

## Other Questions & Answers

### Q&A REGARDING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### **Did the public opinion surveys indicate limited support for the projects that the Citizen Task Force recommended be removed from the proposal?**

There was low to moderate support for the projects that the Task Force recommended be removed from the proposal. Furthermore, the Task Force took into consideration the community's tax sensitivity. A super majority of the committee agreed that the proposal should be downsized from \$24 million to \$17 million by pursuing the renovated Ice Center option rather than a new Ice Center, removing the walk/jog track and children's adventure play from the Ice Center proposal, and eliminating the Sleepy Hollow Park improvements from the proposal.

### Q&A REGARDING PROPOSED FINANCING PLAN:

#### **When would the bonds be issued if the measure is approved? Could residents purchase the tax-exempt bonds?**

The bonds would likely be issued in December 2018. Residents would be able to purchase the bonds.

#### **Is the proposed bond measure a permanent tax?**

No. The bond issue would have a maximum final maturity of 20 years, meaning that the tax would go away within 20 years.

#### **Does the proposal include selling alternative revenue bonds?**

Yes, the proposal includes selling \$10 million of alternate revenue bonds. An existing revenue source would be used to pay the debt service (principal and interest) on this bond issue.

### Q&A REGARDING PROPOSED ICE CENTER PROJECT:

#### **Has the Glenview Stars organization pledged \$1 million in support of the Ice Center improvements?**

Yes, the Glenview Stars organization pledged to contribute \$1 million, payable over 10 years, in support of the Ice Center project. The Glenview Stars also committed to raising additional funds to pay for the purchase of an additional Zamboni during the 10-year period. This is all in addition to any funds the Glenview Stars would use to rent ice at the new facility.

#### **If a new Ice Center or renovated Ice Center is not pursued, will the Park District need to allocate existing funds toward repairing the 44-year-old facility and bringing it up to code?**

The problems at the existing Ice Center do not go away if the voter-approved bond is not pursued, or the measure is not approved by district voters. Monies from the Capital Development Fund would need to be used as well as the alternate revenue bond proceeds to repair the existing Ice Center to bring it up to code. The current estimate for fixing the Ice Center is \$11-\$15 million.

#### **What ADA issues would be addressed as part of the Ice Center project?**

Any new or substantially renovated public facility (including an Ice Center) is required to be in full compliance with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines

(ADAAG) and the Illinois Accessibility Code. Specific examples of components and areas that would comply with current accessibility codes and regulations, and best practices, include:

- A fully ADA-compliant elevator capable of housing a stretcher and emergency personnel
- Adequate number of accessible parking spaces
- Accessible curb ramps at pedestrian areas with detectable warning surfaces
- Automatic door operators at main entrance
- Service, rental and concessions counters at accessible height
- Fully-compliant restroom and changing room facilities
- Areas for wheelchair accessible seating in the ice rinks
- At new ice rink(s), the ability to move onto the ice without a change in level

**Would the renovated Ice Center allow for sled hockey?**

The renovated Ice Center would be completely ADA accessible and allow for sled hockey. The current facility has barriers that make it difficult for sled hockey and these barriers would be eliminated.

**Would an induction loop system be included as part of the Ice Center improvements?**

Yes, the plan calls for an induction loop system that allows hearing-impaired individuals to connect their cochlear implants or hearing aids to the sound system. This would allow users to enjoy the shows, games and much more.

**Would two-and-a-half sheets of ice allow the Park District to expand programming and host tournaments and competitions?**

Yes, by adding an additional sheet of ice the District would be able to address current prime-time ice capacity issues, expand programming as well as host tournaments and competitions throughout the ice sport season (September through May).

**Can existing prime time ice be sold at a premium?**

Existing prime time ice could be sold at a premium, however, the Park District seeks to provide affordable recreational opportunities for our residents. With two-and-a-half sheets of ice, rather than one-and-a-half sheets of ice, the District would be able to cover its general and administration costs as well as fund ongoing capital replacement. With the added sheet of ice, the Park District would be able to both charge a premium for certain prime time ice as well as provide affordable recreational opportunities for residents.

**Would prime-time ice be available for Park District programs as well as organizations seeking to rent the ice at the new or renovated Ice Center?**

Yes, about 68 hours of prime time ice per week would be allocated to District programs and 65 hours available for rental. An additional 10 hours would be allocated for ice maintenance.

**What is prime time ice?**

Prime time ice is Monday through Friday from approximately 5 pm to 10 pm as well as Saturday and Sunday from approximately 7 am to 9 pm.

**Is there currently additional prime time ice available at the Glenview Ice Center?**

No, the facility is at capacity in terms of prime time ice.

**Do the girls' teams have to go outside of Glenview to access ice time?**

Yes, there is currently not enough ice time to address the needs of the girls' team. With an additional sheet of ice, this problem would be addressed.

**What percentage of Ice Center users live within the Park District?**

Approximately 74% of the Ice Center's registrants are Park District residents.

**How many residents are involved in ice activities and/or martial arts at the Ice Center?**

More than 164,000 people walk through the doors of the 44-year-old Ice Center each year. It is the second most frequented facility in the District, second only to Park Center. The Ice Center hosts more than 51,000 hockey program visits, 23,400 figure skating visits and 10,400 public skating visits. Martial arts classes, broomball, birthday parties and other events also take place at the Ice Center. There are 5,109 unique registrations associated with the following programs, including Glenview Stars Boys, Glenview Junior Stars (formerly the Generals), Glenview Stars Girls, Public Skate, Youth Hockey Leagues, Rec Hockey Program and Rec Figure Skating.

**Is there a fee for public skate?**

There is a \$7 admission fee and a \$4 skate rental fee. On Friday nights and holidays, the admission fee is \$8. Season passes run from September 1 through August 31 each year. A family of four season pass is \$85 for residents and \$105 for non-residents.

**Would public skate hours be expanded with an additional sheet of ice?**

Yes.

**How many ice centers did the Park District evaluate in estimating demand for an improved and expanded Glenview Community Ice Center?**

Forty-one ice centers were used for a comparison of ice sheets and amenities. The analysis reviewed 15 ice centers within a 25-minute drive time from the center of Glenview and 26 other ice centers between a 26- and a 95-minute drive time from the center of Glenview.

**How much does the Park District spend annually on ice rental outside the Glenview Ice Center?**

The Park District spends about \$15,000 annually to rent ice time at other facilities for recreational programs due to a lack of prime time ice.

**How much does the Park District lose in annual revenues given the lack of available prime ice time for the Glenview Stars team and Glenbrook South Titan Club Hockey team?** The park district is not capturing about \$420,000 annually in potential revenues given the lack of ice time for these two teams.

**How does the current Ice Center proposals compare to what was considered in 2014?**

Unlike the current proposals being considered, the 2014 plan simply involved adding another full sheet of ice.

**According to the public opinion research that was conducted, were district residents supportive of the idea of purchasing an ice center in Mount Prospect?**

No, there is little support for the purchase of a private ice center in Mount Prospect.

**Has the Park District continued to maintain the Ice Center?**

The Park District has continued to maintain the Ice Center. However, in the past three fiscal years, major

capital replacements—which are common with a building this age—have been deferred as the future of the facility has been unclear. The District has attempted to be as fiscally responsible as possible during the decision-making process.

#### **ADDITIONAL Q&A REGARDING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GROVE:**

##### **Does the proposal include a second entrance at The Grove?**

No, the plan is to widen the current entrance to create safer ingress and egress for pedestrians and vehicles.

##### **Would the Interpretive Center at The Grove be renovated or replaced?**

The proposal calls for the renovation of the Interpretive Center.

##### **How many children visit The Grove each year?**

Approximately 28,813 children visited The Grove as part of school field trips and scout groups visits last year. Another 6,351 attended recreation programs for a total of 35,164. The District does not keep track of the number of children who are part of drop-in visits or events.

#### **ADDITIONAL Q&A REGARDING PROPOSED OPEN SPACE FUND:**

##### **What are examples of how open space could be used for recreation-related purposes?**

Open space purchases could be used for passive recreation such a walking trails, gardens or sitting areas. It could also be used for active recreation, sports activities or events.

##### **Are there policies that would guide GPD's purchase decisions when it comes to open space?**

The Park District has a policy that guides the Board of Commissioners on the purchase of open space/park purposes. A copy of the Acquisition, Development and Maintenance of Land policy is available at the Administration Building, 1930 Prairie Street.

##### **Has the Park District previously saved for and then purchased open space?**

Yes, the Park District has previously purchased open space with funds saved for this purpose. In fact, the District previously used matching grants and GHA loans to purchase open space properties.

#### **OTHER Q&A:**

**Who would be eligible to vote on the bond ballot measure?** All eligible, registered voters who live in the Glenview Park District have the opportunity to vote on the ballot measure.

##### **When is early voting for the March 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election?**

Traditional voting takes place March 5-19. Voters can cast a ballot at any of the Clerk's early voting sites. Voters who vote early must vote in person.

##### **When will mail ballot applications be available for the March 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election?**

Mail ballot applications for the March 20, 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election will be accepted starting December 20, 2017. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day (March 20, 2018) in order to be

counted.