

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Agenda Item #:** IX. A.

**From:** Debra Mangen  
City Clerk

**Date:** July 16, 2013

**Subject:** CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER PACKETS

**Action**   
**Discussion**   
**Information**

**Action Requested:**

Attached is correspondence received after the packets were delivered to you.

No action is necessary.

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:45 AM  
**Subject:** FW: 6609 Blackfoot Pass, Edina, MN 55439

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor, City Council and the Community Development Director.



**Emilie Kastner, Communications Assistant**

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**From:** Bert Ledder [<mailto:lsledder@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 9:07 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** 6609 Blackfoot Pass, Edina, MN 55439

Dear Mayor and Council members:

I am writing to you with my concern of the sale of a property a lot away from mine. The property of 6609 Blackfoot Pass, Edina, MN is for sale. It has had a for sale sign up for several months. It now has a "2 Lots Available" sign in addition to it's for sale sign. This is not acceptable.

First of all, it has not been subdivided. secondly the sight is not conducive to two buildings, thirdly it is not in keeping with the neighborhood. Lots are clearly 1 acre or more. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you personally.

Please respond that you have received this email as I know how difficulty it is to receive massive emails. If I do not receive a response I will try to navigate the now huge city bureaucracy. I would appreciate attention to this matter.

Bert Ledder  
6709 Cheyenne Trail  
Edina, MN 55439

952 941 9083

July 15, 2013

To: Hon. Mayor James Hovland and City Council members

From: Phil and Pam Broat, Bill and Donna Ramsay

Subject: Number 7. Nonconforming front yard setbacks in Zoning Ordinance Amendment Consideration

I want to commend you and the planning commission on trying to improve the look and feel of our fine city. On June 12, 2013 our neighbors Kevin and Patty Gilligan, and ourselves along with other neighbors appeared at the planning commission. We were concerned about number 7. Nonconforming front yard setbacks. In discussing our concerns with the planning commission at the public hearing it was agreed by the Planning Commission that number 7 should be changed. The planning commission made the changes to help make the neighborhoods more conforming and visually appealing. We are in favor of the new changes which restrict the new structure to not exceed more than 200 square ft. of the existing structure.



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July 15, 2013

Dear Members of the Edina City Council,

I serve as the President of U.S. Figure Skating, the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States. This letter is submitted in support of the interests of the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club ("Braemar FSC"), a 50+ year member club of U.S. Figure Skating.

As a life-long resident of the Twin Cities area, I am very familiar with the Braemar FSC's rich history and its high quality figure skating program in all figure skating disciplines at all levels based upon my years as a skater, coach, and U.S. Figure Skating official, and now in my capacity as U.S. Figure Skating President. The City of Edina and the Braemar Arena have much to be proud of as demonstrated by the Club's longevity at Braemar Arena, the Braemar FSC's high quality program at all levels of the sport, and the many achievements of the Club's skaters and Team Braemar, which is among the top synchronized skating teams in the world.

It is my understanding that a proposal has been presented to the Edina City Council for its consideration that would significantly reduce the number of ice hours available to the Braemar FSC at the Braemar Arena. If the City Council were to adopt this proposal and significantly reduce the number of ice hours available to the Club, it would have a detrimental impact on the Braemar FSC's existing skating program and the Club's continued viability.

It has been suggested that if the ice hours available to the Braemar FSC are reduced, the Club can simply put more skaters on the ice during its sessions to resolve the problem. This suggestion, however, would not be a viable option for the Club because U.S. Figure Skating has safety guidelines for its member clubs regarding the number of skaters on a session. Thus, the Club would be unable to address the problem by simply putting more skaters on its sessions. To do so would be a violation of U.S. Figure Skating Safety Guidelines.

It has also been suggested that the Braemar FSC can buy the additional ice it needs at another rink and hold club sessions. This also would not be an option for the Club. Under U.S. Figure Skating rules, a club cannot go and buy ice in another arena and operate as a club if that arena is already registered as the principal skating headquarters of another U.S. Figure Skating member club.



Member: International Skating Union



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Members of the Edina City Council

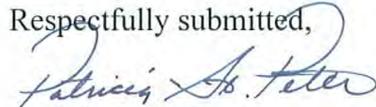
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In conclusion, the number of ice hours available to the Braemar FSC is critical to the Club's continued ability to sustain its figure skating program at the same quality level that has existed for more than 50 years. As the Edina City Council considers the ice usage proposal, please take into consideration the Club's 47-year history of having a quality program for all levels in all disciplines at the Braemar Arena and the detrimental impact that a significant reduction in the number of ice hours would have on the Club's current skating program and its ongoing viability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia St. Peter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia St. Peter

President, U.S. Figure Skating

Susan Howl

**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:08 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Give the kids equitable ice time

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor, City Council and the Parks & Recreation Director.



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**From:** Melissa Freeland [mailto:melissamfreeland@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:17 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Give the kids equitable ice time

Jim;

I'd like to share my support of providing EHA with priority for ice time and in proportion to the n  
Number of participants. Lets give the kids their due!!

Melissa Freeland  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Edina Hockey Association <no-reply@www.edinahockeyassociation.com>  
**Date:** July 16, 2013, 9:18:28 AM CDT  
**To:** [melissamfreeland@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamfreeland@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena  
**Reply-To:** [no-reply@www.edinahockeyassociation.com](mailto:no-reply@www.edinahockeyassociation.com)



Judy Goodman (Edina Hockey Association) sent you a message.

Message To all EHA Families Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

This evening the Edina City Council will be asked to act on a proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding ice allocation for Braemar Arena. After reviewing the policy and the facts, the EHA is unable to support the Department's recommendations as a long-term solution to ice allocation and we're providing you some background on the issue, the reasoning for our position and how you can help.

Braemar Arena is the only Edina facility utilized by youth athletic associations that operates without a user priority access agreement. The City Council directed the Parks and Recreation Department to recommend a Priority Use Policy. The recommendation designates User Priority #1 to all city-sponsored events/functions. Priority #2 to the

Edina High School Hockey Teams, Priority #3 to city-recognized Edina youth athletic associations (EHA), Priority #4 to organizations that have consecutively rented ice (Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club - BCLFSC), Priority #5 – all non-resident programs.

The Parks and Recreation Department's recommendations include allowing the BCLFSC to first fulfill its ice needs prior to the EHA being allowed to purchase any available ice. It also does not reflect a fair allocation of ice based on participants or Edina residency.

What are the facts? BCLFS has 128 members, 40% of which are Edina residents for a total resident population of 51. EHA has 1,323 members (350 girls, 973 boys), 99% of which are Edina residents or attend Edina schools for a total resident population of 1,310. The City of Edina's youth athletic association residency requirement is 90% and was adjusted to 60% for the Edina Swim Club. The BCLFSC currently rents 700 hours and EHA currently rents 2,000 hours per season at Braemar for a total of 2,700 hours. The BCLFSC's 700 hours are prime time Monday – Sunday and do not include any Friday, Saturday or Sunday night time slots. The average Edina youth hockey player receives about 1 hour per week at Braemar and spends 3-4 hours at other arenas around the metro. The average figure skater receives nearly 4 hours of ice per week at Braemar.

The EHA is seeking a proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina residency for both groups and, as a Priority #3 User, the ability to fulfill our ice needs before a Priority #4 or #5 User.

#### What You Can Do

If you support the position of the EHA, you can provide support in one of two methods.

1. Attend the Edina City Council meeting tonight (Tuesday) at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Perhaps bring your player(s) and have them wear one of their Edina hockey jerseys.
2. Send an email to the Mayor, City Council Members and City Officials. Names and email addresses are:

The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina, [mail@p.gov](mailto:mail@p.gov)

The Honorable Joni Bennett, Edina City Council Member, [jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net)

The Honorable Mary Brindle, Edina City Council Member, [mbrindle@comcast.net](mailto:mbrindle@comcast.net)

The Honorable Josh Sprague, Edina City Council Member, [joshsprague@edinarealty.com](mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com)

The Honorable Ann Swenson, Edina City Council Member, [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com)

Mr. Scott Neal, Edina City Manager, [sneal@edinamn.gov](mailto:sneal@edinamn.gov)

Ms. Ann Kattreh, Edina Parks and Recreation Director, [akattreh@edinamn.gov](mailto:akattreh@edinamn.gov)

Please contact any EHA Board Member if you have questions (names and phone numbers listed on our website).

Ron Green  
EHA President

You are receiving this email because you are a registered member of the Edina Hockey Association website.

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Susan Howl

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**To:** City Council Members  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

**From:** Ann Kattreh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 1:25 PM  
**To:** Susan Howl  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

For Council



**Ann Kattreh, Parks & Recreation Director**

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**From:** Andy Hatch [<mailto:ahatch@acendas.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 1:08 PM  
**To:** Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:** Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

I strongly agree that something needs to be balanced out when over 50% of the Figure Skating Participants are from outside Edina. I've always thought it was odd that the majority of our EHA ice time is outside of Braemar.

Andy

Andy Hatch  
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**Subject:** Fair Access

Ann -

Please see the stats below - I've always wondered why my kids (7 and 5) are on the ice at Braemar on weekend night; 7 AM, etc. and when they are they are sharing the ice with another hockey team (30 kids on the ice) while another rink is used by 5-6 individuals. Often I'm driving to St Louis Park, Richfield, Eden Prairie, Golden Valley, Hopkins etc. for practices (I was at rinks in every one of those towns at least 3 times last year) - many times having to chose which kid goes to practice because while both kids are in Edina hockey one is practicing in Richfield and the other in St. Louis Park at the same time instead of both being able to practice on their home ice.

The fact a club with 51 Edina kids in it can take priority over a group with over 1300 Edina kids is silly.

Please schedule Braemar as other fields are scheduled - with priority for Edina's kids.

Thanks  
Matt Brumbaugh  
5800 South Drive

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Subject: Youth Hockey

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Thank you,

Scott Bell

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:37 AM  
**Subject:** FW: EHA ice time at Braemar

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**From:** Pat Cronin [<mailto:PatCronin@incentiveservices.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 9:40 AM

**To:** Edina Mail; 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh

**Subject:** EHA ice time at Braemar

Dear City Council, Mayor and City Managers,

I am in favor of the EHA proposal to seek a proportionate distribution of ice time per the below EHA recommendation:

Proposal:

The EHA is seeking a proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina residency for both groups and, as a Priority #3 User, the ability to fulfill our ice needs before a Priority #4 or #5 User.

I have been a player and coach in the Edina Hockey Association since 1977. Today, while coaching my two mite age boys (8 and 6 yrs old), we have to travel to other arenas for the majority of our practices and games. I believe we can do a better job allocating ice on a proportionate basis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:53 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Mayor Hovland RE: EHA

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ashley Hughes [<mailto:ashleyhughes1@icloud.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 9:43 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Mayor Hovland RE: EHA

I support the Edina Hockey Association and their proposal for rink time allocation.

Ashley Hughes  
Edina resident and hockey mom

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emile Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:54 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

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**From:** Kapacinkas, John [mailto:john.kapacinkas@nortonrosefulbright.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 9:45 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'joshsprague@edinareality.com'; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:** Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

Hi,

I want to share with you my opinion that the proposal of the Parks and Recreation Department's priority use policy, as currently written, is not fair to Edina youth hockey teams. I have two children involved in Edina youth hockey. We spend a lot of time driving around the metro for practices. A more fair approach would be to allocate time as proposed by Ron Green. Thank you. --John

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**From:** Edina Hockey Association [mailto:no-reply=www.edinahockeyassociation.com@sportngin.com] **On Behalf Of** Edina Hockey Association

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 9:22 AM

**To:** Kapacinkas, John

**Subject:** PLEASE READ: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena



Judy Goodman (Edina Hockey Association) sent you a message.

Message To all EHA Families Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

This evening the Edina City Council will be asked to act on a proposal from the Edina Parks

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:55 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Opinion of the Distribution of Ice at Braemar Arena Vote this evening

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**From:** Kate Shoemaker [<mailto:kateshoemaker11@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 9:47 AM

**To:** Edina Mail; [jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net); Mary Brindle (Comcast); [joshsprague@edinarealty.com](mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com); [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com); Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh

**Subject:** Opinion of the Distribution of Ice at Braemar Arena Vote this evening

I am writing today in reference to the City Council vote this evening regarding the proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation department for the allocation of ice at Braemar Arena. I am a 20 year resident of Edina and have three boys who currently play in the Edina Hockey Association and have for the past 10 years. For the past several years, we have noticed a decrease in the amount of ice time that is allocated to my three sons teams at Braemar. As a result, this has put more strain on our family. We have had to travel all over the metro area to many arenas such as, Augsburg, Ridder, and Marrucci, which is hard to imagine when we have a 3 rink arena in our backyard. This has increased costs, for parking and cost of the ice hourly and demanding more travel time which ultimately takes away from our quality family time. Another concern is the times that have been allocated to these teams, this young boys are forced to practice late on school nights and in addition to the weekends, it would be nice to have the option to skate after school once in awhile. The amount of time given to each team is about an hour a week at Braemar which seems out of line with the amount of kids that participate in this program. This hockey associations is one of the best in the state and we are requesting as Edina residents and members of the Edina Hockey Association to reject the proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department.

Regards,

Kate and Doug Shoemaker

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:00 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Youth Hockey

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**From:** Scott Bell [<mailto:sbell321@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 9:51 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Youth Hockey

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concern over the lack of ice available to our youth hockey association players. Please give serious consideration to finding a solution to solving our ice allocation issues. I would prefer to have my children skate in Edina and not spend my time driving to other communities to have them play and practice everyday.

I will make certain to show my support for Edina elected officials based on the handling of this issue.

Thank you,

Scott Bell

Susan Howl

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Importance: High

RE: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

Dear Mr. Hovland,

I've recently become aware of the **Edina Parks and Recreation Department's recommendations** to allow the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC) to first fulfill its ice needs **prior to** the Edina Hockey Association (EHA) being allowed to purchase any available ice. This does not reflect a fair allocation of ice based on participants or Edina residency. In fact, it is basically reverse discrimination by Edina in favor of non-residents, by about a factor of more than 30!, in terms of ice time per club member.

From EHA, I understand the following: BCLFS has 128 members, 40% of which are Edina residents for a total resident population of 51. EHA has 1,323 members (350 girls, 973 boys), 99% of which are Edina residents or attend Edina schools for a total resident population of 1,310. The City of Edina's youth athletic association residency requirement is 90% and was adjusted to 60% for the Edina Swim Club. The BCLFSC currently rents 700 hours and EHA currently rents 2,000 hours per season at Braemar for a total of 2,700 hours. The BCLFSC's 700 hours are prime time Monday – Sunday and **do not** include any Friday, Saturday or Sunday **night** time slots. The average Edina youth hockey player receives **about 1 hour** per week at Braemar and spends 3-4 hours at other arenas around the metro. The average figure skater receives **nearly 4 hours** of ice per week **at** Braemar.

How is it possible that our own Parks and Recreation Department has recommended a policy that takes an already imbalanced situation and makes it even less favorable for Edina residents?!

I would definitely like to receive an answer this question. I would like to know why the Edina Parks and Recreation Department thinks it's a good idea to favor non-Edina residents.

I am very glad that these issues have come to light. Sunshine is the best anesthetic. I hope that the parents of the 1,323 members of EHA are able to provide a tiny bit of influence to bring out a revised and more rational recommendation from Edina Parks and Recreation Department, and to have a more reasonable Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena created.

Kind regards,  
Mike

**Michael Haukaas, Ph.D.**  
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**Subject:** Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena - please support our youth hockey!

The Honorable James Hovland, The Honorable Joni Bennett, The Honorable Mary Brindle, The Honorable Josh Sprague, The Honorable Ann Swenson, Mr. Scott Neal, and Ms. Ann Kattreh,

Ron Green, our EHA President, shared the proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding ice allocation for Braemar Arena. After reviewing the policy and the facts, I agree with the EHA's position **not** to support the Department's recommendations as a long-term solution to ice allocation.

**Please fulfill the ice needs of the EHA prior to that of the BCLFSC, as it does not reflect a fair allocation of ice based on participants or Edina residency. This misallocation could cause current EHA skaters to evaluate other programs.**

EHA has 1,323 members, 99% of which are Edina residents or attend Edina schools for a total resident population of 1,310. The EHA currently rents 2,000 hours per season. The average Edina youth hockey player receives about 1 hour per week at Braemar and spends 3-4 hours at other arenas around the metro.

BCLFSC has 128 members, 40% of which are Edina residents for a total resident population of 51. The BCLFSC currently rents 700 hours per season. The BCLFSC's 700 hours are prime time Monday – Sunday and do not include any Friday, Saturday or Sunday night time slots. The average figure skater receives nearly 4 hours of ice per week at Braemar.

We would attend the Edina City Council meeting tonight, however we have an Edina Rink Rats session, at which William will be wearing his Edina jersey.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Joel & Kendra Turba (current EHA skater William and future EHA skater Ellie)

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**Subject:** ice allocation

I am disappointed to learn that your department's ice allocation recommendation seems to disproportionately favor 51 resident figure skaters vs 1300+ resident hockey players. I'm sure it is difficult to be a figure skater in a community that boasts the largest youth hockey association in the country.... but the is the LARGEST YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION IN THE COUNTRY, and serves 26 resident hockey players for every figure skater.

Honestly I'd think the figure skaters would feel lucky to get any half-decent ice time at all under such a circumstance. How they even get 700 hours to Edina Hockey's 2,000 is perplexing to me. To take it to a level where the figure skaters are getting to fill all their ice needs before the EHA gets any ice would be outrageous. I urge all addressed and copied on this email to consider the resident participation ratio here is 26:1. 26 hockey players for every figure skater. This is not complicated math. The EHA should not be in a situation where they are defending their current position in the pecking order--they should be getting MORE ice time. In addition, the EHA is the feeder program to the High School team. If the high school team is truly a priority in this equation, that must be taken into consideration as well. I have nothing against figure skating. I think all sports are a huge part of developing great kids. This isn't about figure skating, it's about common sense. If there were 5 kids who wanted to do javelin, you wouldn't give them 30% of the time available at Kuhlman Field that currently is used by LaCrosse leagues. And we're not talking about trumping LaCrosse...we're talking about Hockey.

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Tim Suppratt  
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Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:10 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Braemar Arena - Ice Allocation

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**From:** Paula Colestock [<mailto:paulacolestock@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:19 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Arena - Ice Allocation

Mayor Hovland,

I received an email from EHA about ice distribution and am conflicted as to how I feel because I also purchase ice for my women's hockey team. Every year, my women's team purchases ice at a local arena but it is maddening because I will respond within a few minutes of receiving the open ice schedule and miraculously, every year, EVERY SINGLE HOUR of ice at a decent time is taken by someone else (who purchases more ice hours than our team), so we are left with start times of 10pm or later which is not desirable for our team.

One one hand, I agree that EHA should have priority so that Edina kids can play at their home arena. But on the other hand, I know that even if EHA were to take the 700 hours from the figure skating club, EHA kids would still have to play at other arenas to fill their practice schedule. Note that my son has played hockey for EHA the last 4 years. Hockey families everywhere know that they have to be flexible during hockey season because they have to go where the ice is available for time and location.

My recommendation would be to keep the ice priority at Braemar basically the same as it has been in the past by allowing the figure skaters to have their hours and EHA take whatever is left and distribute amongst the hockey teams for home games. My understanding is that most of the figure skating hours are in the East rink, so even if they are taking prime hours, those hours are on only 1 of the 3 rinks. There may have to be some compromise as to how the hours are distributed so that it is fair but I like that Braemar is home to all EHA hockey teams and to the figure skating group.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paula Colestock  
6613 Southcrest Drive  
Edina MN 55435

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:11 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Braemar Ice Arena priority allocation

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:24 AM

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**Subject:** Braemar Ice Arena priority allocation

To City Council and Parks and Recreation Department:

I wanted to express my support for Edina Hockey Association and a fair allocation of ice at Braemar Arena. We are in favor of supporting both the figure skating needs and the youth hockey needs although it should be done fairly, and it appears over the years all the youth hockey teams spend more and more time practicing at facilities outside of Braemar. Clearly there is not enough ice available at Braemar Arena alone to satisfy all the ice needs so Edina residents never have to travel to other locations, however, it wouldn't seem fair that some residents never have to travel outside Edina to practice while others have to travel a majority of the time. It would seem the travel burden should be shared in some fashion and I would request it be shared fairly across the Edina population. Thank you for considering my position on this issue as a long time Edina resident.

Mark & Beth Waterloo  
5313 Halifax Ave. South  
Edina, MN 55424  
952-926-2706

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:12 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Ice Allocation Proposal

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**From:** Kimberly Behm [<mailto:behmera@hotmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:28 AM

**To:** Edina Mail; [jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net); Mary Brindle (Comcast); [joshsprague@edinarealty.com](mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com); [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com); Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh

**Subject:** Ice Allocation Proposal

Dear, James Hovland, Joni Bennett, Mary Brindle, Josh Sprague, Ann Swenson, Scott Neal, and Ann Kattreh,

I have just learned that the Edina City Council will be asked to act on a proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding future ice allocation for Braemar Arena this evening. The proposal outlines a priority schedule for purchase and use of ice as follows:

1. City-sponsored events/functions;
2. Edina High School Hockey Teams;
3. EHA;
4. Organizations that have consecutively rented ice (Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club - BCLFSC); and
5. Non-resident programs.

Despite the above-priority schedule, the proposal dictates that the BCLFSC be permitted to fulfill its ice needs before EHA is allowed to purchase available ice. **I am against this proposal and urge you to reject it.**

I have 2 children actively involved in EHA (and an additional child who will be joining the ranks in 2 years). The EHA currently has 1,323 members, 99% of which are Edina residents or attend Edina schools. Meanwhile, the BCLFSC has a mere 128 members and only 40% of those members are Edina residents. Significantly, the EHA rents 2,000 hours per season at Braemar, whereas the BCLFSC currently only rents 700 hours of ice.

**The proposal does not reflect a proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina residency for both groups and the EHA should clearly have the ability to fulfill its ice needs before a Priority 4 or 5 user.**

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Kim Behm  
EHA member and Edina resident

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Edina Hockey

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**From:** Alina Perez-Campos [<mailto:alinapc53@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:31 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Hockey

Honorable Mayor Hovland,

As a resident of Edina, and as the mom to TWO hockey players, I would ask you to reconsider the currently proposed ice time distribution arrangements. EHA should have priority in scheduling ice time as a priority 3 user. We should have the ability to fulfill our ice needs before a #4 or #5 user. Thank you.

Alina Perez Campos  
4509 Parkside Lane  
Edina 55436

Susan Howl

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:21 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Parks & Recs Edina Ice Arena allocation proposal.

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**From:** Steve Denault [<mailto:sdenault@northlandcapitalmarkets.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:41 AM

**To:** Edina Mail; 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh

**Subject:** Parks & Recs Edina Ice Arena allocation proposal.

Dear City Council Members,

I support the Edina Parks & Recreation proposal to provide EHA priority use of Braemar Arena relative to that of BCLFS.

Sincerely,

**Steve Denault**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:44 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; [jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net); Mary Brindle (Comcast); [joshsprague@edinarealty.com](mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com); [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com); Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:** Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

All,

I am writing to express my support of EHA's position of proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina residency for both groups and, as a Priority #3 User, the ability to fulfill our ice needs before a Priority #4 or #5 User.

It seems our community should support and prioritize ice usage in direct relation to the benefit of Edina residents by volume.

Please consider this at the meeting tonight.

Thanks for your consideration and service to the City of Edina.

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**NOTE: Effective August 19, 2013, my office address will change. The new address will be 333 South Seventh Street, Suite 1400. My phone numbers will remain the same.**

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**From:** Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:22 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Braemar

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**From:** Jeff Wesselman [<mailto:jeff.wesselman@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:46 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar

As a father to both an Edina Hockey Player and as a supporter of the Braemar Figure Skating Club, I am writing to ask that you and the City Council **reject** the proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding ice allocation and to recommend that the EHA be given ice allocation priority #3 over Figure Skating Club #4.

Thank you. Jeff Wesselman

Susan Howl

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From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:27 AM  
Subject: FW: Braemar

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From: Alex & Ted Christianson [<mailto:tofte@earthlink.net>]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:01 AM  
To: Edina Mail  
Subject: Braemar

Dear Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina,

I know you are about to get flooded with anti figure skating emails- EHA sent out an email. Since we are a family of both Figure skaters and Hockey players I am DEEPLY concerned. Here is the scoop- does Edina want to be in the role of determining/selecting which sport is more important? I have always believed that Edina prided itself on being open, diverse, welcoming and supportive of its youth. By making a judgement call on which sports are more important is none of the above. As someone who help developed and ran the girls youth and middle school lacrosse program in Edina and in the metro area I understand growth and growing pains but it is also the responsibility of the organization to know their limits and know their cap. Growing too quickly and "murdering" another sport is poor judgement, poor sportsmanship and is it really what we want to be known for? Braemar City of the Lakes Figure Skating club has a national and world reputation and audience- it would be a shame to put a black eye on Edina for selecting which sport is more important over another one. Edina needs to make sure the bills are paid and BCLFSC is able to pay for ice.....

Respectfully-

Alex Christianson

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**Dear Mayor Hovland,**

**Please support the Edina Hockey Association's position that they are seeking a proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina residency for both groups and, as a Priority #3 User, the ability to fulfill our ice needs before a Priority #4 or #5 User. I am a long time supporter of EHA, I travel more times than not to other locations, incurring time, expenses, and other costs, in support of our Edina Youth Hockey Program.**

**I do not support the Park and Recreation's decision to allow the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club – BCLFSC priority over Priority 1, 2 or 3 Users.**

**I would prefer to have the EHA use the convenient ice location (Braemar) and time slots for our girls U8, U10 and boys Termites and Mites, so they can get a great start on a great tradition of Edina Hockey.**

**Please consider the impact to 1300 residential users (the kids), and the Edina Families and extended Edina Hockey Community as you base your decision.**

**Best regards,**

**William Wolfe**

**4408 Gilford Drive,**

**Edina, MN 55435**

Mayor, City Council Members, City Manager, and Parks and Recreation Director:

I am a resident of Edina with three active children. We are very happy with our decision to establish our home in Edina. It is truly a great community. I just read some information regarding the allocation of ice time at Braemar and the proposals that will be discussed this evening.

I am unable to attend the meeting this evening, but I request that you support the proposal from Edina Hockey Association seeking a proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina residency for both groups and, as a Priority #3 User, the ability to fulfill EHA's ice needs before a Priority #4 or #5 User.

It does not seem fair that any group that is not primarily Edina based, should be allocated so much prime ice time. Nothing against the Figure Skating Club, but I think any group could spend some of their ice time at different arenas at random times like every hockey player and hockey family is expected to do. I can speak from experience, it is a pain having to traveling to other arenas for ice time. My son had an entire season as a Mite with almost no ice time at Braemar. I do not think you should be focused on 2000 hours vs. 700 hours. I feel the only fair way to look at this issue is from the impact on the individual skater and Edina family.

Regards,  
Jon

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**From:** Ann Kattreh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 12:26 PM  
**To:** Susan Howl  
**Subject:** FW: Braemar

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