Breslow Ice Center. And with 2 sheets of ice under one roof we can save more money on building costs, ice equipment, staffing, land, etc. than it would cost to keep multiple rinks running.

Mr. Breslow is giving us a wonderful opportunity to bring more money to Lincoln. And thanks to his generous donation, it will come with a relatively low price tag. He's donating this money because this is something he feels very strongly about and wants to see happen. As the owner of an NHL team, I think Mr. Breslow would be disappointed to see Lincoln lose their hockey team because we don't have a facility where they can play. The kids that play in the USHL are excited when they get to come to Lincoln to play. They know Lincoln has the best attendance in the league. Please don't allow Lincoln to lose it's hockey.

Mayor Beutler, let's keep Lincoln growing. Let's create more jobs and revenues for our town!

It's time we stop dragging our feet on this and make it happen!

Thank you,

Tracy Straatmeyer
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Jamie Phillips

From: Trish A. Owen
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 3:26 PM
To: 'Timothy F. Clare'; Doug Emery; Jamie Phillips
Subject: FW: Breslow ice project

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From: Lin Quenzer
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 3:01 PM
To: Trish A. Owen
Subject: FW: Breslow ice project

From: Joseph Hornung-Scherr [<mailto:joseph.hornung-scherr@nsdtitans.org>]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 1:33 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Breslow ice project

Mayor Beutler:

I wrote the following response to Nancy Hicks this morning after reading her article about the Breslow ice project in this morning's LJS. She suggested that I forward it to you. I hope to attend the meeting tomorrow, but haven't found a substitute to cover my last class at Norris tomorrow. Thanks for considering to forward the JPA money to the Breslow project. It's the perfect time to do this project in Lincoln.

Joe Hornung-Scherr

Ms. Hicks,

Thanks for a level-headed and reality-based view of youth hockey in Lincoln. My family is at the Ice Box or an out-of-town rink nearly every day during hockey season, which runs early October to mid-March. I have two boys who play: Sawyer is 13 and plays on the bantam level travel team; Seneca is 12 and plays on the house and select teams. (I help coach Seneca's teams.)

Both boys' teams travel around the Midwest, so we have a chance to see lots of different rinks over the course of a season. There are a few that are terrific (Wichita), some that are pretty nice (Omaha, Shawnee Mission), and some that are pretty bad (Austin, MN). The Ice Box would be in the "pretty bad" category. After a recent game against an Omaha team, the coach said to me- instead of saying "good game"- "When are you going to tear this barn down?" I'm not sure what I said, but I understand his frustration about playing in the Ice Box. It's not a pleasant place to play. It's cold, disgustingly dirty, and has cramped locker rooms. But it's all we have.

The biggest difference maker in the Breslow project, in my perspective, will be having two sheets of ice. It's very difficult to have a decent-sized tournament with one sheet. Also, the local program would be able to be able to grow in a way that's just not logistically possible now.

Having been around hockey (and LIHA) now for four years, I have a great deal of respect for Frank Schmal and Bruce Hiller. They and the rest of the LIHA board lead LIHA admirably with limited resources.

I realize that a project of this nature is cost-intensive, but if it's ever going to get done, now is the time since there is \$7 million dollars of free money on the table.

Thanks again, and have a great day,

Joe Hornung-Scherr
Norris High School English Department

Jamie Phillips

From: Les Franklin <lfranklin@kaplan.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 1:14 PM
To: Mayor; Doug Emery; tclare@nebraska.edu
Subject: Breslow Ice Arena

Gentlemen,

I wanted to send an email out to each of you to show my support for the Breslow Ice Arena. While my daughter currently is very active with the Jr. Stars Mites team I have been afforded the pleasure to become a member of our local LIHA organization. Over the past two seasons I have witnessed the lack of ice time afforded to our youth who currently skate. I think it is only sensible to make people aware that this sport is growing tremendously for both boys and girls right here in Lincoln and the need for the new arena is very obvious.

Thank you for your time and support of this project !!

Sincerely Les Franklin II

Jamie Phillips

From: Candice Maruska <cmaruska0804@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 1:09 PM
To: Mayor; tclare@nebraska.edu; deery@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: Is Breslow Worth It?

I wanted to take a moment to share a story with the three of you over my lunch hour. This weekend my 9 year old son played in his first Midwest Select Squirt Finals weekend tournament in Omaha. I have watched that little boy go from holding on to a folding chair to keep his balance on the ice and learn how to skate, to a very hard working and passionate hockey player. I always knew that he loved hockey as he would ask me to go to the nearby frozen pond whenever possible to play, or to come out onto the driveway with him to hit a puck around, but this weekend I saw so much more than that. I watched the entire team of boys play their hearts out this weekend.

I watched the first nerve racking game as the boys worked through their own nerves and make mistakes on the ice against Sioux City. The second game was a whole new level of nerves to this hockey mom. After 36 minutes of regulation, these boys were tied with Des Moines, a team that saw them as no challenge in a seeding weekend game earlier in the season in Wichita, KS and our boys tied them then. Today was very different, the team pushed through weary eyes as it was a 6:45am game that they were up at 5:00am to play and held it tied after 5 minutes of overtime too. Next came the shootout. Parents, players, and coaches watched one skater vs. goalie match up after the next, and finally after nine intense rounds, our very own Lincoln Jr. Stars Squirt Select team won that game!! You would of thought it was Christmas and those boys got every last thing they asked for. They piled on top of each other on the ice jumping around and celebrating and the parents complained of chest pains in the stands.

Finally, came the finals. The boys were matched up against a KC team that not only had they never played before, but also one that had not played yet that day leave it alone at 6:45 in the morning. The game went through what seemed to be the longest 36 minutes anyone could endure and it was tied. A 5 minute overtime ensued and long behold KC got the game winning goal about halfway into overtime. I felt horrible for our team, but I had no clue how bad they felt until I went down on that ice to take pictures of them with their second place trophy and saw the biggest tears falling from some of their eyes. Those boys wanted to win that in the worse way.

I knew before this weekend that I was willing to put up a fight to be sure that Breslow was built for the sake of kids just like these all across Lincoln, and surrounding communities, but after this weekend it became a whole lot more to me. LIHA board members drove to Omaha to watch that championship game, other teammates and families that were not on the Select team drove to Omaha to watch the game, Fremont families stayed to watch the game, and being the parent to one of those players out there on that ice and turning around and seeing those stands filled with familiar and unfamiliar faces rooting for those boys made me proud. Proud not only of those boys, but of the type of hockey community we have and just how far it stretches.

I could get into the dollar figures of how much I've spent on hockey and how much money it could make and all of that, but it really is about a whole lot more than just that. This is just one story of many and probably more than a few that each one of you have heard, but this is a lifestyle for many of us in our community and one that we adore. Please give Breslow your commitment both as a voice and financially!! These boys could be a whole lot more with a little help from our community and people like each one of you.

Thank you so much for your time!!

Candice Maruska

Jamie Phillips

From: Trish A. Owen
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 3:27 PM
To: Doug Emery; Jamie Phillips
Subject: FW: Breslow Ice Center

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From: Lin Quenzer
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 3:19 PM
To: Trish A. Owen
Subject: FW: Breslow Ice Center

From: Tim Clare [<mailto:tclare@nebraska.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 9:22 PM
To: TStraatmeyer@ameritas.com
Cc: Mayor; Doug Emery
Subject: Re: Breslow Ice Center

Tracy: Thank you for your comments regarding the Breslow Ice Center. This is an important project for the University, the City of Lincoln, and Nebraska with lots of important issues to consider. So, again, thank you for your input and we will do our best to make the best decision for all involved. Thanks again! Tim

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On Feb 7, 2014, at 4:21 PM, "TStraatmeyer@ameritas.com" <TStraatmeyer@ameritas.com> wrote:

Mayor Beutler, Mr. Clare, and Mr. Emery,

I am writing to you today to ask that you invest in the Breslow Ice Center. There is a huge demand for ice time in Lincoln and this would be a great opportunity to keep more revenues in our town while creating more jobs.

This is the 2nd year that our 5 year-old son Mason has played hockey for the Junior Stars. Until last year, I had no idea that there was such a demand for ice time. The Ice Box is always booked, even as expensive and in as bad of shape as it is. The Lincoln Ice Hockey Association has had to turn away too many kids because we don't have the ice time for them to skate. There are kids practicing late into the evening and others not getting ice time until 11:00 PM, and often running until 3:00 AM. The UNL club hockey team travels to Fremont and so many other families go to Fremont or Omaha to find ice time. We, along with 15 other sets of parents, drove our children to Omaha over the summer to play ice hockey. That was just in our division of LIHA, the other divisions were doing the same thing. We are losing out on revenues.

There is a huge hockey following in this town. My husband and I are Stars season ticket holders, there's the Junior Stars with several age divisions, a high school team, and Men's and Women's UNL club hockey. We also have figure skating and broom ball groups fighting for ice time. Lincoln needs more than one sheet of ice.

Last year ice hockey was brought back to be a part of the Cornhusker State Games. All events were held in Lincoln, except ice hockey. Let's bring those revenues back to our town. Mr. Emery, think of the possibilities for other events in the Cornhusker State Games if we had multiple ice rinks in Lincoln year round! As I'm sure you're aware, the 2015 Games will be the State Games of America. What a wonderful revenue opportunity for the city to have a facility for the ice sports instead of sending them to Omaha.

I have heard from several people that open skating at the Ice Box is always busy and they wish they had more opportunities to skate than 2 days a week for a short amount of time. With another sheet of ice, we can allow more kids ice time. We could have more public staking and more kids could have the opportunity to play hockey or try figure skating or other ice sports. Plus we could keep our UNL students in the town they came to for school.

Mr. Clare, you've said you want to strengthen the university and keep graduates in this state, A nice facility with 2 sheets of ice would allow UNL the opportunity to play more ice sports and draw more students to Lincoln, whether it's club sports or adding university level teams. As of now, there are over 2,700 UNL students involved in ice sports. With just under 25,000 registered students, that's over 10% which is not a small following.

As JPA members, the three of you were able to save money on the bonds for the Pinnacle Bank Arena to keep costs down. I fully trust that you will be able to do so with the Breslow Ice Center. And with 2 sheets of ice under one roof we can save more money on building costs, ice equipment, staffing, land, etc. than it would cost to keep multiple rinks running.

Mr. Breslow is giving us a wonderful opportunity to bring more money to Lincoln. And thanks to his generous donation, it will come with a relatively low price tag. He's donating this money because this is something he feels very strongly about and wants to see happen. As the owner of an NHL team, I think Mr. Breslow would be disappointed to see Lincoln lose their hockey team because we don't have a facility where they can play. The kids that play in the USHL are excited when they get to come to Lincoln to play. They know Lincoln has the best attendance in the league. Please don't allow Lincoln to lose it's hockey.

Mayor Beutler, let's keep Lincoln growing. Let's create more jobs and revenues for our town!

It's time we stop dragging our feet on this and make it happen!

Thank you,

Tracy Straatmeyer
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Jamie Phillips

From: Trish A. Owen
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 5:51 PM
To: Timothy F. Clare; Jamie Phillips; Doug Emery
Subject: FW: Letter Posted on Facebook

Gentlemen: Below is a link to a Facebook open letter to the three of you. I know Mayor does not have a Facebook account so I have done a cut/paste of the letter as well. Thanks-Trish

Leslie Lorchick Lipert **Build Breslow**

2 hours ago near Lincoln, NE ·

- **Good afternoon Mr. Mayor, Tim Clare and Doug Emery,**
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I am a proud parent of a LIHA athlete & honor roll student, a business person and a registered voter. I would appreciate your open mindedness and support for the Breslow Ice Arena.

**Respectfully,
Leslie Lipert**

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- Tezra Schmidt-Greder, Audra Williams Schawang and Brian Reid like this.



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Leslie Lorchick Lipert Kate Ellingson can you please forward this to the appropriate person or persons at the Lincoln chamber of commerce? ☐

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From: rebeldad@gmail.com [rebeldad@gmail.com] on behalf of Brian Reid [breid@nasw.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 3:52 PM
To: Trish A. Owen
Subject: Letter Posted on Facebook

I'm hoping this is a cc: of something that was emailed to the JPA, but if you could pass it along anyway, that would be great:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=641881565849554&id=640606779310366

Jamie Phillips

From: Trish A. Owen
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 12:17 PM
To: 'Timothy F. Clare'; 'shanebug@aol.com'; Jamie Phillips
Subject: Breslow Ice Center Donation Support

The Chamber of Commerce have indicated they will be appearing and testifying in support of the donation from the JPA to the Breslow project.

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From: Lin Quenzer
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 5:52 PM
To: Trish A. Owen
Cc: Jamie Phillips
Subject: FW: Breslow Ice Arena + events= Tourism \$\$ and potential future UNL students

From: Leslie Lipert [<mailto:leslie@generalfiresafety.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 3:05 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Breslow Ice Arena + events= Tourism \$\$ and potential future UNL students

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Respectfully,
Leslie Lipert
Safety Consultant/Staff Nurse
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Jamie Phillips

From: Trish A. Owen
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 10:18 AM
To: Jamie Phillips
Subject: FW: Breslow Ice Center

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From: Lin Quenzer
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 10:15 AM
To: Trish A. Owen
Subject: FW: Breslow Ice Center

From: Dawn Nicoll [<mailto:krzyd76@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 9:58 AM
To: Mayor; tclare@nebraska.edu; Doug Emery
Subject: Breslow Ice Center

Mayor Beutler, Tim Clare & Doug Emery-

I am writing as a citizen of Lincoln and a parent of two boys that love to play hockey. It would be a great addition to our wonderful city to have a year round ice center available for all of our budding athletes. While the Ice Box is home to us we would love to see a center available that is as nice as some of the centers that are available in smaller towns in Nebraska. I definitely think a city of our size would embrace and support the addition of a new ice center. This would not only help our current skaters of all types but would most likely encourage new skaters of all abilities to try it out.

Our city has made great strides in the past few years and this would definitely be a step in the right direction. Not only would it help our local skaters, but it would also help our city by being able to bring events and tournaments to Lincoln that would bring visitors with them. Our city deserves to have this addition and I sincerely hope that this is taken into serious consideration and approved.

Respectfully,
Dawn Nicoll

Jamie Phillips

From: Trish A. Owen
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:28 PM
To: Jamie Phillips
Subject: FW: Breslow Ice Center

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From: Lin Quenzer
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:08 PM
To: Trish A. Owen
Subject: FW: Breslow Ice Center

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From: sherry simons [<mailto:sherryvarty@yahoo.ca>]
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:55 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Breslow Ice Center

Dearest Chris,

I am writing you to request that you seriously invest in the Breslow Ice Center. I think not only would it drastically add to the community but that it would be an investment for the city of Lincoln that would substantially draw more visitors now that the Pinaccl arena has made a similar impact on this city. Thank you for your time.

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Jamie Phillips

From: Jim and Susan Randall <jsrandall@windstream.net>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 2:20 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Breslow Ice Center

You will be discussing giving the Breslow Ice Center 2 million dollars for construction soon. I suggest that the JPA NOT the Arena's contingency funds for the Ice Center project.

Used the funds either to pay down the principal on the bond debt, or perhaps to leave the funds alone for a time when the Arena potentially has some financial problems.

The Ice Center should be non-tax supported and operate as any commercial entertainment business; pay its own way. It will compete with taxpaying businesses like roller rinks, miniature golf courses, movies theatres etc. Do not give the Ice the idea that the taxpayers are a safety net for this operation.

We all ready have the Ice Box and the Rail Yard and Pershing Auditorium has made ice in the past. Upgrade Pershing to be the new public ice center.

The University of Nebraska should not operate the facility. University will want tax dollars to operate and maintain the Ice Center if it cannot pay its way. Let the UNL hockey club use the Ice Box. Hockey is not a big fan based sport like Husker football.

Jim Randall
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