

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

**From:** Debra Mangen  
City Clerk

**Date:** August 5, 2013

**Subject:** Correspondence Received After Packet

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

**Action Requested:**

No action is necessary.

**Attachment:**

Attached is correspondence received since the Council's packet was distributed Friday.

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**From:** Thomas P. Chorske <TChorske@christensengroup.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 1:53 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'swensonann1@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** 'Ron.Green@ecolab.com'  
**Subject:** Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

As an Edina taxpayer and parent of 3 EHA hockey players, I feel the proposal EHA has submitted is appropriate and reasonable. I hope you adopt it.

Thanks,

Tom Chorske

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**From:** gwilde@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 2:17 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** fair and balanced ice time

Mayor Hovland, we live in Edina, pay taxes in Edina, shop in Edina, go to restaurants in Edina and yet our hockey player can't play hockey in Edina, every year when we get the schedule of practice and games I am dumbfounded that we must go to every hockey arena in the mpls./st.paul area but hardly a game or practice in our own city of Edina and when we do get ice time at braemar it's at 7:00 in the morning on Saturday and Sunday, hardly prime time, when we do get a good time it's treated like something special because it rarely happens.

I think Mr. Sprague has it right when he said "What doesn't sit well with me is at these facilities that we're paying for, that our resident teams that we support through this entire youth association system, we're saying you're the only one that needs to be inconvenienced here. THAT'S NOT RIGHT AND IF IT'S EXISTED FOR 40 YEARS , IT HASN'T BEEN RIGHT FOR 40 YEARS.

sincerely,

glen wilde

Deb Mangen

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**From:** sarah Knapp <sarah.knapp@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 2:39 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** jonibennett12@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Braemar Ice

We are Edina residents with two children who play EHA hockey, boys and girls. Would LOVE to have more Braemar ice time! With three children, and various schedules, this would help out so much. Last Squirt season, having many 5:30pm ice sessions at Ritter arena was a nightmare!!!! Parking issues, traffic issues, etc. We had to allow so much time to get there. Please help!

Thanks. Sarah & Lindsay Knapp  
Thomas, Riley & McKenna  
5018 Bruce Ave  
Edina  
952-250-5839

**From:** Mab Nulty <mkndogwalker@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 2:51 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** massing code

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I would like to make some comments on the latest version of building rules. I understand that if this latest version of the rules are adopted then the net result regarding the massing issue will be that new builds can even be bigger than the allowed by the old rules. I also understand that the majority of you are voting in favor of this because you believe this is what the majority of Edina residents want and what is best for Edina. I don't think this is true. My impression during the last city council elections and since during conversations with friends and neighbors that there was a consensus that most residents wanted a moratorium on out of proportion building and that we wanted to go more of the Minneapolis route and bring the building in line with lot size and neighborhood character. We thought that part of the justification of a new construction liaison city employee was in part because of the need to monitor new and perceived more restrictive rules, not less restrictive rules.

It seems analogous that if Obama had run and won on a universal health care plan platform and then after 8 had not followed through, his constituents would feel let down. We did not show up at every meeting because many of us thought we had handed off the baton and that we trusted you all to run with it. We did not think we needed to be at the finish line to make sure you were still holding the same baton.

Sincerely,

Mab K Nulty  
4212 W 42 St, Edina

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**From:** Abrahamson, Charles J <Charles.J.Abrahamson@HealthPartners.Com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 3:53 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** EHA ice at Braemar

Jim:

Please follow the recommendation for the EHA three year transition plan for the BCLFSC which provides a more equitable allocation of ice time for participants. As a parent who has had three kids playing EHA hockey over the past 18 seasons it is a bit frustrating that the overwhelming majority, 75%, of my son's current ice time is not at Braemar and I do not want to see this be further reduced. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,  
Chuck Abrahamson

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**From:** Elizabeth Waterloo <markbethwaterloo@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 4:46 PM  
**Cc:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:** Braemar Ice Arena priority allocation

> To City Council and Parks and Recreation Department:

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> 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.

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

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**From:** Sarah Schumacher <sarahschum9174@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 4:47 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar ice arena - EHA priority

Dear Mayor Hovland -

I'm writing to voice my opinion, as a new Edina resident, with two young boys in the Edina Hockey Association program. We love Braemar Ice Arena and feel lucky to have such a wonderful facility in our community. Last year was our first year of playing hockey in Edina and I was shocked and disappointed by how little we actually played or practiced at Braemar. My estimate is that 2/3rds of our ice time was at other arenas around the metro. I hope you'll consider how many Edina kids and families are involved in the Edina Hockey Association when deciding the priority sharing agreement for Braemar on Monday. The arena time should be maximized for the local residents, who pay the bills.

Thank you for your time,  
Sarah Schumacher  
5401 Larada Lane

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**From:** John Karpinsky <johnk@advancedwealth.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 5:05 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Priority Use Agreement

Dear Mr. Hoveland,

I am sending you this e-mail as a very concerned taxpaying resident of Edina (5012 Park Terrace, Edina, MN 55436) with a son playing hockey in the Edina Hockey Association.

My concern deals with the inequality in the number of hours the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC) group receives per resident relative to the Edina Hockey Association residents. The Edina Hockey Association provides any Edina resident or student an opportunity to play hockey regardless of their skill level or financial capabilities with 1316 participants 1,306 which are residents of Edina. The BCLFSC has 130 participants and 64 residents, yet the BCLFSC has received priority access to the ice time over the Edina Hockey Association.

Edina residents count on it City Council to be good stewards, the city should be allocating resources (ice time at Braemar) to the people who pay for it, the Edina residents. It is time this injustice is addressed!



**John J. Karpinsky**  
Principal



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**From:** andrea balow <andrebalow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 5:54 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann@gmail.com

I am a taxpaying resident of Edina and parent of a (son or daughter or both/multiple) playing hockey in the Edina Hockey Association. The ice time allocation at Braemer Arena is way out of proportion and needs to be addressed.

There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant and/or per resident relative to the EHA participants/residents .

Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents, have the most desirable times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks. EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents, bear this inconvenience a majority of the time. I am asking you to change this.

This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue and cannot be status quo going forward.

Edina residents count on its City Council to be good stewards of our assets and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, I believe City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first and then accommodate the needs of other organizations, if time is available.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Brian Balow <bbalow@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 5:57 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Braemar

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Thank you for your consideration.

The Balow Family

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**From:** Dawn Cunningham <dawncunning@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 6:38 PM  
**To:** jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Please allocate Braemar ice time in an equitable manner to Edina RESIDENTS!

To Mayor and City Council Members:

It seems silly to even have to take the time to ask the City of Edina to fairly allocate park and recreation access to Edina residents. The right choice is obvious - please make it!

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Thank you for your consideration.

*Dawn Cunningham*  
[dawncunning@gmail.com](mailto:dawncunning@gmail.com)

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**From:** Ann Makredes <amakr@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 8:26 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; swensonann1@gmail.com; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast)  
**Subject:** Priority Use Agreement for BCLFSC and EHA

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

I have never been bullied in my life, at least not so openly, but I certainly know what it feels like now. I am appalled at the recent email that was sent to the EHA members regarding its priority use agreement for Braemar Arena. Appalled at the propaganda and the misleading of information. The latest EHA communication makes it sound like BCLFSC is an unreasonable and difficult party when in fact all the club has done is to support the Park and Rec board and EHA. As you are no doubt aware, an agreement was reached previously between BCLFSC and the Park Board and I don't understand how they can go back on it. The role of a new manager or new director is not to go back on previously agreed terms with former managers or directors. They should honor them. I would be a very poor parent teaching my children that you can ignore or revisit previous agreements when it is convenient.

The Park Board is clearly biased in its recommendation towards EHA. The EHA email is misleading because it states that the *City* is recommending cutting hours when in fact it is the Park Board. As far as I am aware the Mayor and the Council members represent the City and you have not decided on the issue. The proposals claim to be equitable but in fact, the BCLFSC would eventually only get the scraps of the EHA left-over ice. The propositions put forward would mean the death of BCLFSC for essentially benefitting EHA with very few extra hours of ice. Without BCLFSC's year round revenue, it actually also puts Braemar Arena at financial risk.

Contrary to the statements made we cannot skate elsewhere, it is not a question of inconvenience, as it is for EHA, it's a question of livelihood and logistics for the coaches. My daughter who skates at BCLFSC and Edina since she was 5, she started in City classes, reported that her coach has already made enquiries and declared she will quit BCLFSC if the Park Board and EHA persists in pursuing their recommendation. It is not sustainable from a logistics and revenue point of view for them to go and find other ice and coach at various different rinks in the city at different hours with different skaters with different levels. At Braemar her coach will typically have 8 different skaters for 4 different hour blocks and several coaches will be on the ice for a total of 22 skaters, making the ice purchase a sustainable business for Braemar arena throughout the year. It is my firm belief that many if not all the coaches will disperse throughout the current available figure skating clubs in the twin cities and quit BCLFSC. That has nothing to do with inconvenience for the skaters. Not only will it affect my daughter, she will lose her home and City club and invariably her figure skating skills, a sport she has given everything else up for, but she will also lose many of her Edina and surrounding suburb friends. It will affect our club's individual figure skating and synchronized figure skating for Edina, the Twin Cities and beyond.

Since I referred to Synchronized Figure Skating, may I remind you that the Governor named the 28th April 2012 'Team Braemar Synchronized Skating Day'? Last year, Team Braemar, became once again the 2012 U.S. junior synchronized skating champions and represented the United States Figure Skating Association as Team USA at the 2012 Junior World Challenge Cup (JWCC) March 16-17 in Gothenburg, Sweden and earned an impressive fourth place. Team Braemar were again the national champions in 2013. In fact they won 4 out of the 5 last years. I can't even think what their options might be should BCLFSC dissolve. There is no other team like Team Braemar in the Twin Cities or the State of Minnesota.

Please don't let our small member numbers (small compared to EHA) minimize the importance of figure skating to the entire Edina community. We are the underdogs but we need the strong leadership of the Mayor and the Council members to reject the Park Board recommendation. I will be present at the Council Meeting on Monday 5th August.

Thank you for your help and support in this.

Ann Makredes  
4916 West Sunnyslope Road  
Edina, MN 55424

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**From:** Rosemary Schwedes <rqschwedes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 10:34 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Attn: Mayor Hovland regarding rebuilds in Edina

Dear Mayor Hovland:

I wrote to Joni Bennet about concerns my husband and I have with the rebuilds that are spreading around Edina. She asked me to send my comments to you. I am attaching a copy of the e-mail that I sent to Joni.

~ Rosemary Schwedes  
5828 Kellogg Ave., Edina 55424

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Rosemary Schwedes** <rqschwedes@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 22, 2013 at 2:31 PM  
**Subject:** Rebuilds in Edina  
**To:** [JoniBennett12@comcast.net](mailto:JoniBennett12@comcast.net)

Dear Joni:

You suggested at the DFL picnic on Saturday that we could contact you with our views of the house rebuilding now occurring all over Edina.

My husband and I live at 5828 Kellogg. We dread the idea of having a rebuild occur next door with the new house towering over ours, casting it into permanent shade and making it look like the storage shed of the new house. If all the new houses fill the lots, the neighborhoods will really be ugly when most houses have been rebuilt and the amount of grassy space and back-yard gardens in the community are reduced to a minimum.

We understand that sometimes the new houses cause run-off and other difficulties for the houses next door. We think the new houses should have more setback on the sides and the back and that the height of the new house should be limited in relation to the houses next door. Aesthetics would be much improved if garages were not sticking out the front with driveways that look like parking lots.

The rebuilds mean that people of ordinary means (i.e. people like us) cannot afford housing in Edina and cannot take advantage of the state's best schools. The schools were our main reason for getting a house in Edina. We had a 7th grader when we moved in; she is now an Ivy League graduate.

We worry about selling our own house, a sure candidate for a rebuild since our house is small but our lot has 75' of frontage. Will we be able to insist on a private buyer rather than a developer? Sounds like that goal could be illegal.

I know there isn't much you can do about the house design but we think these asymmetric, often multi-color, monstrosities are ugly. Check out the two in the 5900 block of Oaklawn, directly across from Pamela Park; they look like apartment buildings rather than homes. That last point gets us to wondering whether Edina has a plan for the day when monster homes have to be turned into multi-family dwellings because no one can or will

buy the entire structures. One of the two rebuilds across from Pamela Park was bought at completion but it later was went up for sale. It took many months, maybe a year, for the house to sell. Not an auspicious sign, me thinks.

We are grateful to note one feature of the rebuilds. It seems that the developers, at least so far, have left the trees in the front yard. The house at 6100 Kellogg has just sold without a "for sale" sign ever appearing, making us assume it will be rebuilt. It has the most magnificent tree in the neighborhood; may it survive!

Thank you for letting us send our comments.

~ Rosemary Schwedes

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Sheila Mahoney <sheilamahoney@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 10:43 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina ice time

Hello,

I am emailing you in response to the lack of ice time here in Edina. As an Edina resident with 2 hockey players this has been a frustrating and inconvenient road we have traveled. When our son was a kid (4 years ago) we rarely had ice time at Braemar and therefore went through a season of shared ice with other teams at Hat Trick. We were so frustrated that we chose to spend the next year at Minnesota Made. Edina has such an awesome hockey program and I think it is only fair that the the players from Edina have the opportunity to play on the ice that they sign up for. I hope you will take this into consideration when deciding who receives more ice time.

Thank you ,

Sheila Mahoney

Deb Mangen

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**From:** mgregorypeacock@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 7:59 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Please support the EHA/Peacock Family 6904 Paiute Circle Edina, MN 55439

Please support our Edina kids and give the EHA more ice time at Braemar. We spend our winter driving to Hat Trick, Richfield, ect at all hours of the morning and evenings. My son is in 1st grade and he has practices as early as 6:50 am on the weekends and as late as 8:30 pm.

Please give the EHA more equality with ice time and support our Edina kids!

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Elizabeth Psihos <elizabeth.psihos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 9:43 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Priority Use Agreement for Braemar - MAKE IT FAIR TO THE EHA

Ladies and Gentlemen,

When reviewing the facts around this issue, I am astounded that there is even a question on the table as to how ice time should be allocated at a city owned facility that my tax dollars pay for. To give priority to a private club with a tiny number of Edina residents is not only ridiculous, it is insulting to the rest of us who cart our hockey playing kids all over the metro area to find ice time. Last year a third of my Peewee's ice time was OUTDOORS. I don't think the figure skaters ever do that! The city council will have to answer to the over 1300 families who deserve equal consideration if they don't take a common sense and fair approach to the allocation of ice time at Braemar.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this issue,

Elizabeth Psihos  
6128 Westridge Blvd  
Edina, MN 55436

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Kimberly Behm <behmera@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 10:01 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:** RE: Ice Allocation Proposal

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

I last wrote to you below. Since then, I understand that the matter has been informally "mediated" (without the presence of a qualified neutral) and a subsequent proposal for ice time will be before you. I am against this proposal. The ice time allocation at Braemar Arena is way out of proportion and needs to be addressed.. There is a sizeable inequality in the number of hours Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC) receives per participant/resident relative to the EHA's participants/residents.

As you know, we have 2 boys skating in EHA and another one up and coming. During our time with EHA, we have spent countless early mornings at Hat Trick, Bloomington Ice Arena, Richfield Ice Arena....you name it, we've been there--commonly, spending time at more than one arena per day to accommodate both kids. Now, I learn that BCLFSC participants (only 49% of whom are Edina residents) have not been forced to skate in the early morning, late evening or at other rinks. Further, I understand that BCLFSC does not *want* to skate at other rinks. This is unacceptable. We are being pushed aside for a program who (1) is much smaller than EHA (yet has had a history of prime Braemar ice time) (2) has significantly less participants who are Edina residents vs EHA (yet, gets first dibs at Braemar); and (3) does not want to skate at other metro rinks.

Please fix this.

Yours Very Truly,

Kim Behm  
EHA member and Edina resident

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From: [behmera@hotmail.com](mailto:behmera@hotmail.com)  
To: [mail@edinamn.gov](mailto:mail@edinamn.gov); [jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net); [mbrindle@comcast.net](mailto:mbrindle@comcast.net); [joshsprague@edinarealty.com](mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com); [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com); [sneal@edinamn.gov](mailto:sneal@edinamn.gov); [akattreh@edinamn.gov](mailto:akattreh@edinamn.gov)  
Subject: Ice Allocation Proposal  
Date: Tue, 16 Jul 2013 10:28:20 -0500

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

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Jennifer Halverson <jjhalverson@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 10:25 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Attn: Jim Hovland

PS- my name is Jennifer Halverson  
My address: 21 Woodland Rd  
Edina. 55424

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jennifer Halverson <jjhalverson@comcast.net>  
**Date:** July 22, 2013, 9:29:13 AM CDT  
**To:** "mail@edinamn.gov" <mail@edinamn.gov>  
**Subject:** Attn: Jim Hovland

Mayor Hovland,

After reading today's article regarding Braemar ice time I find it hard to believe that there is even a "debate" over this issue.

1,323 hockey members that are 99% residents vs 196 members that is not even 50% residents?!

I have three children in hockey and drive ALL OVER the twin cities- do what's right for Edina and give the ice time to who deserves Edina ice time and who's numbers need it! Get on board with your city!!

Thank you

Jennifer Halverson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Trudie Sprenkle <trudiesprenkle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 10:34 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: EHA ice time at Braemar

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Trudie Sprenkle** <trudiesprenkle@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Sat, Aug 3, 2013 at 10:33 AM  
**Subject:** EHA ice time at Braemar  
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**I strongly support EHA's position** for more equitable ice time distribution at Braemar.

As an Edina resident and parent of an EHA player I can vouch for the fact that my player spends more than half their time at non-braemar rinks and we have spent additional money to acquire time at other arenas. We would much prefer playing Edina hockey in Edina!

I would like to see the BCLFSC remain at Braemar also, but I feel they need to be willing to share the desirable and the undesirable ice times. If unwilling to take some non-prime time slots then they have the choice to secure time in alternate arenas just like EHA has been doing for years (?Decades).

It doesn't need to be all or nothing. I believe the City Council can find a solution that will enable both groups to share Braemar ice time: 1) in proportion to the number of members (especially Edina resident members) of each group AND 2) an equitable sharing of both prime and non-prime time slots.

Trudie Sprenkle  
4636 Casco Ave

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Teri LaFrenz <teri.lafrenz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 10:43 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Josh Sprague; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Please support the EHA's position

As an active hockey family in the EHA, we have first-hand experience of the issues the EHA has presented. The majority of our practices/games are located at other rinks and we'd love to change that. Please support the EHA's position!

Thank you,  
Teri LaFrenz  
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Edina, MN 55416

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**From:** Joe Kaju <joekaju@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 10:52 AM

Greetings,

My name is Joe Kaju and i just wanted to give my feedback to you about the Edina Hockey Association priority use policy.

1. I support the Edina Hockey Association on the policy change. My son is currently in the EHA and this change is a no-brainer. It should have been done a long time ago. Edina Residents come first in our facilities. We have the largest program in the state and this change helps the most residents and should be our first priority.

We need this change and it should be done immediately.

Thanks,

Joe Kaju  
6804 Paiute Drive  
Edina, MN 55439

**From:** richard johnston <richardjohnston@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 11:02 AM  
**To:** jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Scott Neal; richardjohnston@yahoo.com; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Ice Issues

Dear Mr. Hovland, Ms. Bennett, Ms. Brindle, Mr. Sprague, Ms. Swenson, Mr. Neal, Ms. Kattreh

I am writing you to voice my opinion regarding the recent controversy over ice time at Braemar. As all of you are aware, the Edina Hockey Association feels that it has not got enough ice time to adequately support their hockey membership. As a result, they wish to encroach on the time traditionally allotted to the figure skating club.

I am lucky enough to be the parent of both an Edina hockey player and Edina figure skater. As such, I am one of a group that is uniquely situated to see both sides of the coin. I feel very strongly that the city council should respectfully not allot more ice time to the hockey association and should keep the status quo in effect. The very simple reason for my opinion is that I don't feel the figures skating club will survive in the long time with significantly diminished ice time. Coaches will migrate to rinks where they are more wanted in different cities such as Bloomington, and Minnetonka, and skaters will go with them. My daughter, and probably most others who are committed to skating will be able to continue with the sport at other places, but much of the camaraderie and team spirit for Edina will be lost. The real losers, however, will be the hundreds of young Edina children who might have had an interest in figure skating that don't have the ability or time to travel to new cities to take up the sport. The hockey association strongly emphasizes that half of the children in the Edina figure skating club come from different cities. While this might be true, it should not be construed as bad thing. Aren't we as a city proud that we have a strong sports club that attracts other members and allows our children to thrive within our city limits. The alternative, as desired by the hockey association, would be for our Edina children to be going elsewhere.

You might think that I am exaggerating when I feel that diminished ice time will erode the sport, but I don't think that is the case. Coaches, the

life blood of figure skating, will not be willing to have a hap hazard schedule that takes them to different arenas all the time. They will simply look for a more accommodating place and make that their home. Right now, I think the figure skating club has the bare minimum of ice necessary to survive. All the ice is well utilized with almost the maximum number of skaters on the ice that is allowed and still considered to be safe. If the hockey association could point to wasted ice time, I think their case would be considerably stronger, but this is simply not the case.

To say that half the figure skaters are from elsewhere and over 90% of the hockey skaters using the ice is also slightly off the mark. One must remember that much of the ice time used by the hockey association is involved in games or scrimmages, and half of those skaters will be from opposing teams usually from different cities.

As a parent of both a hockey skater and figure skater, I want both sports to thrive. Simply put, it won't happen if you gut the figure skating club of their place in the fabric of our city. I simply can't see why any of you, as city councilors, would want to do that.

I am happy that the hockey association is thriving and am glad to be apart of it. I hope it continues to grow and helps to inspire our young boys and girls. I strongly feel that the solution to this problem is for the council to explore the option of building new ice facilities. The hockey association can certainly survive over the next year or two while this happens, and doesn't need to stamp out one sport for it to continue to grow.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Johnston.

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**From:** kirk swenson <kswenson7@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 11:47 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** <dottieswenson@hotmail.com> Swenson  
**Subject:** Braemar Arena Ice Time

Hi,

I am the father of two girls both of which have skated for the BCLFSC. Both started in the city program, migrated to the junior club, and one (Lauren) remains a club member. Lauren has always loved to skate and dreams of becoming a figure skating coach one day. This battle for ice time has become very worrisome for her, as it is her primary means of expression and coping with everyday life. While I am anxious as well, I am mostly confused, I have always lived in communities that supported one another, promoted growth by contributing to programs that may not directly benefit my family, and volunteered heavily in the programs that we directly benefitted from. Successful programs were built by it's members and communities, not by stepping on the backs of others.

The current proposal lacks character. BCLFS has contributed to Braemar and the richness of the City of Edina for 47 years. It has provided off season revenues that hockey could not, allowing the city to build Braemar Arena. After all these years, to eliminate a program under the guise of participation ratios is offensive and shortsighted. I urge you to take a long term view and keep the August 2012 agreement intact.

Respectfully,

Kirk Swenson  
5924 Amy Drive  
Edina, MN 55436

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**From:** Jay Cavanagh <jbckcav@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 12:28 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** Jay Cavanagh  
**Subject:** Ice time allocation at Braemar

Mayor Hovland:

My name is Jay Cavanagh and I reside at 5204 Glengarry Parkway. I have an 11 year old boy, who has been very active with the Edina Hockey Association since he was 5 years old. I am writing you today to express my concerns with respect to the imbalance of ice time allocated between the figure skating association and the hockey association. Based on my research, it appears that the figure skating association has been allocated a much greater percentage of ice time, which has forced parents like me to pay extra for ice time in other locations. I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to re-balance the ice time between the 2 associations, so that its more evenly shared. If you should have any questions of me, I can be reached at 612.865.3349.

Jay Cavanagh

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**From:** Christina and Daniel Delianedis <stopthepuck35@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 11:02 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** BRAEMAR Arena Fair and Equal Ice time

To all City Council members,

We have been Edina residents and taxpayers since 2001.

We are communicating to you electronically as the issue of fair and equal ice time at BRAEMAR Arena will not be heard in an open forum.

We believe that the Council motion to approve that BRAEMAR distribute ice time more fairly to the Edina Hockey Association (EHA) for the following reasons:

- The ice time allocation at Braemar Arena is way out of proportion and needs to be addressed.
- There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant and/or per resident relative to the EHA participants/residents.
- Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents (64 residents), have desirable ice times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks.
- EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents (1306 residents), bear this inconvenience a majority of the time.
- This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue and cannot be status quo going forward.
- Edina residents count on its City Council to be good stewards of our assets and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first and then accommodate the needs of other organizations, if time is available.

Regards,

Daniel, Christina Delianedis  
4624 Drexel Avenue  
Edina, MN 55424

Sent from my iPhone  
(763) 656-3818

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**From:** Sheila Mahoney <sheilamahoney@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 1:15 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Ice

Hello again, I forgot to give you my address in my last email regarding Edina Ice time it is Sheila Mahoney  
6415 Limerick Drive  
Edina, Mn 55439

Regards,  
Sheila Mahoney

**From:** Guy Logan <glogan@loganconsulting.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 1:51 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; James Hovland (jhovland@krausehovland.com)  
**Cc:** Suzanne Logan (suzannelogan@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Ice time fairness

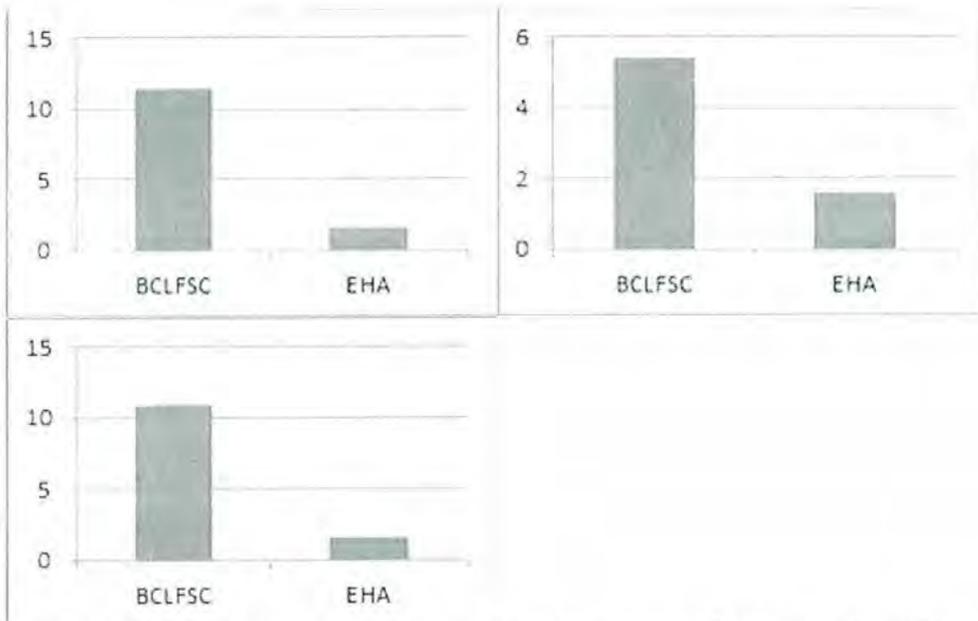
Hi Jim,

Our family became aware of the Braemar ice allocation fairness issue over the past couple of weeks. You probably remember that I have 3 kids in the EHA. You probably didn't know that I have a very dear friend who was on that Braemar skating team that performed at Lake Placid in the 1980 Olympics. I appreciate and value the skating club, but I also feel strongly that I can value the skating club and still insist on fair and equitable ice allocation rules.

I also have to admit that my perception of the club has been tarnished a bit by their current leader's use of misinformation, particularly around their claims about skating club rules and killing their club. I also was not impressed with their utter unwillingness to compromise.

Jim, I believe you have been made aware of the facts and statistics and hopefully had the misinformation cleared up.

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This is a matter of fairness and sharing the inconvenience of going to other rinks. If I have to take my 8 year old daughter to another rink, why shouldn't the figure skaters? As an Edina resident and tax payer who now better

understands the situation, I have to admit that it's frustrating that the skating club gets all the prime ice and we get the non-prime times and have to travel to other rinks when they don't.

I hope we can count on you to implement a reasonably timely transition to a fair ice time allocation.

Thanks, Jim.

Guy

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**From:** Jane Lonquist <jlonquist@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 2:01 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Note for Council on Braemar Ice Allocation

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I hope you will take a careful look at the data on ice hours allocation at Braemar.

Regardless of what has been done in the past, please develop a system that more fairly awards desirable ice times to the optimum number of Edina residents. Over the ten years that we have had children in the Edina Hockey Association, we have seen practices become further and later across the board. Of course this is driven in part by hockey parent insanity, but it is also a reflection of the growing number of participants in the EHA and lack of available Braemar ice times due to the figure skating program.

Thanks for examining this issue.

Jane Lonquist  
4510 Drexel Avenue  
Edina, MN 55424

**From:** suzanne logan <suzannelogan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 2:50 PM  
**To:** Guy Logan; Edina Mail; James Hovland (jhovland@krausehovland.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Ice time fairness

Hi Jim -- I hope you are well! Just a few more things from my "mom" perspective, as well as that of a volunteer manager for all of my kids' teams over the past five years.

It's not just the young kids (our 8 year old). We've been through this with our two older kids who are now 11 and 13. I feel the stakes are higher with our now 11 year old and our 13 year old. Do you know how hard it is for an 11, 12, 13 or soon to be 14 year old to have 9 p.m. ice times and then have to be up by 6:15 the next morning to go to school? From that 9 p.m. practice, they get home 10:30 earliest. They then have to shower and relax....meaning they are not getting to sleep until at least 11:30! Then I'm forced to either feel like a bad mom for not helping my kids get the sleep they need, or letting their team down by not allowing them to go to practice. Even if it's a 8 p.m. practice, it's still not enough sleep.

Or how hard it is for a hockey practice to encompass 3 hours of one child and parent's night because we could be driving during rush hour both ways for an hour or hour and 15 minute practice? Or how about when Guy has to travel and I have to get a kid to Mariucci, Richfield and say Hat Trick all around the same time? Yes, maybe our fault for having too many kids :), but boy, would I LOVE it if they could all be at Braemar, all be at desirable hours and/or not always happen during our FAMILY dinner time or later as in my above example.

Because I've been a manager year over year (I'm going to guess close to 11+ teams times 30+ parents per team), I frequently hear the complaints of other moms and dads after I post the schedule. In the end, parents know it's not under my control, but because of all of the teams I've managed, I can confidently say that the toll it takes on hockey families to continually make difficult ice times is shared by many, many, many other hockey parents.

A fair and equitable solution needs to be found. Our family has also served this community in many ways and should have equal access to our city facilities.

Thanks again for your time and service to Edina!

Suzanne Logan

**From:** Guy Logan <glogan@loganconsulting.com>  
**To:** "mail@edinamn.gov" <mail@edinamn.gov>; "James Hovland (jhovland@krausehovland.com)" <jhovland@krausehovland.com>  
**Cc:** "Suzanne Logan (suzannelogan@yahoo.com)" <suzannelogan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 3, 2013 1:50 PM  
**Subject:** Ice time fairness

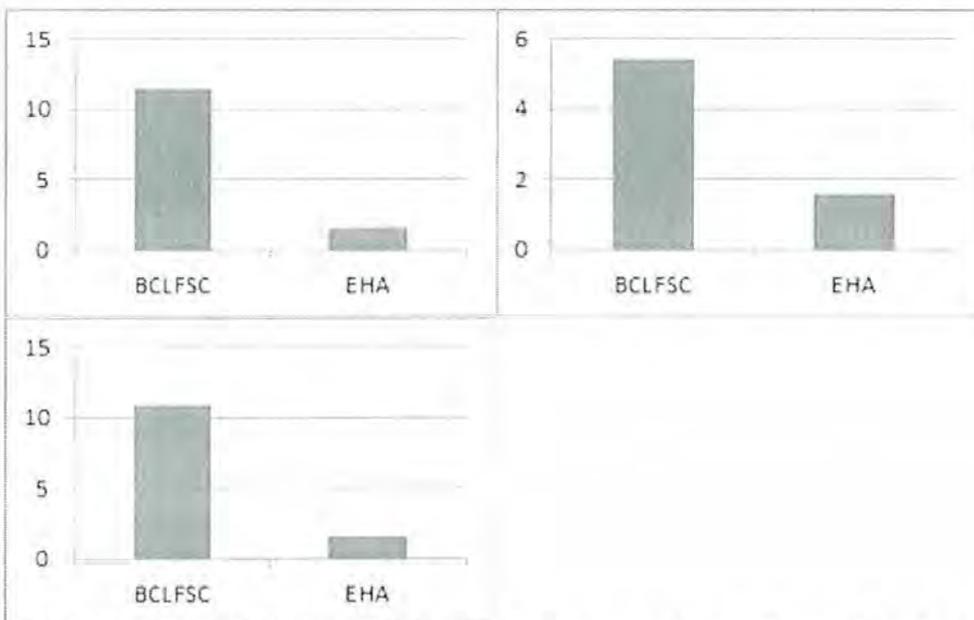
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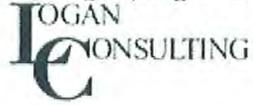
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**From:** andrea bender <aedbender@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 3:00 PM  
**To:** ann swenson; (jonibennett12@comcast.net); Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); (joshsprague@edinarealty.com); Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:** RE: Braemar Ice allocation

From what I see, it seems ridiculous for the EHA parents (Edina being an operative word) to have to drive all over the map to find ice when the BCLFSC has full use of Braemar and doesn't even claim anywhere near the percentage of Edina Residents or hours needed.

The BCLFSC has had a sweet ride at the Edina Hockey parents expense. Time to look at the numbers and even things out.

Please consider the EHA proposal.

Thank you,  
andrea bender  
6149 Code Ave  
Edina MN 55436

p.s. thank you Ann for responding to my previous comments.

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**From:** [aedbender@hotmail.com](mailto:aedbender@hotmail.com)  
**To:** [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Braemar Ice allocation  
**Date:** Wed, 17 Jul 2013 10:23:17 -0500

Thanks for the update. I look forward to seeing what they can agree upon.

andrea

[aedbender@hotmail.com](mailto:aedbender@hotmail.com)

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**Date:** Wed, 17 Jul 2013 07:22:30 -0600  
**Subject:** Re: Braemar Ice allocation  
**From:** [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com)  
**To:** [aedbender@hotmail.com](mailto:aedbender@hotmail.com)

Andrea, a motion to table this topic until Aug 5th was made by Brindle and Bennet. It was suggested that the Park dept and the presidents of the two groups meet before then and see if they can come to a compromise on ice time. The figure skating club would like no change and the hockey assc. would like almost all their time. Somewhere in between is probably a solution. We do not allocate any other athletic facility directly by hours per Edina resident. All sports have different ways they need to use facilities and these two are no different. Ann

On Tue, Jul 16, 2013 at 6:39 PM, andrea bender <[aedbender@hotmail.com](mailto:aedbender@hotmail.com)> wrote:  
Thank you for responding. you are the only one that did. I appreciate it even to tell me you don't have the info!

Andrea

[aedbender@hotmail.com](mailto:aedbender@hotmail.com)

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Date: Tue, 16 Jul 2013 12:13:53 -0600

Subject: Re: Braemar Ice allocation

From: [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com)

To: [aedbender@hotmail.com](mailto:aedbender@hotmail.com)

Andrea, the proposal came from the city park and rec dept not the city council. I am not on their mailing list either. I do receive emails from lots of residents. If I get one from the Board of BCLFSC I will forward it to you.  
Ann Swenson, Council

On Tue, Jul 16, 2013 at 11:21 AM, andrea bender <[aedbender@hotmail.com](mailto:aedbender@hotmail.com)> wrote:

I received an email from the Edina Hockey Association regarding the topic of Priority Use of Braemar. Could you please forward me the information that the BCLFSC has put forth before the meeting. I am not on their email list.

The EHA email makes the situation seem ridiculously obvious. I would like to see the BCLFSC or the city council's rationale for their proposal.

Thank you,  
andrea

[aedbender@hotmail.com](mailto:aedbender@hotmail.com)

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**From:** Chris Johns <cbjohns@visi.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 3:08 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Hockey and fair use of Braemar

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I'd like to express my concerns about the lack of a fair use policy for the three ice rinks at the Braemar arena, and in particular the way that a small, majority non-resident, club (the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club) is currently being given priority access during prime skating times, to ice time at Braemar, over the needs of a much larger, almost all-resident and volunteer-coached organization (Edina Hockey Association).

From our experience as members of EHA over the past four years with our son Adam, and most recently during this past winter (October 2012-March 2013), we have had to drive to a large number of practices at other rinks because ice time at Braemar was unavailable. This has frequently resulted in lots of time on the road, and very late evenings, when his school bus is at 7:10am and sleep is, of course, vital to good school performance.

Playing hockey for the Edina Hockey Association is a privilege, but it is also a large commitment of time and money. To have this commitment extended due to excessive travel and often difficult ice times is unfortunate, and, I believe, somewhat unnecessary.

In particular, I'd like to mention:

- University of Minnesota Mariucci and Ridder arenas, typically around 6pm on a weekday (almost impossible to get to from Edina during rush hour, and around \$10 to park)
- Augsburg College (similarly difficult to access and almost impossible to park)
- Minnehaha Academy
- Brooklyn Center
- Northeast Minneapolis
- Como/Phalen

I would like to request that you take account of the facts presented in the presentation from the Edina Hockey Association, and I agree with their proposal that an equitable balance of Braemar ice times between BCLFSC and EHA be put in place, taking into account the size and residency percentage of the members of the two organizations, while recognizing the historical importance of the organizations to the City of Edina.

Thank you,

Christopher Johns  
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952-285-6822

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**From:** Rosie W Hanson <rosiehansonfs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 4:16 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague2edinarealty.com; aswensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal  
**Subject:** Ice Time for the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club

To The Honorable James Hoveland,

Hello James, I hope you are having a beautiful day since it is so absolutely Minnesota Beautiful!

My name is Rose Mary W Hanson and I teach Figure Skating at the Braemar Ice Arena for the BCLFSC. I have taught figure skating here in the Twin Cities for almost 30 years and have taught here at Braemar for over 13 of those years. I wanted to share some thoughts with you.

It is hard to grasp that this situation between our organization, management and EHA is really going on. We have worked so successfully with EHA for so many years that it feels strange that they would want us out so drastically. I have taught many of these hockey players myself, both individually and in group lessons. I should know, I am Certified in Hockey Skills and raised two Hockey Players that went on to High School Hockey, their skills stood out ....we go hand and hand in this area. Many coaches seek us out to work with their players and we love this common ground. Never did we see this coming because of our EHA relationship and our long time friendship with our High School Hockey Coach. Something must of changed....we know there is always a demand for more ice for hockey, any rink can tell you that...but our relationship was good.

I am writing you as a Professional Coach at the rink.....you know the vast differences between Hockey and Figure Skating, there are too many to even list.

Both are Great!! Both sports satisfy so many facets of physical motion and the joy of participation. Again, too many wonderful attributes of Sportsmanship and life lessons by both sports. It is hard to believe that one sport may be erased by the other with the permission of the City of Edina. It is still a great deal of amazement that this came up so quickly and how.

Does the City of Edina really not want to service their citizens with a solid, high quality, competitive Figure Skating Program? In order for the Edina Residents to have such value, they will have to go to Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Minnetonka and other surrounding Communities? Do you think that is what the majority of Edina residents want? What is to say one that one is better and the other must go? Numbers?...based on numbers??? The two sports are completely different and cannot be judged in that mode. Because the majority of Skaters are individuals, does not diminish the value of the sport. What is one of the most watched sports in the Winter Olympics? Figure Skating! Does the City of Edina really want to dash all the dreams that are current skaters have and your future skaters also? Hockey has it's many games, tournaments and High School State Championships but so do we.....we have those dreams too! We have Minnesota State Championships and Braemar has and has had many of those Champions! Our skaters go beyond State and compete in Regionals (22

state area) and USA Nationals. Our Braemar Synchronized Team are the current National Champions and has had that Honor numerous times and are Nationally known throughout the United States of America. They also have competed through the World! They are the only International Synchronized Team in Minnesota.....and you want to have them leave because EHA and management is phasing us out? Do you really want to dash out all these dreams that these skaters have delivered upon and any in the future?

The reason I am saying this, is because of what has been recommended to the City will diminish this Club. I really do not think that is what your Honor would like for the City of Edina and it's vast residents. To send your future successful skaters to another part of the Greater City to learn quality skills to become a figure skater. As a coach, I came here to Braemar because of it's unbelievable reputation as one the most competitive Figure Skating Clubs of the Twin Cities!! It has been heralded as one of the best Clubs in Minnesota. We are known nationally for individuals and of course, our Synchro Team. I remember the day I started teaching here, "I am instructing in one the Best Clubs The Cities can offer". This FSC started 47 years ago and has been supported and built by so many residents with pride. To have it diminish is unbelievable....and it will. The hours that were recommended will do such a thing. To be "phased out" says a lot right there. To be told that we can use the ice from 5:00am to 5:00pm would not work for Any program. As I value skating, I also value the good education that Edina and Minnesota provide. Our skaters are in school during that time just as the hockey players, or they would of taken that time. That is really not even an option. Skating skills take time just like any other but they are intricate by nature and it's musicality and creativity. These can't be taught by rink to rink to rink, and it is not even allowed by the USFS; and the hours have to consistent for it's intricatsy...much like learning a musical instrument. Over and over and over again.

Another reason why this Figure Skating Club will fail is because if the ice time is not appropriate for the skater to learn her skills and take her or him to the level he can accomplish, the coach will leave. If it is not suitable to learn in the environment, the coach will

leave and no instructors will come. That will definitely be the situation here. We all are very well known coaches of the Twin Cities and the students of the coaches will follow them if they have to leave.

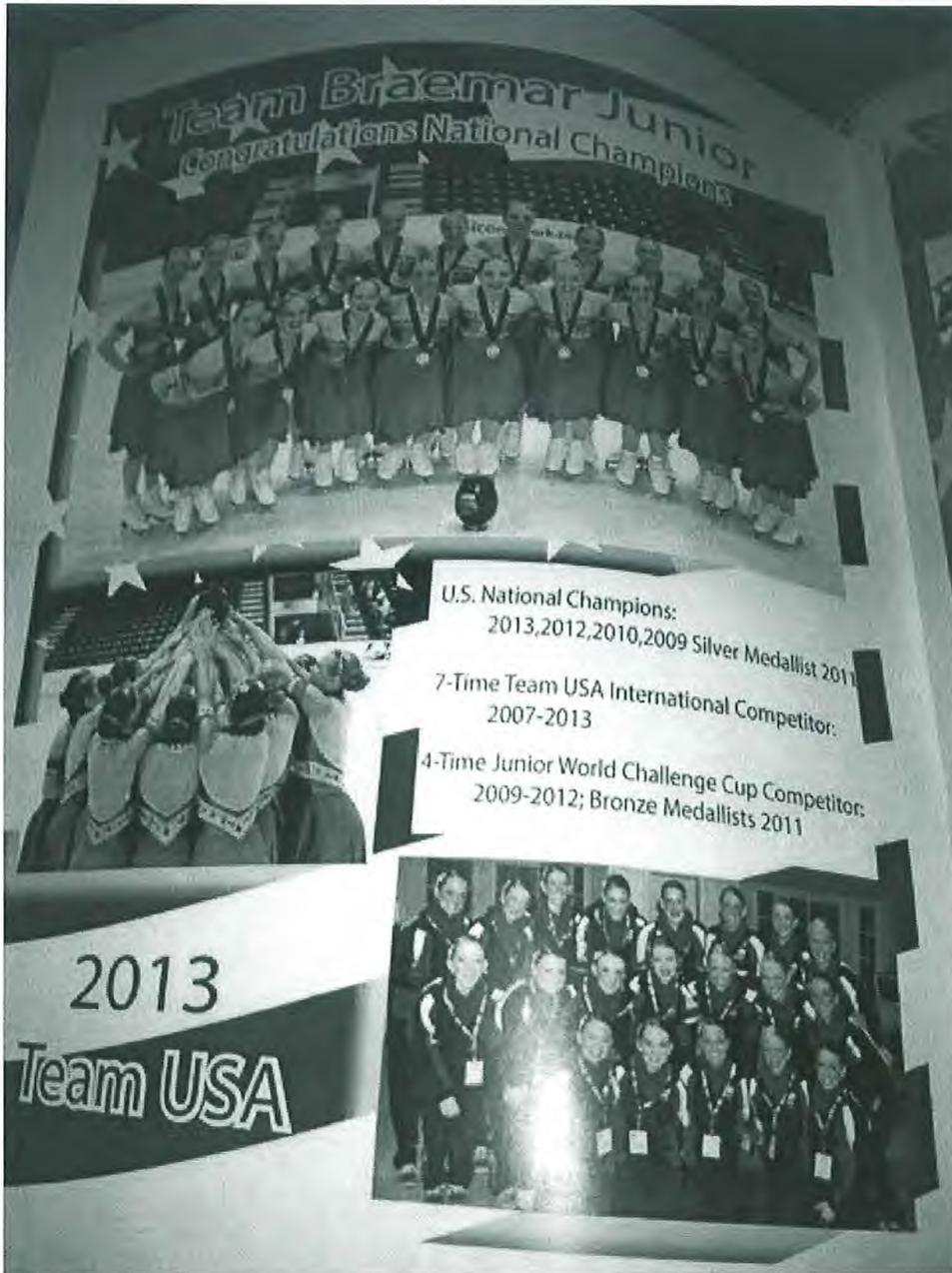
One reason I would have to leave would be because this is my livelihood. This is not just dealing with children and young adults, it is adults and how they make their money to pay for the mortgage, electricity, health insurance, food and of course, huge college loans. It is the real deal. Our skaters will follow and I so earnestly hate to ask this..... was that the real option that EHA and management wanted?

In closing, I must plea: " Save this Club" How can such an unbelievable strong part of this community just drop such a strong program for its residents? To think that by chiseling our hours away, which I know EHA and management want to continue to do, it will die. Do you really want that reputation and to be done on your watch.

This a Great Figure Skating Club.....It has so much Edina history and blood. This a great City. These are great and talented skaters...do not deprive your community of such a quality program. That is not the direction in today's world, that Edina should be going. I absolutely love this sport and I love the wonderful families and skaters that I am involved with. It has been this way for so many years.....let the rich history of Edina's Figure Skating Continue.

Please honor the agreement that rink management put out to our Club, even as verbally recent as the month of May 2013.





Please Help these skaters to their DREAMS!!!

Rosie Mary W Hanson

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Eric Gustafson <eric@thegustafsongroup.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 5:36 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar ice time

Hello Jim,

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Best Regards,

Eric Gustafson  
7223 Lanham lane  
Edina, MN 55439

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**From:** Andrea Pintar <andreapintar4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 6:25 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Synchro

Synchro needs to stay!!!! It was a HUGE part of my life and the development of my child hood! I learned so many invaluable skills such as time management, competition, hard work ethic, traveling, built life long friendships!!

Keep synchro and figure skating...it's such a huge part of a women's and men's life that are in the sport!! (A very difficult sport)!!!!

Andrea Pintar

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Thomas Whear <twhear@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 10:01 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Arena Priority Use policy

To: The Honorable James Hovland,  
Major of Edina

From: Thomas Whear  
7108 Gloucester Ave.  
Edina, MN

I am concerned about what seems to be an inequity in Braemar Arena ice time allocation between the Edina Hockey Association and the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club(BCLFSC).

I have three sons in the Edina School District - all have played hockey with the Edina Hockey Association; one son will again be playing with the Association this coming season. Hockey has been a terrific experience for my sons.

My impression is that almost all EHA hockey players are from families of Edina residents, a **significant** greater percentage of Edina families than families with youth in the BCLFSC.

This is extremely irritating and unfair.

As a tax payer in Edina I ask you to find a way to make things more equitable!

Over the last several years, I driven my son's to way too many hockey practices at Augsburg College, Mariuchi Areana, Ridder Arena, Velocity Hockey and Hat Trick Hockey in St. Louis Park (which by the way, is recognized by the MN Department of Health as having air quality issues due to an indoor diesel powered ice groomer). These "out of Edina" practices can be several times per week, and often are during rush hour or later in the evening. Having to drive 11 year old boys home from Augsburg College at 9:45pm is not a good arrangement; especially when we have our own arena within only a couple of miles of most Edina residences.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Best regards,

Thomas Whear  
[twhear@earthlink.net](mailto:twhear@earthlink.net)

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**From:** Molly Hewitt <hewitt\_home@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 11:08 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Braemar - EHA Ice Time

*Dear Mayor and Council Members,*

*We have two children who played Edina Hockey during the 2012-2013 season and will potentially have three children playing this year. They are young (8, 6 and 4) and would benefit greatly from having more ice time at Braemar. Our girls barely had any Braemar ice time last year. It was rare and a treat for them to be able to practice at Braemar. Instead we drove them to other less convenient arenas all over the metro area - often having our 8 year old at one arena and our 6 year old at another at overlapping times. We believe that a more equitable approach to ice time is needed and the Skating Club should be asked to give up some of their prime ice time. We are Edina residents and our family as well as the numerous others with children playing hockey deserve similar access.*

*Regards,*

*Molly Hewitt*

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Cosette DeCesare <cosettedecesare@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 12:26 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Priority Use

Greetings,

I am an Edina resident and I have three daughters who participate in EHA. It has been brought to my attention that there is, in fact, a sizable inequality in the amount of ice time that EHA receives versus how much ice the figure skating competitors get. The latter mentioned group gets more desirable ice times as well. Also, less than half of their participants are Edina residents. EHA is made up of considerably more tax paying residents than the figure skating team. Braemar is a taxpayer supported facility!. As a taxpayer living in Edina and as a member of EHA, I believe strongly that EHA should have priority in selecting ice times at Braemar.

Thank you  
Cosette DeCesare  
7433 West Shore Dr  
Edina 55435

Aug. 4, 2013

To City of Edina Mayor Hovland  
Council Members Bennett, Swenson, Brindle and Sprague

From Janey Westin, Edina resident, 6136 Brookview Ave.

Regarding proposed changes to city residential zoning code--

Since I will be unable to attend the Aug. 5 Council meeting, I am, once again writing a letter to express my views and reasoning on points to be discussed on proposed zoning changes. I urge a number of points to be revisited. These are:

#1-- Lot coverage allowed on sub-minimum size lots. Throw out the currently allowed 30% and make ALL lots, no matter what size, 25% maximum coverage. It is unambiguous and easy to understand, it helps with water run-off/absorption issues, it helps with tree canopy issues, privacy issues, etc. Home buyers must accept the fact that a 'castle' does not work on a 50' lot. Find a bigger lot to buy if you desire to build a 'castle'.

#2—Egress windows MUST be at least 3' from any lot line. This is a safety issue for neighboring property owners. Many of these new egress windows are 6 or more feet deep-- deep enough for a child, or unsteady adult to fall into and be seriously harmed or killed. Rethink this one. It is currently illegal to leave an open foundation basement without fencing around it after a house has been removed. This is the same type of problem. (This was the case at 6120 Brookview Ave. at Halloween time in 2008, thanks to JMS Custom Homes.) To execute putting in an egress window that borders on a property line, trespassing on the neighboring property cannot be avoided.

#3-- Increase the side setbacks on sub-minimum lots as recommended by the Planning Commission. Builders of the smaller homes on the 50' lots in our Pamela Park neighborhood had the good sense to have, in many cases, the width of a driveway on the side to a rear garage, giving more space between houses. None of these houses were a full 2 stories. 10 feet is very little space when your neighbor's house next door is on fire.

#4-- Why do we STILL not have a new tree ordinance that protects our beautiful oaks and original trees when remodeling and teardowns are occurring? Minnetonka's tree ordinance could be copied virtually word for word. This isn't nuclear physics. One by one, irresponsible builders are being allowed to destroy the character, beauty and natural coolers of Edina.

#5-- Do not allow an 8' height restriction on garage doors. This is design by ordinance that would be discriminatory of people with high profile handicap vehicles, or self employed people that need to have height for equipment on top of their work vehicle (such as an independent plumber). Some homes have taller garage doors to be able to comply with city code when it was changed about 20(?) years ago, stating that motorhomes cannot be parked in a driveway for a prolonged period of time. (Case in point is 4501 W. 56<sup>th</sup> St., corner of Wooddale Ave.)

Last of all, Josh Sprague should, for ethical reasons, be recusing himself on these rezoning issues. Just because one legal opinion is that he does not have to, does not mean that it is ethically right.

--Janey Westin

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**From:** Peter Fitzgerald <peter.fitzgerald@concordcre.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 8:09 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Megan  
**Subject:** Ice Time

We support Edina Hockey and as much ice time as possible.

We would also support a substantial reduction of the figure skating hours.

Thanks,

Peter & Megan Fitzgerald  
5217 Kellogg Ave Edina

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**From:** Daniel Jennings <superstar2818@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 8:13 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Youth Hockey at Braemar

Hello,

I've been an Edina resident for over 25 years, and am now raising my children here. With Edina's history of being one of the greatest hockey towns in the world, I find it ridiculous that my boys; ages 6 & 4 will need to fight for local ice time with a group that is comprised of less than 50% of residents.

Do the right thing, and keep the hockey tradition alive in Edina. Support Edina youth hockey and tax paying residents - grant EHA the Braemar Ice time their requesting.

Thanks,  
Daniel Jennings

4607 Meadow Road  
952.212.1178

sent from my iPad

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Annie Bishop <anniebishop5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 8:14 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Priority use policy - Braemar Arena

Dear Mayor,

I am an Edina resident with kids in the hockey program. I am both disappointed and shocked that the figure skating team has had agreements with the city for prime ice time for so many years and continues to get extensions to keep these hours.

As I think about how many nights a week I drive to other rinks in other cities, often late at night, I ask that you look at the numbers and realize the disproportionate number of families that are being effected.

Edina Hockey Association also pays extra fees for the Hornets Nest and improvement of facilities we may never use but it's what Braemar and the City of Edina should do. We have long needed improvements and additional rinks; however, the city has not been able to come up with a plan to do so. With this situation, it is only fair to implement a priority use system so that all Edina residents are allocated equal opportunities to use the East rink.

Please consider the 1300 players that are bring effected by your actions to allow 51 ice skaters have access to a rink that should be shared by the community.

Sincerely,  
Annie Bishop  
7432 Hyde Park Drive  
Edina, MN 55439

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Molly Thuma <mollythuma@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 8:51 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** EHA Braemar Ice time

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Molly Thuma and for the past five years I have sat on the Edina Lacrosse Board and the Edina Girls Athletic Board. During my time on these boards, I have never witnessed an issue with field space or gym space for both of these organizations. So I wonder why one of the largest Edina sports organizations is continually given the worst ice time and least amount of ice time, when it is serving such a large amount of Edina kids. The Edina Hockey Association is a volunteer community organization that provides any Edina resident or student an opportunity to play hockey regardless of their level of skill or their financial capabilities. It seems illogical that you have different sets of rules for different associations

The EHA has 1316 participants 1306 residents, 2100 hours of ice. At Braemar on average once a week. No access to Braemar on weekdays before 7pm, unless before school. We take what we can after the boys/girls high school hockey teams and figure skaters have their allocated hours.

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Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Molly Thuma  
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Edina, MN 55439  
952-944-5499  
952-393-8631 cell  
[mollythuma@comcast.net](mailto:mollythuma@comcast.net)

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**From:** Dennis Bornfleth <denbor27@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 9:13 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2nd Request for Action RE: Braemar Priority Use Policy

Jim, please see the attached to help balance ice time between Hockey players and Figure skaters at Braemar.

Thank you, Dennis

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Edina Hockey Association <[no-reply@www.edinahockeyassociation.com](mailto:no-reply@www.edinahockeyassociation.com)>  
**Date:** Sat, Aug 3, 2013 at 9:28 AM  
**Subject:** 2nd Request for Action RE: Braemar Priority Use Policy  
**To:** [denbor27@gmail.com](mailto:denbor27@gmail.com)



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

## **2nd Request for Action RE: Braemar Priority Use Policy**

This is a reminder that we need your support in writing to the City Council members about this issue. There will be no open forum at the City Council meeting on Monday for the public so your emails and calls will be the only way to persuade each Council member.

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Please send your name and address with your message – must be included so they know you are an Edina resident.

Our thanks to those of you who already have written and supported this effort to help our kids have more ice time at Braemar.

EHA Board



EHA - Braemar Priority Use Agreement - FINAL

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**From:** Jane Chaffee <jehchaffee@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 9:53 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jhovland@krausehovland.com; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann2@gmail.com; joshsprague@edinarealty.com  
**Subject:** Team Braemar Concerns and Priority Use Agreement  
**Attachments:** Letter\_to\_Mayor\_and\_Council\_members\_8\_3\_13.pdf; Quote\_from\_a\_Team\_Braemar\_Parent.pdf

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I have written the attached letter, about Team Braemar, to help you understand my deep concern regarding the drastic cut in ice time, for Team Braemar, as proposed by EHA and the Priority Use Agreement. This is an emotional issue for all of us who have worked so hard to develop an International and World Program. I have worked with synchronized skating on the local and national level since 1985. It is important to me that you understand the impact of your decision.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this issue with you before Monday evening.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this issue.

Regards,  
Jane Chaffee  
Team Braemar General Manager  
[jehchaffee@aol.com](mailto:jehchaffee@aol.com)  
612-804-1473 Mobile

August 3, 2013

Dear Honorable Mayor and Esteemed City Council members,

My name is Jane Chaffee, and I have been the volunteer General Manager of Team Braemar since 1985. I am writing this letter in hopes that you will reconsider the proposal set forth by the EHA and the City Manager in regard to ice time for Team Braemar at Braemar Arena.

Team Braemar Synchronized Skating has been a part of the Edina community since the late 1970's, and has been a strong national and international presence throughout the sport's expansion. Since the inception of the sports' National Championship competition in 1985, Braemar has represented Edina 27 times and has been U.S. National Champions 4 of the past 5 years. On the world stage, Team Braemar has represented the United States of America in seven countries, at 10 different competitions, since 1999 and have been on the international podium four times. In 2011, Team Braemar Junior placed 3rd in the Junior World Championship. 4 time World Team member in the past 5 years. In looking back at Team Braemar's history, and the lives of the skaters who gave this program everything they had, it is difficult to stomach the thought that it may no longer exist because an organization and community refused to recognize the international impact of Team Braemar. Make no mistake, should the disheartening and disgusting proposal go into effect, Team Braemar will cease to exist.

As word has spread of the attempt by the EHA to so drastically cut the amount of ice Team Braemar has, the skating community in Minnesota and across the country have come forward to offer their help and share their stories. One such story from Sandy Dennis illustrates just how far and wide Team Braemar's reach extends and we have attached her testimony to this email for your review.

It is unbelievably difficult for a skater on Team Braemar to understand why, instead of congratulations such as the proclamation they received from Governor Mark Dayton on April 28th 2012, they are being punished by the City of Edina. This community that they so proudly represent has turned their backs on these athletes to favor an organization that resembles more of a bully than an advocate for athlete development.

Synchronized skating is more complex than you can imagine, and unless you find yourself in the middle of 19 other skaters on the ice in an arena of thousands of people, you will most likely have a hard time understanding the time and effort it takes to achieve success. In the spirit of understanding, I would like you to know just what it takes to be a competitive internationally renowned team.

Synchronized skating has a 12 month season, starting at the end of April with tryouts and ending in the beginning of April with the World Synchronized Skating Championships. It takes two months of individual skill development and endurance training just to be able to start choreography. From there, a series of technical specialists and choreographers assist with the placement of elements in the programs. For the Junior team, the 2.5 minute short program must be completed by July, and the 4.5 minute program must be completed by September. There are required aspects for each program, and everything from the head to the toes must be exactly the same for each of the 20 skaters on the ice. Not just similar, not just the same movement, but making sure your toe-pick is in the same position as the person next to you because it means the difference between 1st and 10th place. The same hands, down to the little finger, and the same size turn left by the blade on the ice. These are all examples of what is worked on day in and day out on the ice with the coaches. What a 5'9" 130 pound skater executes must be identical to the 5'2" 130 pound skater next to her. The time and attention to detail required is extraordinary. The days of 6.0's are long gone, replaced by a technical scoring system that makes Nancy Kerrigan's Olympic feat look like basic skills. An hour long practice is barely enough time to work on skills and do endurance training. Two hours means just enough time to start working on one program-don't forget there are two for the Junior team. Three hours is enough time to train, choreograph, and execute for an average nationally competitive team. Let me assure you, Team Braemar's reputation is far above average and if we could find more ice time we would snatch it up in a heartbeat. Team Braemar buys 11.5 hours for two teams at Braemar Ice Arena per week and have bought 23 hours outside of Braemar in September alone.

Ours is a fast paced, dangerous, ever-evolving sport that has gotten so big the current United States Senior Synchronized Skating champions perform on the Today Show. Synchronized skating is going to the Olympics, and every year we gain another step closer to exhibiting in Sochi, and it will be an official sport at the Olympics in 2018. You don't make it to the Olympics with an hour of training, three times a week. You don't win National Championships with less than 8 hours of ice time per week. You don't dominate the world stage with the average ice time of a preliminary team. Team Braemar comes to win, and everyone knows that we will. We represent the United States of America, "Representing Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club in Edina Minnesota" brings pride to the skater that steps on the ice to those words. The current proposal means the end to that pride, the destruction of skating dreams for a young child, and the failure to support one of the most prominent names in the United States Figure Skating Association. Team Braemar will end without the required ice time, and should you move forward with the proposal, as set forth, you should have the moral fortitude to look these athletes in the eye and tell them why they will no longer represent their city or their country in competition.

I would like to thank you all for your patience, your hard work, and your attention to this issue. We do not often get an opportunity to thank those who work hard for our communities, and on behalf of Team Braemar we extend our gratitude to you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Jane Chaffee  
Team Braemar General Manager  
[Jehchaffee@aol.com](mailto:Jehchaffee@aol.com)  
612-804-1473

## Quote from a Team Braemar Parent

In the spring of 2010, my daughter and I traveled to see the International Skating Union's World Synchronized Skating Championship which - that year - was held in Colorado Springs, CO. While eating breakfast at our hotel, we struck up a conversation with a mother and daughter from St. Louis who had also traveled to see the World Championship. When they learned we were from Minnesota, the young girl immediately asked, "Do you skate with Team Braemar? Because if I lived in Minnesota, Team Braemar would be my dream team!" My daughter did not then skate with Team Braemar, but I learned then about how special Edina's synchronized skating team is and about the celebrity Team Braemar enjoys in synchronized skating circles nationally and internationally. (Did you know that less than five percent of U.S. teams who enter U.S. Figure Skating's qualifying competitive system are named to Team USA?) In recent years, Team Braemar has attracted athletes from as close as Woodbury, Stillwater, Elk River, Rochester, Faribault, and New Ulm and from as far away as Missouri, Washington D.C., Finland, and Switzerland. Because of Team Braemar and the professionals at BCLFSC, athletes throughout the Twin Cities and more have made Edina their skating home. Team Braemar athletes - both residents and non-residents - proudly wear Edina as part of their identity whenever they compete; they are proud to hear "from Edina, Minnesota" whenever the team is announced. It is difficult to understand why the city of Edina would not want to embrace the Team Braemar program and the athletes who represent the city so well.

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Michael Truman <mike@MNTRUMAN.COM>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 10:14 AM  
**To:** jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle; Edina Mail; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Cc:** JENNIFER E TRUMAN; Michael Truman  
**Subject:** Braemar Ice

Edina City Council,

My family lives at 5113 Grove Street in Edina and our 2 children participate in Edina Hockey at U14 and Squirt levels. I am emailing to inform the City Council of our displeasure in skating at area rinks and not at Braemar Arena. During the season our children might not practice or have D6 games for 2 weeks. Our family is in favor of adding more ice times to the hockey interests of the community.

Thank you for reading this email and I hope you vote in favor of giving more ice attention the Edina Hockey Association.

Regards,

Mike and Jennifer Truman  
612-940-2447

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**From:** Jordan Sendar <jsendar@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 11:50 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** ice inequity at Braemar

I am seeking for the appropriate parties to ensure an equitable split of ice, per Edina resident, immediately for the Braemar Ice Arena. Specifically for the Figure Skating Club and EHA. If this doesn't happen, I will definitely vote for candidates who support equity in city related activities across all venues. I will also network with everyone I know in Edina via word of mouth, distribution lists and knocking on doors to ensure our city is represented by City Delegates whose interest are supportive of the "majority" within the community.

I've recently been informed about the inequity of ice between the figure skating organization and EHA. I fully understand the importance of both organizations and I strongly believe an equal split of ice, per Edina resident is the only way to approach this. This should go into effect immediately.

I coached in Edina long before I had children. I had to purchase ice, in addition to what we got from the association, on my own, all over the Twin Cities, since ice wasn't available in Edina. This was a significant inconvenience and time burden to all the children, parents and volunteer coaching staff.

Many families have left Edina Hockey due to the frustrations with the ice schedule; specifically the poor times, locations and lack of ice hours. I've even considered leaving the association at times but I'm coming back to be a head coach for my 7th year in Edina.

Without doing all the research to validate my next point, I am confident that Edina has put more athletes into Division I Hockey Colleges, than any other public school has put into any other sport, in the US. Our program is amongst the best in the country and it would even be better if we had more ice time at Braemar. When we practice outside of Braemar more people are either absent or late which ultimately hinders player development and camaraderie.

Once again I hope the City Council will make appropriate modifications immediately, not because I want my way but it is truly the only reasonable solution to the inequity that has been going on indefinitely.

Sincerely,

Jordan, Nicky, Cameron and Gavin Sendar  
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**From:** Tim <tnasby01@comcast.net>  
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**Subject:** Braemar's Priority Use Agreement

Mayor Hovland and Council Member's Bennett, Brindle, Sprague and Swenson,

My name is Tim Nasby and I reside at 7408 West Shore Drive. I was born and raised in Edina and other than college, I have lived in Edina my entire life. Growing up, I played in the Edina Hockey Association (EHA) for over ten years. I also currently have two boys playing in the EHA. I am well aware of the current situation between the EHA and the BCLFSC regarding a proper allocation of ice time.

I do not want to see the BCLFSC leave Braemar. I know they have a long tradition with Braemar as well as the EHA. However, the current allocation of ice time between the two organizations does not seem fair or equitable. From what I have been told, the EHA has 1306 residents and the BCLFSC has 64 residents. I know from personal experience that the figure skating club gets the most choice hours between early evening and weekend hours. A few years ago my youngest son was in the EHA Mite program and I would say only 20-25% of his games and practices were at Braemar. My elderly mother could not attend the games away from Braemar due to the other ice rink's lack of seating or difficulty getting up and down the stairs. We are very fortunate that Braemar is such a handicap accessible complex. This past year when our boys had either early evening games or weekend games at Braemar (which wasn't that often), I would see the stands filled with grandparents which was nice to see.

The participants of the EHA have needed to find the majority of their ice time away from Braemar over the past years so there is no reason why the BCLFSC should not do the same. Both organizations can still continue to call Braemar "Home" but they both should have to have to find some alternative ice time. It is no fun driving to Mariucci or Ridder Arena in the middle of January during rush hour but we know that we have to do it. The BCLFSC should have to do the same.

I know this is a difficult decision to make with keeping in mind the futures of the two long time, loyal organizations. However, the decision needs to be made with what is right and fair. The current ice allocation between the BCLFSC and the EHA regarding the number of hours and time of the day needs to be addressed and changed.

Thank you for your consideration-

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**Subject:** Braemar Priority Use Policy

## Dear Edina City Council Members,

As a hockey parent and Edina resident, I believe this needs to be addressed.

- The ice time allocation at Braemar Arena is way out of proportion.
- There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant and/or per resident relative to the EHA participants/residents.
- Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents (64 residents), have desirable ice times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks.
- EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents (1306 residents), bear this inconvenience a majority of the time.
- This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue and cannot be status quo going forward.
- Edina residents count on its City Council to be good stewards of our assets and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first and then accommodate the needs of other organizations, if time is available.

The Doyle Family  
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**From:** Lisa Gervais <lrgervais@comcast.net>  
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**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** Douglas Gervais  
**Subject:** Support for EHA: A more equitable balance of Braemar ice times

Dear Mayor:

I have 3 sons who play hockey in Edina. The ice time allocation at Braemar Arena is way out of proportion and needs to be addressed immediately!! Year after year we are forced to travel out of Edina for ice time. In addition we have been forced to keep Edina children up late at night as we travel to other rinks and get less desirable ice times. Edina should take care of its own children first!!

(Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents (ONLY 64 residents), have desirable ice times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks.)

That is unacceptable!!! Give the EHA families a fair deal! The current status quo is wrong and needs to change to support EHA families.( 99% of whom are Edina residents =1306 resident taxpayers)

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Thank you,

Lisa Gervais  
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Edina Resident, Tax payer and Hockey Mom

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**Subject:** upcoming LRT decision

I am writing to urge you to reconsider the 3C alignment for the LRT rather than going ahead with any of the current plans involving the Kenilworth Corridor which have generated intense opposition from local residents.

As a resident of Minneapolis and a frequent user of the trails around Cedar Lake, I have been very concerned about the impact of co-location of the railroad and LRT in the Kenilworth Corridor. It has always seemed like a bad idea that is destined to harm one of the premier green spaces and natural resources that makes Minneapolis such a livable city.

Since I was unable to attend the Met Council meeting in Minneapolis last month I went to the one in St. Louis Park instead. Until then I had not realized what the implications of moving the rail lines would mean for the St. Louis Park residents. I was appalled to see what the plan would do to that community and completely agree with the legitimate fears raised by the residents. The St. Louis Park plan was even worse than those for proposed for Minneapolis, which I already considered to be awful. The deep tunnel appears to be the only reasonable solution and the cost of that seems prohibitive. I agree with many people at the meeting who voiced their concern that a tunnel option would be selected and then changed to an above ground co-location due to costs.

I recently saw a call for a reconsideration of the 3C alignment down Nicollet Ave. I would strongly urge you to reconsider this option. It is hard to believe that the cost of relocating the railroads was not considered in the original choice. This should have been an obvious consideration in selecting options. It is better to consider it now than to go ahead with the plans currently being considered.

I hope you will consider different options for the LRT that will work for both the cities of Minneapolis and St. Louis Park rather than try to pit these 2 communities against each other. Animosity between neighboring communities is hardly the way to build a strong metropolitan area.

Sincerely,

Ronald Faber

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**From:** Elizabeth.King <Elizabeth.King@target.com>  
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**Cc:** king.home@comcast.net; chris.king@medtronic.com  
**Subject:** PLEASE REPRESENT OUR FAMILY - Prioritization of EHA in Allocation of Braemar Ice Time allocation

Mr. Mayor and City Council Representatives-

On behalf of our family (who has 2 boys in EHA), please seriously consider the necessity of making changes to the prioritization of ice time in Edina. The EHA is a wonderful, volunteer run organization which is wildly successful but the fact the participants which are 99% Edina residents are driving ALL OVER THE GREATER TWIN CITIES to get our children to their EDINA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION practice is EXTREMELY frustrating. When our older son started in Termites 6 years ago 95% of his hockey was at Braemar, this past season as a member of the Squirt A team I would estimate that only 20% of his hockey practices were at Braemar. Many, many evenings we were fighting crazy rush hour traffic to get to Richfield or worse yet to Ridder or Mariucci. Our younger son was a 2<sup>nd</sup> year MITE and again very little of his time was at Braemar. We found ourselves getting him up at the CRACK OF DAWN (literally waking a 7 year old before 7am 50% of weekend mornings) to get to practices as Hat trick, Richfield and the FAIRGROUNDS. The EHA is not the same program that we started with 6 years ago and the reason for that is that the younger members of EHA are not skating in Edina's Braemar rink very often at all. We have 2 children that are both in the same Hockey association and we often found ourselves needing to get one child to Ridder arena while the other had a practice at the same time across town. This is not right!! We should be getting kids to BRAEMAR to practice. This should not have to practice at 8 and 9 pm every weekend night and miss big social occasions. This problem needs to be rectified for the TAX PAYING families that are the members of EHA.

While we appreciate the figure skaters need time on the ice, the inconvenience of traveling to other arenas and skating at less than optimal times needs to share in a much more equitable manner. The BCLFSC families are only 40% Edina residents. Their organization is getting almost 4 times the number of prime season ice hours – and if we only considered Edina residents in that organization they are getting 7 times the number of prime season ice hours in Braemar. I was frustrated driving around town last season, but I will tell you that since I have become informed about the reason getting ice time at Braemar is so difficult is in large part attributable to a club that is comprised of 40% of tax paying Edina residents I will be even more bothered. The BCLFSC should not have prioritization over EHA!!

EHA needs to get their FAIR SHARE of PRIME TIME ice at BRAEMAR arena. Please, on behalf of a tax-paying family in Edina, due what is in the BEST INTEREST of the MAJORITY of the residents in Edina. Make EHA Priority #3 during the prime season and rectify this problem SWIFTLY (a 4 year transition is TOO LONG!). Families in EHA have been disproportionately inconvenienced for TOO LONG. Please represent our family when you meet on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss this situation.

If you need any additional information about this please feel free to contact me.

Elizabeth King (on behalf of The Chris King Family – Catherine (12), John (11) and Michael (8))  
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**Subject:** Braemar ice arena

As an Edina resident past 12 years, hockey parent for 9 years, edina hockey coach past 4 years, I feel strongly that there should be proportional equity between the Edina residents participating in hockey as well as figure skating for utilizing the Braemar ice arena. There have been countless times where I have had to drive downtown during rush hour or to other non Edina arenas to coach or bring my kids to a practice.

Thank you

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**From:** Bill Peichel <bill.peichel@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Prioty Use Agreement

Members of the City Council,

Please support EHA and the families of Edina to create a fair ice balance between EHA and Braemar Figure Skating Club. It seems unreasonable that as an Edina resident EHA should have to spend so many of its practice hours away from Braemar. If it is true that less than 50% of the figure skating club is Edina residents then it seems your decision should be easy. I would hope your constituents of Edian are your first priority.

Regards

Bill Peichel  
Hockey Parent

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**Subject:** Bramear City of Lakes Figure Skating Club

To:  
The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina  
The Honorable Joni Bennett, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Mary Brindle, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Josh Sprague, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Ann Swenson, Edina City Council Member  
Mr. Scott Neal, Edina City Manager  
Ms. Ann Kattreh, Edina Parks and Recreation Director

Our daughter is a figure skater in the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club. We drive over 60 miles round trip for her to skate at Braemar and we do this 5 days a week. We chose BCLFSC because of the quality of the coaches, the amazing skaters at Braemar and the overall reputation of the club. We also have a son who plays hockey. As parents we understand the challenges and commitment required to find ice that allows our kids the opportunity to participate in their chosen sports. We would hate to tell either of kids that they could no longer participate in the sports they love and do not believe that one sport should get priority over another. It would seem that in a city as big as Edina and an arena as big as Braemar there should be room for both hockey and figure skating.

The city of Edina and state of Minnesota clearly believes there is value in figure skating. Joan Orvis was featured on the city's web site and Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed Saturday April 28, 2012 to be Team Braemar Synchronized Skating Day. To think that the city of Edina may consider ending this long tradition of excellence in figure skating in favor of the EHA is concerning.

At the next city council meeting as you consider the decision of whether to reduce the ice available to the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating club in order to grant a few additional hours to the EHA, we hope that you take into account the following:

- Figure skating is a full time, year round sport. You can't take the summer, winter, spring or fall off and expect to be able to compete. BCLFSC supports the Braemar Arena all year long. Suggesting that the club find ice at another location during the school year but keep their ice during the summer isn't a viable position. A club can't exist with ice for only part of the year. Over the last year I have observed that when we arrive at Braemar at 7am on weekday mornings (fall, winter, spring and summer) we often find the parking lot virtually empty and the other rinks with the lights off but there is always someone from BCLFSC on the East Rink. This speaks to the dedication of the figure skaters as well as BCLFSC's year round support of the Braemar rink.
- The hockey association has buying power, given their strong membership they have the opportunity to purchase ice at other locations and pursue options such as the development of additional rinks in the community.
- The individual families within EHA are unlikely to even notice the impact of the additional ice requested from BCLFSC at Braemar given they have 40+ teams in the association. 100% of the figure skaters will be impacted if the ice is reduced. The buying power for a program such as BCLFSC is limited both by US Figure Skating rules, funds and the number of members. As a hockey parent, we understand that we will be both playing and practicing at a number of arena's, that is part of playing hockey in Minnesota.
- A decision to support the EHA position will likely end a skating club that has been in existence for over 47 years and has a reputation in the World for its skating excellence. A decision to support the BCLFSC program will not end the EHA.

It is unquestionably very difficult to make a decision that may not be the most popular. If you look only at the numbers it is clear there are more hockey players than figure skaters and that will always be the case but that does not mean that there is no value or benefit to the community of a figure skating program. There are more people that visit a mall or shopping center but that doesn't mean that the public library does not serve a valuable purpose in the community. It is disappointing that the EHA seems to be unwilling to work with the BCLFSC and continue under the existing arrangement or to find a way to allow both programs to co-exist. As a city official you have the opportunity to support a decision that will balance the needs of both programs and do what is right for the community providing opportunities for both hockey players and figure skaters now and in the future.

When the world and the United States looks to the Olympics in 2014 they will watch both the US figure skaters and the US hockey team. It is in the dreams of our kids today that our future lies. We hope that the Edina city council members recognize that both sports offer opportunities for kids to learn the skills & dedication needed to become responsible members of our community and that the desires of one group should not be allowed to override and end those of another.

Respectfully,

Ken & Sandy Dee

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**Subject:** Ice Time Allocation

To City Council Members,

First of all, I want to thank you for all your efforts as members of the Edina City Council, your hard work is greatly appreciated. Edina is a fantastic community to live in and be a part of!!

Regarding, the issue regarding the inequality of ice time allocation between figure skating and the Edina Hockey Association is one that needs to finally be addressed. I, like many, was unaware of the situation until it has recently come to light. I hope this issue of fairness and shared inconvenience can be resolved in a timely manner. I am confident that reasonable people can come to a reasonable solution to the issues at hand. I appreciate your concern regarding this matter. Thank you.

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**From:** George Hadjiyanis <ghadjiyanis@comcast.net>  
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**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Proposal Times - Skating vs. School

Mayor Hovland,

Thank you so much for helping guide a resolution to the Braemar Ice Prioritization issue.

As we reviewed the proposal that will be presented tomorrow, you can see that in future years it states the following for BCLFSC:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5 a.m. - 5:50 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday 5 a.m. — 3:50 p.m.
- Saturdays rotating schedule: A — 7-10 a.m.; B— 1-4 p.m.; C 7-10 p.m.

So basically EHA (and the Parks Director) has provided us with a proposal hours when **the kids are in school** for the most part with a few hours for the club in times that will be able to be used

This is unworkable and I strongly believe that this has not been negotiated in good faith but has EHA only in its perspective.

The ultimate question is, does Edina want a world renown skating club and synchro team or not?

Thanks so much for your consideration.

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**From:** Carolkrunch@aol.com  
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**Subject:** Residential Zoning Code Changes

Major James Hovland  
City Council Members  
Planning Commission Members

The Planning Commission was directed by City Council put together a forum/proposals to address community concerns regarding the mass and placement of new homes in Edina. For months, the Planning Commission listened to Edina residents, met to discuss changes, proposed many modest changes, held a public hearing, etc. On July 16, Edina City Council voted down most of the planning commission's real changes for reducing the mass of new homes. The vote was 4 - 1 to further discussion on some of these changes, but not others.

**My question is why would the City Council delegate the Planning Commission to address community concerns and make recommendations, only to vote down most of the work and significant changes?**

***Among the items that the revised draft ordinance does NOT Address is the Provision of tree protection, preservation or replacement;***

***This is the item that my letter to you addresses.....***

***Why is there no provision for protecting and saving trees. Because neighborhoods are established the tree coverage is mature, beautiful and plentiful. To accommodate the size of houses being built on Brookview Avenue currently, the builders/contractors are removing large trees.***

***When we moved to Edina in 1974, there were two mature beautiful elm trees on our property, one in the back yard and one in the front yard. It was lovely to see how they weathered storms, provided shelter for birds and other wildlife. I loved the changing colors and even in the coldest, bleakest winter day, I found them beautiful still.***

***We protected the trees throughout the years and when extremely high winds in 2002 damaged the elm in the front yard, we needed to remove many branches, causing it to weaken and later develop Dutch Elm Disease three years later. That was very sad.***

***Our elm in the back yard was huge, beautiful and healthy. Its branches practically covered the roof of our small house. Sadly, it, too, developed Dutch Elm disease even though we were diligent about a schedule for injections through the years. In 2008, the tree was removed. I still remember the feelings when the crane lifted up the base of the tree and lifting it up and over the house.***

*It would be very sad if did not take the time to consider our policies regarding the protection of trees during new home construction.*

*Removing our beautiful tree coverage in our neighborhoods, and replacing their majesty with brick, wood, mortar and tar.....do we really want this as our legacy for our children and our children's children.*

*Please commit to establishing a policy for tree protection, preservation or replacement.*

*Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.*

*Best regards,*

**Carol Carmichiel  
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**From:** Kari Gronseth <karigronseth@comcast.net>  
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**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina hockey Ice Time

RE: Ice time for Edina Hockey

The ice time allocation at Braemer Arena is way out of proportion and needs to be addressed

I have an Edina PW hockey player and we are disappointed with the access to ice time at Braemar. I would like the Edina City Council to use some common sense when deciding on the issue of ice time with hockey vs. figure skaters. The number of practices that are after 9pm at rinks outside of Edina are unacceptable for the fees we are paying.... It is very frustrating to have my 6<sup>th</sup> Grade son get home from practice at 10:30pm, shower...and go to bed to get up at 6am for school.

We would like to play at Braemar and NOT other community rinks....otherwise, please use the money you are collecting on

Unnecessary curbs and roads and build additional rinks...

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**From:** Barrie Lund <barrielund@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Edina Ice Time

Hello.

I have two children in Edina Hockey.

We practice at Ridder, Mariucci, Richfield, Blake, Breck, Minnihaha Academy, Eden Prairie, St.Louis Park, Bloomington and occasionally Braemar. Our girls played most of last year on half ice at Hat Trick...sometimes with two teams (25 girls on the ice at the same time).

It is not uncommon for my children to be at two different rinks on opposite sides of the city until 10 at night. Our schedules are at different times and different places every week.

I understand the legacy of the Braemar Ice Skating club. But, I do think that it is crazy that a compromise cannot be reached for all parties.

Why should such a large group of families in Edina with a rich tradition in hockey be penalized?

Thank you for time.

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Barrie  
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**From:** Marian Delaney <mdel790003@aol.com>  
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**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Hockey

The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina,

My husband and I have two boys that have played hockey in the Edina Hockey Association since they were 4. Currently they are 13 and 14. We believe in the strong program and are writing to support Edina Hockey Association in its stance regarding the ice time allocation at the Braemar Arena. There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant and/or per resident relative to the EHA participants/residents. Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents (64 residents), have desirable ice times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks. EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents (1306 residents), bear this inconvenience a majority of the time. This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue and cannot be status quo going forward.

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Thank you for considering the fairness of this issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gretchen Keenan <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 9:46 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** I just signed "Edina City Council: Implement a Dual Track approach to address FAA flight path consolidation"

Dear Mayor Jim Hovland,

I just signed Common Man's petition "[Edina City Council: Implement a Dual Track approach to address FAA flight path consolidation](#)" on Change.org.

As a friend of Edina, someone who lives, works, plays, studies, shops or worships in the City of Edina, I hereby petition the Edina City Council to respond at its next meeting to the serious threat to our community posed by the FAA's RNAV flight path consolidation strategy at Minneapolis St. Paul Airport. Specifically, we request the City Council resolve to implement a concurrent dual track approach, as follows: 1) To continue amicable discussions between representatives and staff of the City, the Metropolitan Airport Commission, and the Governor's Office, with the explicit objective that the Metropolitan Airport Commission formally voice unmitigated opposition to the FAA's RNAV flight path consolidation strategy at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. 2) To establish and formally earmark, immediately, a \$250,000 RNAV Consolidated Flight Path Litigation Expense Reserve Fund, to enable the City to take prompt legal action, if necessary, to stop the implementation of the FAA's RNAV flight path consolidation strategy over any part of the City on any basis (permanent, temporary, test or trial period). We believe that this concurrent dual track action is most prudent, courteous and balanced approach in that it "hopes for the best, yet prepares for the worst" before it is too late.

Sincerely,  
Gretchen Keenan Sunfish Lake, Minnesota

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There are now 33 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Common Man by clicking here:

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Deb Mangen

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**From:** Shea Huston <sheahuston@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 10:04 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** More ice time for Edina Hockey at Braemar Arena

Hello,

My name is Shea Huston and I live with my wife, Kerry and 3 kids at 6825 Gleason Rd. Both of our boys play hockey and we have been carting them around the metro to different arenas in order to get ice time. Seems kind of crazy to me when we have such a nice arena in Braemar right around the corner (that is supported by our tax dollars).

I understand there are competing interests for ice time but I would ask that you please consider making EQUAL ice time for things like figure skating and hockey. I see no reason why figure skating should be getting considerably more ice time than hockey, especially when almost every hockey family are tax paying citizens of Edina (the same cannot be said for figure skating).

Thank you for your consideration.

Shea

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**From:** shmakredes@q.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 10:21 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** Steve Makredes  
**Subject:** Braemar Priority Use Agreement

Honorable Mayor Hovland;

I am a resident of Edina and my daughter has been a member of BCLFSC since 2004 and a member of Team Braemar.

I would like to thank you for your leadership at the July 16th City Council Meeting. I attended that meeting and thought that you were able to understand the impact the proposed Priority Use Agreement would have on BCLFSC. I thought your recommendation for the two sides to meet was a wise one.

Unfortunately, my understanding of those meetings was the EHA position was not **if** BCLFSC would lose significant ice time but, **when**. The reason I was told EHA did not support the Park Board recommendation was it did not give them ice time fast enough. Hardly the spirit of compromise.

I have just finished reading the Agenda for the August 5th City Council Meeting and the Park Board's staff revised recommendation for a Priority Use Agreement. If accepted, I believe this will ultimately lead to the end of the 47 year Figure Skating tradition in Edina.

Figure Skating is a different sport than hockey. EHA is looking at ice time through a hockey lens. While it was nice of them to offer up their ice scheduler, a quick look at open ice times at the arenas they proposed show no consecutive open ice hours.

I would like you to consider a few other thoughts as you weigh your options for tomorrow's meeting:

- Great cities provide services to a variety of activities
- 2014 is an Olympic year and Figure Skating plays a major role in broadcast television. We can expect to see an increase in Edina citizen's desire to enter the sport.
- Figure Skaters are athletes for sure, but are also artists, in fact they are a perfect blend of athletics and the arts.
- Not all Edina residents support the dominance of Hockey. EHA has developed a very successful program with the resources they have and so has BCLFSC. The changes proposed will result in the end of BCLFSC and further dominance of hockey in Edina.
- The year round cash flow generated by BCLFSC to the Braemar Arena

As a parent of a figure skater, I was open to negotiate a compromise, the reality is there is not enough ice time to allow EHA to increase its ice hours at Braemar the way they want to.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting tomorrow night. For now the only course of action I can see is accept option 1 (maintain the status quo) or require EHA to be more flexible in negotiating ice hours so we can come up with a mutual agreement.

Steve Makredes  
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**Subject:** Resolution for Braemar Arena user groups

To: The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina  
From: Tom Incantalupo, BCLFSC Staff Coach  
Date: 8/2/13  
Re: Resolution for Braemar Arena user groups

Several years ago, I was asked by a fellow Figure Skating professional for the definition of 'Figure Skating' because they felt it was not possible to clearly define. Without hesitation, I stated that "Figure Skating is the act of executing extraordinarily difficult stunts on an ice surface wearing razor sharp knives while attempting to make these acts appear effortless as one is interpreting music." This professional of over 30 years in the business seemed stunned because it was the first time that someone had responded with a clear definition of the sport. This renowned World and Olympic coach was Mr. Peter Burrows, Dorothy Hamill's coach.

I would like to take a moment to tell you a little bit about myself before giving my thoughts about the current climate at Braemar Arena. My name is Tom Incantalupo. I am married to Katie Wahlquist, daughter of Edina resident Harold G. Wahlquist. I have been a Figure Skating Professional for 22 years. I am a Professional Skaters' Association (PSA) Master Rated, National and International Coach and am regularly invited to and visit other states/countries such as New York, Connecticut, Canada, Argentina, and Mexico to offer my expertise in the technical side of the sport. I am certified by the United States Olympic Committee as a video analysis technician using slow motion video analysis computers to assist in jumping -- this very sophisticated computer system analyzes the height, speed of rotation and axis of a skaters jump. I am a BCLFSC Staff Coach who specializes in jumping. I am a native New Yorker (Flatbush, Brooklyn to be exact) and the son of a FDNY Firefighter of 37 years, the brother of an FDNY Firefighter who acted in an astonishingly heroic manner during 9/11, and a former nationally ranked Figure Skater. In this letter, I will be as concise as possible with my thoughts regarding the current climate at Braemar Arena as this is the only way I know how to be as the New Yorker in me is still alive and well.

Fact – When a figure skater lands (or falls on) a jump, the velocity in which they hit the ice with is the equivalent of 7-10 times their body weight falling from the air.

Fact – A skater has approximately .488 seconds to rotate a cleanly executed triple jump.

Fact – The energy expended on a 4.5 minute skating routine (Senior level) is the equivalent of running a 4 minute mile.

Fact – A Novice, Junior or Senior level Figure Skater wanting to compete at the national level, must skate an average of 18-20 hours per week + to maintain this level of skating.

I mention these facts to be clear that an individual sport such as Figure Skating, Golf, Tennis and gymnastics cannot be compared to ANY team sport by using time/training quantity as factors. Individual sports require a far greater amount of time to perfect elite levels. Figure Skaters at the core are exceptional athletes....Period. I was recruited by BCLFSC in September of 2011. Very excited to accept, I convinced all of my clientele and students to follow me to Braemar Arena for a top level experience. My students come to Braemar Arena to work under me from as far as Ham Lake MN, Lino Lakes MN, Maple Grove MN, and have come from as far as Austin, MN. These are athletes that train approximately 15-17 hours per week on ice, 5-7 hours per week off ice. They have sacrificed a traditional academic experience by enrolling into the State of Minnesota Cyber Schooling program (Home Schooling) in order to reach their full potential.

Mr. Hovland, to get directly to the point, the amount of ice time that EHA desires will not come remotely close to scratching the surface of meeting their needs. In my opinion, the EHA has failed to control their rate of growth by not having the foresight to customize their program based on the number of hours available to them. The outcome of this is BCLFSC is being asked to pay a steep price for the EHA's errors.

I truly feel that the EHA's current stance is merely out of greed. At the same time, this loss of ice for BCLFSC will cause such irreparable harm that it will not only destroy the legacy of the program but it will dissuade any future figure skating athletes with great potential from training at Braemar. This is due to the inability for these potential athletes to trust the environment, management, and the City of Edina with its level of support (or lack of) for figure skating.

I am not going to whine to you about my livelihood being in jeopardy or that this will prevent me from being able to provide for my family. My unique skills as a technical coach will allow for me to find another location within the Twin Cities with no concern. My decision to write this letter is based on the loyalty that I offer to the BCLFSC. Not only does the BCLFSC have a sparkling reputation within the Twin Cities but they are also a legendary nationally and internationally-renowned program. The BCLFSC program is what is in jeopardy. The future for any serious elite level figure skaters is what is in jeopardy, and the City of Edina's ability to offer an exceptional program to its residents is what is in jeopardy.

If you would care to discuss this with me, you can reach me any time at 651-270-2206 or at [skoach92@yahoo.com](mailto:skoach92@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your time and the efforts you have invested in this subject.

Respectfully,

Tom Incantalupo

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**Subject:** EHA Response to BCLFSC Math Flaws Document  
**Attachments:** EHA Response to BCLFSC Math Flaws Document.pdf; EHA math flaws.doc



EDINA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

August 4, 2013

To: The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina  
The Honorable Joni Bennett, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Mary Brindle, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Josh Sprague, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Ann Swenson, Edina City Council Member

From: Ron Green, EHA President, 612.669.2362

After reading the BCLFSC's attached document "EHA Math Flaws," I felt it necessary to provide a written response on behalf of the EHA.

Team vs. Individual Comparison

The math is not incorrect or flawed. They are choosing to create a different perspective but let's compare using the team as a metric. The 83 EHA teams divided by 2,100 in-season hours at Braemar = 25.3 hours/team, as they indicated. In our meetings with them, they told us the Synchronization Team has two teams - a high level and novice level team. The BCLFSC Teams use about 1/3 of their 700 hours at Braemar or 233 hours = 116 hours/team - 4.5 times more hours per EHA team. For the individual skaters, they have multiple kids on the ice at the same time and I'm sure we can create a metric for that. But pick any metric, and you'll see the math is not flawed and still shows a sizable inequality.

Exaggerating Ice-Away Ratios

The EHA has not referenced any ratios when discussing ice time away from Braemar - the Parks and Recreation recommendation documents have made the following comment: for every one hour at Braemar, EHA teams have 3-4 hours at other arenas. This is an accurate statement.

In addition to the hours the EHA and its parents purchase, EHA kids are away from Braemar for league games and tournaments where the other associations provide the ice time. This can be an additional 16-25 events per team. This was not included in the totals as we do not purchase this ice.

Summary of EHA ice excluding all league game and tournaments:

Braemar practice ice for EHA: 1,206 hours (2,100 less 894 hours for league games and tournaments)  
Total non-Braemar practice ice: 2,500 – 2,750 hours (EHA purchases 2,000 hours; parents 500-750)  
Total practice ice: 3,706 – 3,956 hours

For every one hour at Braemar, an EHA member skates at least 3 hours at other arenas (comparing 1,206 to range of 3,706-3,956 hours). Some kids may skate 4 hours at other rinks due to scheduling.

Home vs. Away Ice Time – Self Inflicted

There is a high demand from Edina residents to participate in hockey and the EHA provides a community service by taking all who are interested in playing. We have a No Cut policy. Does the Edina School Board limit the number of residents that can attend Edina Schools? They limit open enrollment, but not access for tax-paying citizens in the community.

In addition, the BCLFSC proposes no late ice so their kids from New Prague or Elk River can get home. What about Edina kids that skate late at other rinks and have to drive home? Does the Council want to accommodate non-residents at the expense of their tax-paying citizens?

We have never pursued recruiting campaigns although it has been discussed. We also provide financial assistance to those Edina families that want their daughters or sons to participate. We have had consistent levels of participants for the last 10 seasons and excellent growth with our girls program. This is not self-inflicted - this is an Edina resident-driven demand.

EHA Membership History

Season	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13
Players	1059	1056	1117	1143	1073	1254	1280	1337	1321	1316

EHA Girls Hockey Membership History

Season	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13
Girls	113	139	258	244	268	274	271	312	302	348	352	347

Ice Time From BCLFSC Is Pointless

Not to an EHA participant family. For every hour of ice at Braemar, it positively affects 17 - 34 EHA families (hockey teams typically have 15 skaters and 2 goalies on each team and oftentimes have 2 teams practicing at the same time).

I also provide the following input:

The BCLFSC is stating the Synchronization Team will be gone with the City Staff recommendation. This doesn't need to happen and should be at the discretion of the BCLFSC. They can choose to use the ice time allocation from Braemar as they see appropriate to meet their needs. They can choose to use some or all of the ice time for the Synchronization Team or some or all of the ice time for individual lessons. They can also choose to use their recommendation allocation in time blocks other than what was proposed. Example, for next season, maybe they skate 3-10 Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays.

We appreciate the dialogue and just want to make sure you have the correct information on these issues.

Sincerely,

Ron Green  
EHA President

## EHA Math Flaws

When you look closer at the data sent by EHA to its members to fire them up and write to City Council members, it is easy to find the error in the logic and see that EHA is grossly exaggerating their situation. It is also interesting to note that this EHA blast email was sent by someone who is a City employee at Braemar Arena.

EHA is using their larger membership numbers to calculate math that does not make sense. Let me explain. The EHA took their total 2100 hours at Braemar, divided them by their total membership and calculated that each EHA hockey player is only at Braemar 1.6 hours during the entire hockey season. Think about that- it just does not make sense. What that math calculates is the number of hours each EHA member would have at Braemar if each EHA member had the ice completely to themselves for the 1.6 hours. Their math describes a scenario where each kid skates for 1.6 hours by themselves, followed by the next hockey player, and so on.

Of course, we all know hockey is a team sport and the entire team is out on the ice for practice. The real math is as follows: When the total number of EHA hours at Braemar (2100) are divided by the number of teams (83) then each team is on Braemar ice for 25.3 hours during the hockey season [ $2100/83 = 25.3$ ]. This shows that when a kid plays on a team, they are at Braemar Arena 25.3 hours/season, and not 1.6 hours/season. This is the real story, instead of the inaccurate and exaggerated story that EHA has communicated. And 25.3 hours/season is far greater than the 5.4 hours/BCLFSC participant as quoted in the August 2nd email.

Bottom line, you can't make the data comparison the EHA is making because you are comparing a team sport, hockey, to a primarily individual sport, figure skating. It's an apples to oranges comparison. The EHA math is illogical and inaccurate and no organization looks good when they use inaccurate and highly exaggerated data to anger their membership. It also demonstrates that EHA does not understand the fundamental differences between how a team sport and an individual sport use ice time.

The EHA used erroneous math another time they sent out a letter to fire up their members and it also exaggerated their situation. In their first blast email they stated they skate at other arenas 3-4 times the time they spend at Braemar. Some may still be quoting this exaggerated ratio but their numbers from their latest email tell a very different story. Using their purchased hours of 2100 Braemar "home" hours to 2000 "away" hours is really a 1:1 ratio. Even if EHA includes the parent purchases of an estimated 500-700 hours/year (which they can't control), the ratio is 1.3 hours away for every 1.0 hours at Braemar – a far different ratio than the 3-4 hours away for every hour at Braemar.

If the complaint factor of 1:3 to 1:4 (home to away) is indeed true, that would mean that EHA purchases 6,000 to 8,000 away hours of ice, for total ice purchases of 8,000 to 10,000 (home + away). If EHA purchases 2,100 hours at Braemar and 2,000 away from Braemar, the Association allocates 4,100 hours of ice. Subtracting 4,100 hours from the total purchases of 8,000 to 10,000 hours yields the additional hours parents are choosing to purchase on their own. In other words, EHA parents purchase 3,900 to 5,900 hours of ice on their own ( $8,000-4,100=3,900$  and  $10,000-4,100=5,900$ ).

If EHA is complaining about home vs. away time, this math clearly shows that the problem is self inflicted by their own membership. And they have no right to complain.

EHA really needs several more sheets of ice to meet their demand. Trying to take ice time from BCLFSC is pointless because it is a "drop in the bucket" to solving EHA's shortfall of thousands of hours. A very small benefit to one organization (EHA) has huge consequences to the fundamental structure of the other (BCLFSC).

**From:** Bonnie <bsmith19@comcast.net>  
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**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar ice time

Hello Mayor Hovland,

I am contacting you regarding the potential policy change for ice rental at Braemar Arena. As a 1985 EHS graduate and former figure skater and Edina mom of a current youth hockey player I can appreciate all aspects of this issue. My primary concern with allowing the figure skaters more time is simple : my tax dollars as an Edina resident support Braemar and I believe the facility should be used primarily for Edina residents. The current priority list appears to support this rationale as the city and high school get the top priorities. It is difficult to justify then why an organization (BCLFSC) with only 51 Edina residents uses 700 hours and an organization with over 1000 Edina residents uses 2700. The proposal to allow priority to a group with such few residents simply doesn't make sense to me. Thank you for your consideration,  
Bonnie Smith

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**Cc:** Susie Miller  
**Subject:** Braemar Arena Priority Use Policy

Dear Mayor Hovland, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Brindle, Council Member Sprague, Council Member Swenson, City Manager, Mr. Scott Neal, and Edina Parks Director, Ms. Ann Kattreh:

I am writing to offer my comments on the proposed Priority Use Policy for Braemar Arena. This topic was discussed at the June 11, 2013 Park Board meeting, but I was unable to attend that meeting. However, upon review of the minutes, it is clear that while the policy was discussed, the Board took no specific action or vote to recommend the policy to the Council.

Director Kattreh's report to council correctly provides background on the competing demands on prime season prime time ice at Braemar. This has been a difficult issue, and a solution has been elusive. However, in my opinion, the proposed Priority Use Policy for Braemar Arena is inadequate as written. The solution proposed in the report, which drastically reduces figure skating hours over four years and bases ice time allocation primarily on residency percentages, does not adequately address issues of diversity of recreational opportunities, quality of programming, thresholds or benchmarks for training time, or financial performance of the enterprise and sets a new precedent for facility allocation.

#### Diversity of Recreational Opportunities

The City has a long history of providing access to its facilities to a broad variety of activities, and I encourage the continuation of this mission. The use of its parks and athletic fields is open to a wide variety of sports, the Art Center offers a broad range of classes and activities, Centennial Lakes and other parks are open to all, without regard to residency. This diversity of opportunities is part of what makes our parks and our City a great place to live.

If the proposed Priority Use policy is enacted unchanged, it is possible that the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club would move their primary operations to another facility or suffer attrition and contraction due to inadequate ice time. The BCLFSC figure skating program, as well as their synchronized performance teams are important components of our recreational diversity, and I urge the Council to avoid actions that would substantially weaken their presence in the community.

As the City has allocated resources for other activities, it has determined the desire, mission, or need to support an activity and then made it possible, without regard to residency. For example, when there was interest in starting a flag football program, field space was made available for that program. Similarly, there is support for figure skating in Edina, and an ice time agreement needs to be formulated that enables figure skating to thrive based on promoting a diversity of opportunities, not solely based on residency.

#### Residency Percentages

Contrary to the report to Council, I believe that there is no precedent for allocating City resources for different activities based on residency percentages. In the case of the Aquatic Center, residency percentages were used (and adjusted downward twice) to determine which swim club would get priority use. However, this was done to choose between two competing clubs in the same sport. In allocating other resources, whether enterprise or non-enterprise, residency percentages have not been used. For example, residency percentages or total numbers of resident participants have not been the deciding factor in allocation of field space between soccer, lacrosse, football, flag football, etc. Rather, the City has determined that there has been a need to provide various different activities with appropriate facilities at appropriate times to provide quality programming. I do not

know of any instance where other facilities have had conflicting teams or clubs in the same sport vying for the same field space, as was the case at the Aquatic Center.

Using residency numbers or percentages as the sole determinant of resource allocation for different activities (hockey vs. figure skating) would set a new precedent that other sports could use to leverage their way for more prime time at other facilities (e.g., lacrosse vs. soccer.) Council should keep this in mind if moving forward with setting such a precedent.

It makes sense to me to use the residency percentage as one of the criteria for being a recognized association for priority use but not the only criterion. Since there is no other figure skating club vying for priority status at Braemar, the residency requirement could be set the same way the residency requirements for swimming and other sports were set: at whatever level that enables the sport to comply with the residency requirement. If Edina wants to have a figure skating club, and everyone that I have spoken to feels that Edina should support a figure skating club at our arena, then it only makes sense that a residency requirement should not restrict our ability to have a club.

If this rationale is problematic for council, another option would be to reassign the Learn to Skate program to be under the control of the figure skating club. Doing this would increase the residency percentage to an acceptable level to enable the club to be a recognized association.

#### Quality of Programming, Benchmarking

No one can argue with the quality of either the Edina Hockey Association's or the BCLFSC's programs. The EHA is the largest school-aged hockey league in the country, and the success of our hockey players is well known. The BCLFSC also has a long and deep history of success, with regional, national, and international recognition. Team Braemar secured the gold medal in this year's Junior Nationals competition. This type of international recognition for a skating program named after our arena brings honor and esteem to our city. Whatever solution to the ice time conflict is formulated should enable the continuation of both of these programs.

Additionally, comparisons should be reviewed of the hours of ice time available for our skating programs versus skating programs for other similar hockey and figure skating programs. To ensure a fair comparison and recognize the realities of two working parents as coaches and drivers of youth sports, the hours of programming should be broken into four subsets: weekday 2-5; weekday 5-10; weekday morning; and weekend. I would recommend that our skating programs' prime time ice time should be aligned with other successful programs' ice time. With my extremely brief and anecdotal review of Eden Prairie and Bloomington, whose programs are not competing at as elite a level as Braemar's, it appears that those cities allocate significantly more after 5:00 hours and more ice time in total than staff's proposed endpoint for the figure skating club.

#### Financial Performance

The Braemar Arena budget is relevant to this discussion. The last time the Park Board was given a budget report for Braemar Arena was in September, 2011. The report given contained actuals from 2010. That report estimated that the average annual cost to Edina for Braemar Arena's operating expenses, capital improvements, and debt service would be about \$600,000 per year for the next five years. That figure was calculated before the city built the Hornet's Nest which incurred a considerable debt so the current cost to Edina for the arena would likely be quite a bit more. The budget of Braemar Arena should be a part of this discussion.

The Priority Use Policy must be written to allow for successful financial management. If a solution to the ice time conflict which is acceptable to both the EHA and the BCLFSC is not found, the City risks losing one of these important "customers" of our facilities, and with that loss, losing the diversity of revenue sources that is important in financial stability. The city should not have all its prime time hours reliant on one organization. Whatever solution is found must maintain or improve the financial performance of the enterprise.

I see a similarity between the arena and the proposed sports dome with respect to a facility with a prime time that can fairly easily be booked to capacity and an off season with under-utilization. I recommend that Council

considers the advice of the consultants hired to advise on the potential sports dome, who wrote in the Edina Sports Dome Financial Feasibility Study:

“The Sports Dome should be available to non-residents groups in order to reduce the financial obligations of Edina participants and taxpayers.

The City will have to attract non-resident organizations in order to achieve financial feasibility and to keep rental rates reasonable. In order to attract non-residents in an unstable market, Edina may have to "package" a number of prime, peak demand time hours with less desirable times.”

It is my understanding that the figure skating club consistently purchases about 20% of the arena’s off-season ice time and that the hockey association purchases far less ice time in the off season. Given their purchase of a total “package” of prime time, less desirable times and off peak season hours, the figure skating club should not be undervalued. I recommend that the city examine whether the total number or “package” of contracted off and peak ice hours by an association should be one of the criteria for priority use.

An item that may be undervalued is the benefit of being able to schedule prime time ice. I recommend that the city reviews its pricing policies for its priority users. The pricing policy could include “packaged” prime and off season ice time, as factors considered in ice prices. I am not advocating that we price the facility in a way that would make a club unviable, or be unreasonably burdensome to “customers” but would price ice in a way that enables Braemar to recover more of its cost by encouraging the purchase of ice in the off season and perhaps charge a bit more for the benefit of being able to have priority scheduling.

#### The Proposed Policy

In addition to the general comments about the proposed policy noted above, there are a few specific changes that I would recommend before any final policy is enacted.

1. The policy should state the criteria and process for becoming a recognized association for priority status at Braemar Arena.
2. The relationship with the Edina School District should be defined.
3. The policy should state the criteria used to determine priority of access between recognized associations. In the current iteration, those criteria (residency percentage alone determines priority order) are stated in Director Kattreh’s report but not in the policy itself. I believe that those criteria (whether ultimately residency alone or some mix of other criteria) belong in the body of the policy.
4. The policy should be worded broadly enough to enable the Director the flexibility to manage the facility in a manner that optimizes utilization, financial benefit and honors all the different levels of priority. The proposed policy restricts the Director’s flexibility to just pre-empting other events for City functions. The Director should clearly have the authority and flexibility to schedule and reschedule ice time.
5. The specific hours of priority access for any user should not be in the policy itself, since that would require that the policy be changed whenever those hours are changed. Rather, the policy should state how such hours are determined, so that future changes can be driven by policy.
6. The policy should state that a recognized association does not have unlimited prime time ice time over associations with lower priority. For example, the school district cannot claim an unlimited amount of prime time ice time over the EHA simply because it is listed as having higher priority. (One way to manage ice time could be to first allocate prime time ice time according to a minimum number of ice hours using factors such as

required eligibility for the sport and similar program benchmarks; and then, adding to those minimum number of hours various additional hours based on that association's percentage of total participants seeking prime time ice.)

7. Because the July 17, 2012 resolution from the Edina Hockey Association Board of Directors states,

"The Board of Directors of the Edina Hockey Association has adopted a resolution supporting the proposal to build the Hive at Braemar Arena and agrees to contribute a new \$20 annual fee per player in conjunction with the project. The contribution is subject to the execution of an overall priority usage agreement between the Braemar Ice Arena and the Edina Hockey Association within the next 12 months, and periodic updates to that agreement as appropriate, that recognizes the significant contribution of the Edina Hockey Association to the project."

I recommend that the City consults with our attorney about this conditional resolution with respect to the proposed Priority Use Policy.

8. The policy states that any new program gets the lowest priority. If the city thinks that a program is worth supporting and recognizing for priority status, than it should be given the amount of hours needed to become viable. This may mean that other associations would need to give up some of the ice time that they currently have in order to carve out the space for new programming. The city should be able to do this without conflicting with policy.

I appreciate all of your time and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Ellen Jones

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**From:** Stratton, Matt <matt.stratton@craig-hallum.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 7:31 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Edina Hockey Association Request  
**Importance:** High

I am a taxpaying resident of Edina and parent of a son playing hockey in the Edina Hockey Association for the last 7 years and I have coached his team for the last 4 seasons. The ice time allocation at Braemar Arena is way out of proportion and needs to be addressed ASAP.

There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant and/or per resident relative to the EHA participants/residents .

Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents, have the most desirable times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks. EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents, bear this inconvenience a majority of the time. I am asking you to change this, please.

This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue and cannot be status quo going forward.

Edina residents count on its City Council to be good stewards of our assets and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, I believe City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first and then accommodate the needs of other organizations, if time is available.

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Stratton  
Craig Hallum Sales  
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**From:** Margrette Newhouse <margrette.newhouse@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 8:11 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Please Support Equitable Allocation of Ice at Braemar Ice Arena

Dear Mayor Hovland –

Our family have been active members of the Edina Hockey Association for over 10 years. My husband actively coached for at least eight years at the Termite, Mite and Squirt levels and we both have volunteered extensively for teams and the association. My oldest son played Edina association hockey until the beginning of his 2<sup>nd</sup> year Bantam season when he was selected to the Benilde St. Margaret's varsity team in 9<sup>th</sup> grade (2012 state champions) and my youngest son, Jerome, was on last year's State Champion PeeWee AA team coached by Jeff Johnson, Jeff Ridley and Kyle MacPherson which was undefeated in MN last year.

As long as I can remember, being named Rink manager or manager is the most difficult job when a team is formed each season – why? Teams are only allocated a very minimal amount of ice time from the association due to the lack of access at Braemar. Thankfully private rinks such as Minnesota Made and Hat Trick in St. Louis Park (owned by an Edina family) have allowed EHA to also purchase blocks of ice to help fill the gap to assist in keeping players closer to Edina – however, drives to Mariucci or Ridder Arena, New Hope, Richfield, and beyond continue to be common place for most teams throughout the season for their players to practice. Considering the strong history of the Edina hockey program, number of families impacted by the lack of resources and positive contributions to the community, I am hopeful that the Council will come to a fair agreement on ice allocation in order to insure our community members have equitable access to facilities and ice time.

By the way, resources that have been dedicated to the facility in upgrading bathroom fixtures, West rink, WiFi and concessions have been very nice adds for those that spend time waiting during a practice or there to enjoy a game. Thanks for that investment.

Sincerely,

Margrette Newhouse  
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Edina, MN 55436

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**From:** Pat Cronin <PatCronin@incentiveservices.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 8:47 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Braemar Arena ice allotment

I am writing on behalf of Molly and Pat Cronin.

We are Edina residents and active in the Youth Hockey Program. Because of the high number of hockey players, we are forced to rent ice at other arenas around the twin cities to support our two boy's mite teams. Last year, our mite teams traveled to St. Thomas Academy, Mariucci, Richfield, Blake and Breck arenas on a weekly basis.

As an Edina resident, we count on the City Council to be good stewards of our assets and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first (the Edina Hockey Association with 99% Edina residents) and then accommodate the needs of other organizations (The Figure skating club with 49% Edina residents) proportionately, if time is available.

Thank you for your support!

Regards,

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**From:** Fritz, Rob <Rob.Fritz@CenturyLink.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:27 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** EHA Request for More Ice at Braemar Arena

Dear Mayor and Honorable Council Members,

My name is Rob Fritz and I live at 4504 Casco Ave in Edina. I have 2 boys that play hockey (mite and squirt level) and a daughter who will begin this winter. At the moment signing up for EHA means having to play most of our games and practices all over the immediate metro area at rinks such as Velocity, Hat Trick Sports, Blake and Breck Schools to name the most common. Very little of our ice is ever at Braemar. My kids always ask why they don't play more at the Edina rink where the Hornets (referring to the varsity team) play. Please take this email as an official request to do what you can as council members to allocate more ice to the EHA and less to outside communities & organizations. The fact we have 3 sheets of ice in the city and only get to use them for ~10%-15% of our practices doesn't seem right.

Thank you for your time and service for our great city!

Sincerely,

Rob Fritz

**Deb Mangen**

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**From:** DeVoe, Mike <mdevoe@ryland.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:32 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Arena Priority Use Agreement

Mayor Hovland:

I am a taxpaying resident of Edina, an EHA Board Member, a volunteer hockey coach and a parent of both a son and a daughter playing hockey in the Edina Hockey Association. The ice time allocation at Braemar Arena is way out of proportion and needs to be addressed.

There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant compared to what the EHA receives per participant. Currently there are only 64 figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents, and they have the most desirable times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks. There are 1,306 EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents, and we bear this inconvenience a majority of the time. I am asking you to change this. This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue and cannot be the status quo going forward. Edina residents count on its City Council to be good stewards of our assets and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, I believe City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first and then accommodate the needs of other organizations, if time is available.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue which has a significant impact on a large number of Edina families.

- Mike DeVoe (Edina resident, EHA Board Member, volunteer coach, hockey parent)

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**From:** Anne-Michelle & Tom Bakritztes <bakritztesfamily@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:33 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Priority Use Policy for EHA participants/residents

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am writing to inform you of my support for reviewing the Braemar Priority Use Policy and asking for your support in a fair and equitable allotment of hours and time slots for our EHA Participants/residents.

We have 2 EHA participants and the current allotment of game/practices times is NOT fairly distributed and causes our family inconvenience and scheduling issues. I feel that there is inequality with current assignment of ice times between the Figure Skating groups relative to the EHA participants/residents.

We ask that this matter be given immediate attention. Your responsiveness to the city's concerns thus far in your term of office make us certain that you will give equal weight to our request. Please reevaluate the current Braemar Priority Use Policy.

Tom Bakritztes

5833 Chowen Ave So.

Edina, MN 55410

August 5, 2013

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I am writing concerning the August 5, 2013 proposed Priority Use Policy for Braemar Arena. My family skates in the EHA and BCLFSC. The success of both organizations is important to us. The proposal should be rejected and the status quo maintained (page 6, option 1). There are a number of reasons why the proposed hasty and drastic shift of historic policy is premature and damaging.

1) Page 2 of the proposal indicates that the policy is attempting to recognize an official sport for Braemar Arena. Since when has the purpose of Priority Use Policies in Edina been to pit sport against sport? The Edina Youth Sports Task Force states "It is the City of Edina's view that the public is best served when there is only one independently incorporated youth athletic association per sport." It does not say one sport per facility or field. The proposal would set a destructive precedent that could pit soccer vs football vs lacrosse vs baseball, etc to become the popular, higher priority sport for Edina's various facilities and fields. Contention and elimination of sports would be the result. The City Council must recognize the historic contributions and importance of figure skating in Edina and continue to recognize a club/association as the official figure skating club for Edina. The BCLFSC is still the obvious and wise choice. Any Priority Use Policy the City Council approves must ensure the future success of the legacy sports of Edina.

2) Resident participation is mentioned frequently in the proposal. This or other apples to oranges comparisons should not be a factor to favor hockey or figure skating over the other. The EHA has 90%+ residency because its governing body, Minnesota Hockey, requires it. The BCLFSC cannot be expected to maintain that % because its governing body, US Figure Skating, dictates that they have an open membership policy. This is very similar to the swim club scenario. The City did not use residency percentages to eliminate the sport, but set the % low enough to qualify an official club. Because Braemar Arena is an Enterprise facility, it could be reasoned that profitability of organizations should be the standard. This would shift the priority to organizations that rent consistent hours year round. The BCLFSC does, the EHA does not. However, just like a 90% residency policy is unfair to the BCLFSC, this standard would be unfair to the EHA because MH dictates their official season. The EHA and BCLFSC have successfully served Edina residents for 47 years at Braemar. The City should seek to help each Club without sabotaging the other.

3) The impact of the Hornets Nest and proposed 4th ice sheet has not been taken into account. Nowhere in the proposal are the training hours of either included in the calculations. Will the 4<sup>th</sup> ice sheet be an exclusive benefit to figure skating as the Hornets Nest was to hockey? Or will it be an additional blessing to the EHA, providing far more ice as compared to receiving BCLFSC hours in the East arena? How well would building additional seasonal ice sheets - ala Minnesota Made and St. Paul - satisfy the ice needs for Edina's skating clubs?

4) The proposal is giving Velocity Hockey Center a higher priority than an Edina Youth Athletic Association and equal priority to another and also priority over other organizations that have previously rented from Braemar. This is a dangerous precedent to set. Do we want for profit organizations to have priority access over our youth associations/clubs at Braemar and other City facilities and fields? Should a "new kid on the block" be allowed to trump historic renters? Should the City favor a for profit business with priority access when a direct competitor (Minnesota Made) is going at it alone?

5) The City staff and EHA president both state they support figure skating. Yet City staff is giving vague promises to help secure non-Braemar ice for the BCLFSC. None has been secured and there is no guarantee. And the EHA's offer to help schedule ice is also non-reassuring. The EHA president said in an email to the City Council 8/2, "Both the City and EHA have offered to assist the Club with getting ice time that closely matches any hours they would lose at Braemar." If the EHA wants to take the cream of the ice that they don't control (Braemar ice), what makes the City Council think the EHA will give a comparable quality and quantity of ice to the BCLFSC for ice they, the EHA, controls? The EHA focus is on hockey and their own needs - as it should be. As they work to serve their membership, why would they give prime blocks of ice at other arenas to the BCLFSC? Braemar staff attitude is alarming. They are supposed to support hockey and figure skating, yet have no solid guarantee to replace ice needed by the BCLFSC. And we are to believe the BCLFSC will be able to survive and Braemar Arena will still have the Club call it its home?

6) Is there really available ice to be picked up? From the 8/2 email, "parents purchased additional ice once the teams were picked to supplement what the EHA provides (we estimate 500-750 hours). Bottom line: Ice is available. And it's available in similar time blocks at other arenas." If this large quantity of prime time, nearby ice is available after hockey tryouts, why didn't the EHA reserve it in advance of the season? Why instead has the EHA rented ice at Mariucci and Ridder? Staff also mentions in the proposal that St Louis Park, Hopkins, and Richfield could accommodate ice times for the BCLFSC. We have never had an EHA practice at SLP. I do not recollect any EHA team being assigned ice at SLP. Why hasn't the EHA jumped on this "accommodative" ice? Once again, why would the EHA not secure prime time, nearby ice but instead leapfrog close arenas like SLP, Hopkins, and Richfield to buy ice at Mariucci and Ridder? Let's be honest, if the EHA hasn't been able to secure it, there isn't prime time, nearby ice for the BCLFSC to easily acquire.

7) City staff states in the June 11, 2013 Park Board minutes included in the proposal that "figure skaters can skate right after school because they can arrive at 3pm." Edina HS lets out at 3:10, Edina elementary schools let out at 3:05 and 3:50. These Edina residents cannot skate "right after school at 3pm." The Junior high schools get out at 2:40. Valley View students must rush over to make a 3pm time. I would not be comfortable committing to a 3pm time if my child was at South View. Such obvious misrepresentations by staff should be a warning to the City Council.

8) There is also the matter of the 20 year agreement to maintain BCLFSC ice times. From the Star Tribune 7/22, "The club agreed to pay \$20 per year per member to help pay for new hockey locker rooms at Braemar, which was renovated last year. In return, the city said it would give the Skating Club priority scheduling for its current ice times. 'We want the city to honor our good-faith agreement,' Wright said. Said Miller: 'I'm not proud of that part of it.' If the city breaks the agreement..." Do we want to be known as a City whose word cannot be trusted?

My family loves hockey and figure skating. I am grateful the City is willing to supplement the EHA for only renting ice part of the year. I am grateful the City supported the EHA's project to build the Hornets Nest. I am grateful the City is considering a proposal to add a 4<sup>th</sup> ice sheet. I hope the City will continue to support hockey and the EHA. I am grateful the City has supported figure skating so well in the past. I am hopeful that figure skating and the BCLFSC will continue to be highly valued and supported by the City - not just in word, but in deed.

I implore the City Council not to allow these organizational errors and tragic lack of vision to stain any part of the reputation of Edina and Braemar Arena. It would truly be a shame if the quality of programs in Edina was tainted by the loss of the internationally acclaimed Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club.

Sincerely,

Carl Schreiner  
5264 Lochloy Dr  
Edina, MN 55436

CC:

The Honorable James Hovland, Edina Mayor  
The Honorable Joni Bennett, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Mary Brindle, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Josh Sprague, Edina City Council Member  
The Honorable Ann Swenson, Edina City Council Member  
Mr. Scott Neal, Edina City Manager  
Ms. Ann Kattreh, Edina Parks and Recreation Director

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**From:** Carl Schreiner <carl\_aundria@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:34 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** [WARNING: MESSAGE ENCRYPTED - POSSIBLE VIRUS]letter for City Council  
**Attachments:** 2013-08-05 letter to city council.pdf

The attached letter is in regards to tonight's City Council meeting.  
Please distribute to Mayor Hovland, City Council Members, Scott Neil, and Ann Kattreh.  
Thanks,  
Carl

Carl Schreiner  
612-554-1311

**From:** Jenny Flinn <jennyflinn@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:46 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

Dear Mayor Hovland,

We are writing to you regarding the Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena. This is a very important issue to us, as our kids have been participating in the Edina Hockey Association for nine years. We strongly believe that the current ice time allocation between the EHA and BCLFSC is inequitable and needs to be addressed.

Our 14 year old son started playing hockey with EHA when he was in kindergarten. He will be a 2nd year Bantam this year. Over the past several years, the issue with ice time for EHA players at Braemar has become very evident and problematic. As a Pee Wee and Bantam, our son has had progressively later and later ice times at Braemar and more and more practices at other rinks. He has often had practices at Richfield Area at 5 or 6 p.m., and during the winter in rush hour traffic this becomes a huge time commitment for both players and parents. It also makes it difficult for kids to balance sports and school work. If our son has practice at Braemar the start times range from 8:30 - 9:15 p.m. On these nights he doesn't get to bed until 11. As a middle schooler, this makes it very tough to get up and be alert for classes starting at 7:45 a.m.

On the flip side, we have a 6 year old who just finished his first year playing Termite hockey with EHA. The ice time on weekends was really difficult with a younger child. Many of his practices on Sat. and Sun. were at 7 or 7:30 a.m. and often at other rinks such as Richfield, Eden Prairie or Breck, which meant that he had to get up even earlier. It's hard to make hockey a positive experience for kids when they have to wake up that early.

We believe this all comes down to a fairness issue. It seems unfair that EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents, have less priority with ice time at Braemar and bear the inconvenience of early/late ice times and ice times at other rinks the majority of the time. As residents and taxpayers of Edina, we should be allocated adequate ice time at Braemar since it a taxpayer funded facility.

We are hopeful that the City can come to a more equitable balance of ice time between EHA and BCLFSC. It is the right thing to do for the many residents of Edina who support youth hockey through the EHA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Jenny and Charlie Flinn

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**From:** Jenna K Dubuc <jenna.k.dubuc@ampf.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 10:16 AM  
**To:** Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Support for EHA

Dear honorable members of the Edina City Council,

The purpose of my e-mail is to show my support to the EHA for more equitable ice time. My name is Jenna Dubuc (formerly Jenna Kumagai). I grew up in Edina and I am an Edina resident at 6401 Josephine Avenue. I have two children involved in Edina hockey. Last year was my first experience with EHA. My son and daughter (now 6 and 7) had such a positive experience with EHA and had fabulous coaching.

The only negative aspect of the experience was the amazing amount of driving we had to do rinks at Blake, Breck, Richfield, Hat Trick, etc. Our family would greatly appreciate an increase in availability of the Braemar arena for our children's hockey practices and games.

Thank you for your consideration and your great service to our wonderful city!

Sincerely,  
Jenna, Deitan, Camille (7), and Dylan (6) Dubuc

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**From:** Mickie Turk <mickieturk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 10:20 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Rezoning Recommendations and Concerns  
**Attachments:** CityCouncilAug.52013.doc

Dear Jackie,

My name is Mickie Turk and I have embedded and **attached** a letter to the City Council to be read before the meeting to night.

Thank you, Mickie Turk

Mickie Turk

6141 Brookview Avenue

Edina, MN 55424

Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council members

Edina Zoning Commission members

Edina Planning Commission members

City Manager Scott Neal

City Planners Cary Teague and Kris Aaker

August 5, 2013

Dear Sirs and Madams,

My name is Mickie Turk, and I reside at 6141 Brookview Avenue. I'm writing this letter to express my dissatisfaction with your mass and location rulings at the last meeting.

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Address concerns about egress windows near the interior side.

Reduce total lot coverage.

I hope you all vote in a way that sends a strong message that you value economic diversity and neighborhood character as much as growing resources for Edina's infrastructure needs.

Finally, even though it is legal for Mr. Josh Sprague to continue voting on zoning issues, sometimes perception matters more. He should recuse himself for that reason.

Respectfully, Mickie Turk

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Respectfully, Mickie Turk

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**From:** Susan\_Chione@DELL.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 10:37 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Request for BCLFSC support at upcoming council meeting

To: The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina,

I'm writing to ask you to support the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC) in the upcoming city council meeting and find a resolution that will not reduce the rink time available to BCLFSC and potentially end this club.

My niece is a figure skater in the BCLFSC. We have gone to the annual skating shows for multiples years and have been very impressed with the quality of the individual skaters and the synchro teams. Going to the skating show is an annual event for our family and my sons enjoy it just as much as the adults. It is such a thrill to have the opportunity to watch the BCLFSC synchro teams that are comprised of local skaters who are winners of National and International titles. It is disappointing to our family to think that this tradition may end.

I have two sons who play hockey and it is common for us to travel to other arenas for ice. I would expect that all hockey parents know this is part of signing up for hockey. Our sons developed skating skills in a learn-to skate program. Now both boys continue to receive skating lessons from a skating coach. We believe (and our oldest son has told us) that the time spent with their skating coach has made a tremendous difference in their skills. To reduce the ice for an organization such as BCLFSC to give the EHA a few additional hours of ice seems like a very unfair proposal, especially when you consider that it may result in the end of a long-standing club with strong roots in Edina that draws attention from across the Twin Cities metro area and beyond. I do not believe that any community wants to be so singular in their focus as to give one sport priority over ice to the detriment of another strictly based on number of participants. Each sport offers its own unique value. Imagine if a public park opted to eliminate its playground equipment to put an additional baseball field in its place because the number of pre-K kids playing at the park was significantly less than the number of kids participating in the city's little league program. The result would be a park with heavily used ball fields for 3-4 months and then empty and unusable for smaller children for the majority of the year. A community-based facility cannot be dominated by the needs of a large group with specific needs for a portion of the year but rather must strive to serve the needs across the population providing fair access to all groups regardless of size.

I know the commitment that our family makes to participate in hockey, but I also understand the commitment that our niece makes to figure skating. While our boys skate during the hockey season and do some camps over the summer, the commitment of my niece is to skating 5 days a week for multiple hours per day. She gets up early every morning year round to participate in a sport that she loves. Without access to ice all year long I don't think she will be able to continue to remain competitive. I am sure that she could find another club but it would be disappointing to think that she was forced to do this because Edina chose to eliminate the BCLFSC by eliminating/reducing their ice time.

As a city official I think that you should consider the contributions of each organization to the city of Edina and hope that you do not feel pressure to support the interests of one group to the exclusion of another. One of the reasons that we have government services is to protect the interest of all and that includes those groups that may be smaller in size but still add value to the community.

Regards,

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**From:** Bruce Botten <bbgrandesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 10:50 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinareality.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Braemar Arena Ice Time

Dear Mayor Hovland and Most Honorable City Council Members

As the parent of a EHA U12 hockey player I have always wondered WHY our teams practices were always at a late hour of the day, or at a distant rink destination other than our own, at 5 pm during rush hour to get there on time. Since this dialogue has started about ice time at Braemar Arena myself and every other EHA parent have learned some of the reasons why.

Its very apparent that for some reason the figure skating club has been given a lot of privilege and priority over the years and its about time that fairness becomes the issue here. I have studied the graphs and information provided to me by the EHA and I now fully understand the facts.

Braemar Arena belongs to the citizens of the City of Edina, of which 99% / 1300 of the participants in the EHA are residents of Edina. The EHA is also a totally volunteer effort, while on the other hand the Directors and Instructors of the figure skating club are paid professionals with only approximately 49 % / 64 of their figure skating students living in Edina.

As an EHA parent I expect fairness and equality in your decision process today. Its about time that the figure skating club shares the same inconvenience that we have experienced as hockey parents and we as EHA members can start to say that Braemar is our home rink and also our practice rink. We are all sick and tired of late practices, racing to get to distant rink during rush hour, and as a TAX PAYER in Edina I expect the privilege to know that my child and family are getting to enjoy the assets of our city at it fullest. This is the reason why we choose to live here and pay taxes here.

The facts and graphs provided to me and to the City Council, from the EHA speak for them self. Ladies and Gentleman its about time that the figure skating club experiences the same realities that ( All EHA Parents Know Well). Please step up to the plate for the Edina Hockey Association parents who have elected you to represent us.

Thank You,

Bruce Botten  
6940 Langford Dr  
Edina Mn 55436

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Karl Dexheimer <KDexheimer@buyerssupport.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 11:02 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** EHA/BCLFSC Challenge

Hello. My name is Karl Dexheimer and my wife (Heather) and three boys live at 4619 Drexel Ave in Edina. I am not able to attend the meeting on Tuesday night so I am sending a quick email regarding the current situation between EHA and BCLFSC. As an Edina tax payer with three boys in hockey, I am concerned with the sizeable inequality in ice time per Edina resident and per participant.

Much of my winter is spent driving my boys to and from other rinks, including late night practices across town. Late night practices lead to tired boys at school the next day which as you can imagine is less than ideal. The lack of practices at our home rink (Braemar) makes it very difficult to get them to different rinks when they have practices at the same time. Often times it leads to parents like me buying ice at other arenas. Last winter was so challenging we actually discussed not having our youngest son play any longer because the schedule was very difficult to manage.

I would respectfully ask you to take a hard look at the logistics and financials associated with the EHA/BCLFSC and help the kids and tax payers of Edina.

Thank you for your time,  
Karl and Heather Dexheimer  
4619 Drexel Avenue  
Edina, MN 55424

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Dave Ramsay <dramsay@bernatellos.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 11:15 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** EHA Ice

Mayor Hovland- I would be in favor of EHA getting more primetime ice time at Braemar arena. Thanks, Dave Ramsay  
5425 Woodcrest Dr Edina, Mn 55424

Dave Ramsay  
Vice President

Bernatello's Pizza, Inc.  
5625 W. 78th St. Suite B  
Edina, MN 55439  
952-831-6622 ext. 301

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Brandee Mcgrain <mcgrainb@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 11:20 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com

Dear City Council Officials,

I am writing as a concerned parent to the ice time disbursement at Braemar Ice Arena for Youth Hockey and the Figure Skating League. As the parent of 2 Edina Youth Hockey Players (Girls U10, Boys PeeWee) the challenge of going to different rinks sometimes multiple times at night is a disgrace given that the Figure Skating club is getting prime hours and they are not even Edina Tax Payers! I agree with all statements on the EHA Website. How can you go against so many residents on an issue like this? I hope you do what is right and leverage in the favor of the EHA on this issue.

Sincerely,  
Brandee McGrain  
5601 St. Andrews Avenue, EDINA. 55424

The ice time allocation at Braemar Arena is way out of proportion and needs to be addressed.

- There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant and/or per resident relative to the EHA participants/residents.
- Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents (64 residents), have desirable ice times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks.
- EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents (1306 residents), bear this inconvenience a majority of the time.
- This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue and cannot be status quo going forward.
- Edina residents count on its City Council to be good stewards of our assets and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first and then accommodate the needs of other organizations, if time is available.

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Lee Azar <leeazar@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 11:21 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** EHA

Hello Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members,

I support Edina Hockey Association on Having Equitable Ice time at Braemar Arena

Thank you

Lee Azar  
5608 Highwood Drive  
Edina, MN 55436

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Green, Ron <Ron.Green@ecolab.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 11:28 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jhovland@krausehovland.com  
**Subject:** Meeting Follow Up  
**Attachments:** Richfield Ice Times Purchased by EHA - 1 Month Example.pdf

Mayor, thank you for your time this morning. This provides the contact information for two private skating coaches that work with a lot of Edina skaters.

ProEdge Power Skating with Diane Ness

<http://proedgepower.com/>

651.770.7324

Son Andy Ness c: 651.485.1985 – private lessons for a ton of Edina skaters

Karns Skating Dynamics – Barry Karns

<http://www.karnskatingdynamics.com/>

952.831.2345

I've also attached a one-month example of the ice time we've already purchased at Richfield Arena for the next season and I've highlighted examples of ice time blocks that could be used by the BCLFSC. Dakota arena in Prior Lake has indicated they have ice time blocks of 6:50 – 8:50 a.m. Saturday and Sunday all season. These are just two examples of ice availability.

Ron Green  
EHA President

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# City of Richfield

636 E 66th St  
Richfield, MN 55423

Phone: 612-861-9354  
Fax: 612-861-9353  
Email: bklement@cityofrichfield.org

Acct ID:

## Customer Schedule

**Edina Youth Hockey Assoc.**  
Bob Capra  
5721 West 68th St  
Edina, MN 55439

6/24/2013 - 3/30/2014

**Bob Capra**  
Home Phone: 952-942-6006  
Cell Phone: 612-710-2352  
Email: rwcapra@msn.com

Date	Day	Complex	Facility	Event Type	Start Time	End Time	Dur. (Min)	Rate	Facility Amount	Other Charge	Tax	Extended Amount
10/21/2013	Mon	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50
10/21/2013	Mon	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:15 PM	6:15 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/21/2013	Mon	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/21/2013	Mon	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/21/2013	Mon	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	8:45 PM	9:45 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/22/2013	Tue	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/22/2013	Tue	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:15 PM	6:30 PM	75	195.00	243.75	0.00	0.00	243.75
10/22/2013	Tue	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	5:15 PM	6:15 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/23/2013	Wed	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:15 PM	6:15 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/24/2013	Thu	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/24/2013	Thu	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50
10/24/2013	Thu	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	5:15 PM	6:15 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/25/2013	Fri	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50
10/25/2013	Fri	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50
10/25/2013	Fri	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	8:45 PM	9:45 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/26/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	7:45 AM	9:45 AM	120	191.25	382.50	0.00	0.00	382.50
10/26/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	120	195.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	390.00
10/26/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	12:15 PM	1:45 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50
10/27/2013	Sun	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	7:15 AM	9:15 AM	120	183.75	367.50	0.00	0.00	367.50
10/27/2013	Sun	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/28/2013	Mon	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50
10/29/2013	Tue	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	4:15 PM	5:45 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50

\* Indicates event spans multiple days.

10/30/2013	Wed	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:15 PM	6:15 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
10/31/2013	Thu	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50
11/1/2013	Fri	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	90	195.00	292.50	0.00	0.00	292.50
11/4/2013	Mon	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
11/5/2013	Tue	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	6:30 PM	8:15 PM	105	195.00	341.25	0.00	0.00	341.25
11/7/2013	Thu	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:45 PM	6:45 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
11/8/2013	Fri	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	5:00 PM	6:15 PM	75	195.00	243.75	0.00	0.00	243.75
11/9/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	7:45 AM	9:45 AM	120	191.25	382.50	0.00	0.00	382.50
11/9/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	8:45 AM	10:45 AM	120	195.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	390.00
11/9/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	12:15 PM	2:15 PM	120	195.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	390.00
11/10/2013	Sun	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	120	180.00	360.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
11/10/2013	Sun	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	7:15 AM	9:15 AM	120	183.75	367.50	0.00	0.00	367.50
11/10/2013	Sun	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
11/16/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	7:45 AM	9:45 AM	120	191.25	382.50	0.00	0.00	382.50
11/16/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	4:45 PM	5:45 PM	60	195.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
11/16/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	4:45 PM	6:00 PM	75	195.00	243.75	0.00	0.00	243.75
11/17/2013	Sun	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	7:15 AM	9:15 AM	120	183.75	367.50	0.00	0.00	367.50
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11/23/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	120	187.50	375.00	0.00	0.00	375.00
11/23/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 1	Practice	7:45 AM	9:45 AM	120	191.25	382.50	0.00	0.00	382.50
11/23/2013	Sat	RIA	Rink 2	Practice	9:45 AM	11:45 AM	120	195.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	390.00
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## 2013-14 Synchronized Skating International Envelope Criteria

Per U.S. Figure Skating Rule ICR 10.23, the Synchronized Management Subcommittee (SMS) has the responsibility to determine and approve the criteria to name synchronized skating teams to the team envelope. Below are the criteria for the 2013-14 season, based upon the results from the 2013 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

*Please note: Any significant changes in a team (significant turnover of skaters, change in coach, change in training facility, etc.) may result in modification to or the loss of the envelope assignment at any time during the season.*

**Team A** - Includes funding and an opportunity for an ISU sanctioned international competition.

Automatic for:

- U.S. senior synchronized skating champions
- Medalists (top 3), World Synchronized Skating Championships

Consideration for:

- U.S. senior silver medalist

*The SMS will determine the number based on the strength of the competition at U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships and the World Synchronized Skating Championships*

**Team B** - Includes funding and an opportunity for an ISU sanctioned international competition.

Automatic for:

- U.S. junior synchronized skating champions
- World Junior Synchronized Skating Championship medalists
- U.S. senior silver medalists

Consideration for:

- U.S. senior bronze medalist, the U.S. junior silver and bronze medalists

*The SMS will determine the number based on the strength of the competition at U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, the World Synchronized Skating Championships and the World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships.*

**Team C** - Includes funding and an opportunity for an ISU sanctioned international competition.

Automatic for:

- U.S. junior silver and bronze medalists
- U.S. senior bronze medalist

Consideration for:

- Synchronized teams placing 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in senior at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships
- Synchronized teams placing 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in junior at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships

*The SMS will determine the number based on the strength of the competition at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.*

**Reserve Team** - Includes consideration for an ISU sanctioned international competition, without any funding. Acceptance of an international assignment will require attendance at a monitoring session.

Automatic for:

- Synchronized teams placing 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in senior at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships
- Synchronized teams placing 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in junior at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships

Consideration for:

- Synchronized teams placing 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> in senior at U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.
- Synchronized teams placing 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> in junior at U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

*The SMS will determine the number based on the strength of the competition at U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.*

Deb Mangen

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**From:** Ann Kattreh  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 11:22 AM  
**To:** Jane Timm; Deb Mangen  
**Subject:** FW:

Hi Jane and Deb,  
Joni has asked that a copy of this be placed in the public packet tonight. There is a link to the document in the forwarded email below. Do I need to do anything else?

Thank you,  
Ann



**Ann Kattreh, Parks & Recreation Director**

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**From:** Susie Miller  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 11:19 AM  
**To:** Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:**

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/SynchroEnvelopeCriteria.pdf>



**Susie Miller, Braemar Arena General Manager**

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**From:** Ken Potts <KPotts@mcgough.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 2:15 PM  
**To:** Wayne Houle  
**Cc:** Heather Beal (constellationcreate@comcast.net); Cindy Larson; Jamie Cynor; Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net ; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: 4238 Crocker Ave construction  
**Attachments:** 4238 Crocker markup.pdf

Wayne

We are asking the City engineer who reviewed the site drawings to come out Monday, August 5, 2013, to see the actual site conditions so that we can better understand how decisions have been made so far, before meeting with Cindy Larson and Refined later in the week. When we have raised our concerns, Refined has said "I'm working from plans that the City has approved." We think that an inaccurate drainage plan that was not corrected during City review has started a potential cascade of problems.

Indicated on the attachment are elements that are missing or inaccurate.

You'll note that we are also copying Cindy Larson and the City Council in advance of Monday's second reading of the R-1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment. This entire email trail represents our commentary on the potential negative impacts on existing city residents of ongoing residential redevelopment under current practices.

Thank you,

Ken Potts and Heather Beal

4236 Crocker Ave

Edina, MN 55416

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**From:** Wayne Houle [WHoule@EdinaMN.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 10:40 AM  
**To:** Ken Potts  
**Cc:** Heather Beal (constellationcreate@comcast.net); Cindy Larson; Jamie Cynor  
**Subject:** RE: 4238 Crocker Ave construction

Thanks Ken, I will pass this onto Cindy and Jamie here at the City.



**Wayne Houle, Director of Engineering**

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**From:** Ken Potts [<mailto:KPotts@mcgough.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 10:21 AM  
**To:** Wayne Houle  
**Cc:** Heather Beal (constellationcreate@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** 4238 Crocker Ave construction

Wayne,

Thank you for your time on the phone. I want to follow up with my specific concerns relative to the rainwater drainage resulting from the construction project at 4238 Crocker Ave. My wife and I have lived more than 20 years at 4236

Crocker Ave., adjacent and downhill of the construction site. To date we have never experienced drainage or water infiltration at our property. Please note the following points, all of which negatively impact our property if water runoff is not properly channeled:

1. Due to an increase in the proposed First Floor elevation and a significant amount of fill that has been added to the site, the condition of being at a lower relative elevation has been exacerbated.
2. The amount of surface area draining from 4238 Crocker toward our home has increased from approx. 1,170 s.f. to approx. 3970 s.f. (most of the area between the front of the house and the street).
3. The drainage swale between the properties has been narrowed.

Heather and I have many photos over the years that show past conditions of our back yard which we would be happy to share these with you. As you know, even before construction began we discussed our desire to address stormwater runoff and other issues affecting both of our properties directly with the contractor (Eric Nelson)-- and we have been in regular contact with the new owners, too. We are trying to schedule a meeting with them next week to review the conditions and potential solutions and want to make sure we have current information from the City prior to that.

Ken Potts (and Heather Beal)  
4236 Crocker Ave  
Edina, MN 55416

**Proposed Site Plan Survey For:  
REFINED LLC**

Property located in Section 7, Township 28, Range 24,  
Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Property Address: 4238 Crocker Ave., Edina, MN

Benchmark: Top nut of hydrant located at SE corner  
of property as shown.  
Elevation = 900.54 feet

The Gregory Group  
d.b.a.  
**LOT SURVEYS COMPANY, INC.**  
Established in 1962  
**LAND SURVEYORS**  
REGISTERED UNDER THE LAWS OF STATE OF MINNESOTA  
7601 7th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55428  
(763) 560-3993  
Fax No. 760-3522

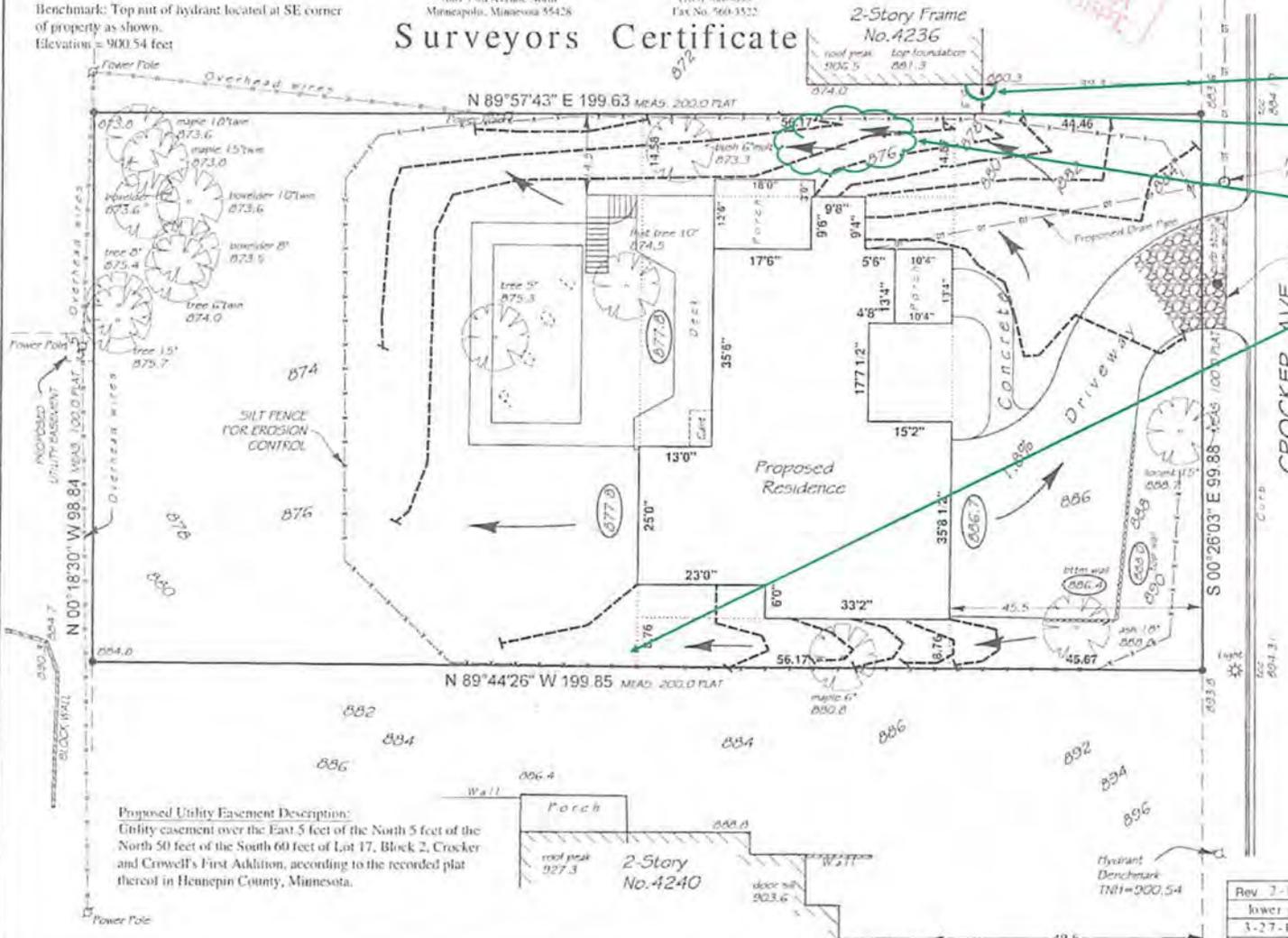
**Surveyors Certificate**

INVOICE NO. 81019  
F.B.NO. 1064-20  
SCALE: 1" = 20'

Basis for  
bearings is  
assumed

Ken's notes August 4, 2013

- Block retaining wall not shown on existing conditions survey or current site drawing.
- 4236 owner had to notify builder that wooden stakes were inaccurately placed relative to metal benchmark stake.
- Drainage arrows indicate water flow along contours rather than across contours.
- Grade changes at existing block retaining wall not shown



	Type of Building
	Fullbasement Walkout
Hardcover	
Lot area	= 19,845 sq ft ±
Building	= 2,790 sq ft ±
Porch	= 217 sq ft ±
Concrete	= 1,733 sq ft ± (1,063 - 150 Allowance)
Total	= 4,878 sq ft ±
Percentage	= 24.58%

Lot 10, Block 2, Crocker and Crowell's First Addition,  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

07-028-24-42-0056

The only easements shown are from plats of record or information provided by client.

I certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Surveyed this 11th day of February 2013.

4238 CROCKER 1119930  
CLEAN COPY  
Signed Gregory R. Kuhl

Gregory R. Kuhl, Minn. Reg. No. 24592

**Proposed Utility Easement Description:**  
Utility easement over the East 5 feet of the North 5 feet of the North 50 feet of the South 60 feet of Lot 17, Block 2, Crocker and Crowell's First Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Rev 2-14-13 silt fence, wall & easement	Drawn By Eckhard
lower grades 0.01	File Name
3-27-13 ewale north inc & drain tile	C:\1-2013\81019\site plan.dwg
5-13-13 house width	

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**From:** Heather Beal <constellationcreate@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 5:16 PM  
**To:** 'Ken Potts'; Wayne Houle  
**Cc:** Cindy Larson; Jamie Cynor; Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** photos re: 4238 Construction  
**Attachments:** SideyardPreConstruction.jpg; SideyardJuly2013.JPG

Hi Everyone,

I am attaching a couple photos to show you existing versus current conditions. We have others, but I picked these because they illustrate the most pressing concerns well.

I also wanted to add that we have been in regular contact with the new homeowners, too -- including talking through all of this with Greg Daggett (one of the new owners) on site this morning. I had promised to send him these photos and thought it would be good to send them to all of you, too.

Best,

Heather Beal (and Ken Potts)  
4236 Crocker Avenue

**From:** Ken Potts [<mailto:KPotts@mcgough.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 04, 2013 2:15 PM  
**To:** Wayne Houle  
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**Subject:** RE: 4238 Crocker Ave construction

Wayne

We are asking the City engineer who reviewed the site drawings to come out Monday, August 5, 2013, to see the actual site conditions so that we can better understand how decisions have been made so far, before meeting with Cindy Larson and Refined later in the week. When we have raised our concerns, Refined has said "I'm working from plans that the City has approved." We think that an inaccurate drainage plan that was not corrected during City review has started a potential cascade of problems.

Indicated on the attachment are elements that are missing or inaccurate.

You'll note that we are also copying Cindy Larson and the City Council in advance of Monday's second reading of the R-1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment. This entire email trail represents our commentary on the potential negative impacts on existing city residents of ongoing residential redevelopment under current practices.

Thank you,

Ken Potts and Heather Beal

4236 Crocker Ave

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**From:** Wayne Houle [WHoule@EdinaMN.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 03, 2013 10:40 AM  
**To:** Ken Potts  
**Cc:** Heather Beal ([constellationcreate@comcast.net](mailto:constellationcreate@comcast.net)); Cindy Larson; Jamie Cynor  
**Subject:** RE: 4238 Crocker Ave construction

Thanks Ken, I will pass this onto Cindy and Jamie here at the City.



**Wayne Houle, Director of Engineering**

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**To:** Wayne Houle  
**Cc:** Heather Beal ([constellationcreate@comcast.net](mailto:constellationcreate@comcast.net))  
**Subject:** 4238 Crocker Ave construction

Wayne,

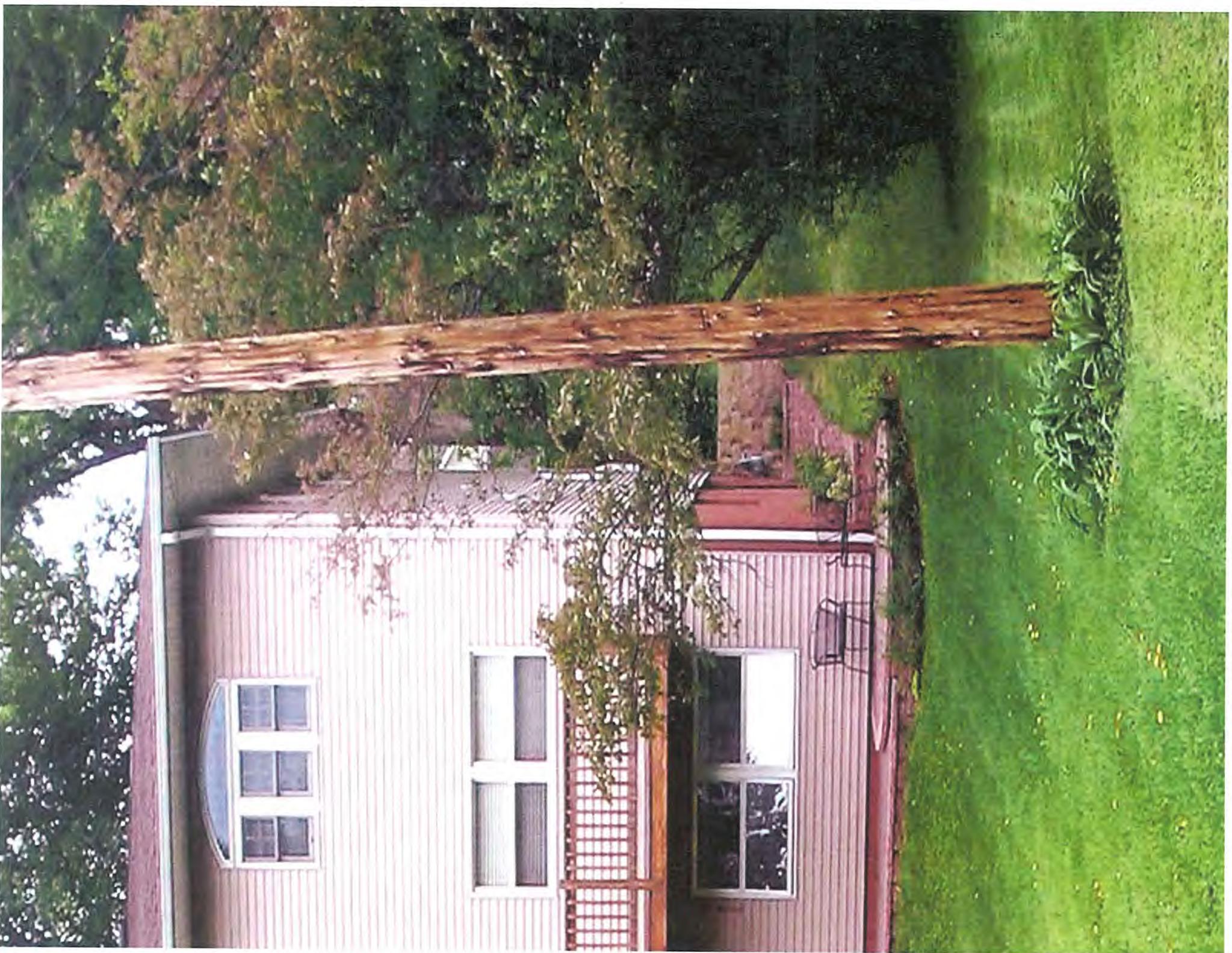
Thank you for your time on the phone. I want to follow up with my specific concerns relative to the rainwater drainage resulting from the construction project at 4238 Crocker Ave. My wife and I have lived more than 20 years at 4236 Crocker Ave., adjacent and downhill of the construction site. To date we have never experienced drainage or water infiltration at our property. Please note the following points, all of which negatively impact our property if water runoff is not properly channeled:

1. Due to an increase in the proposed First Floor elevation and a significant amount of fill that has been added to the site, the condition of being at a lower relative elevation has been exacerbated.
2. The amount of surface area draining from 4238 Crocker toward our home has increased from approx. 1,170 s.f. to approx. 3970 s.f. (most of the area between the front of the house and the street).
3. The drainage swale between the properties has been narrowed.

Heather and I have many photos over the years that show past conditions of our back yard which we would be happy to share these with you. As you know, even before construction began we discussed our desire to address stormwater runoff and other issues affecting both of our properties directly with the contractor (Eric Nelson)-- and we have been in regular contact with the new owners, too. We are trying to schedule a meeting with them next week to review the conditions and potential solutions and want to make sure we have current information from the City prior to that.

Ken Potts (and Heather Beal)  
4236 Crocker Ave  
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**From:** Michael McGrain <minn\_dm@rti-inc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 12:21 PM  
**To:** joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; Edina Mail; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Priority Use Policy at Braemar Arena  
**Importance:** High

Dear City Council Officials,

I am writing as a concerned EDINA parent with regards to the ice time disbursement at Braemar Ice Arena, for the EDINA Hockey Association (EHA), and the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC). As the parent of 2 Edina youth hockey players (Girls U10, Boys Pee Wee) with many years of hockey ice time ahead of us, the challenge of going to different rinks - sometimes multiple times the same evening (Hopkins, Bloomington, Minneapolis, the U of M, etc.) - is a disgrace given that the BCLFSC is getting prime ice time hours ahead of EHA, and the majority of their participants are not even Edina Tax Payers! I agree with all statements on the Edina Hockey Association website. I would assume that as elected representatives of EDINA taxpayers, you would work out a Priority Use Ice Time Policy that would favor the majority of the taxpayers that are impacted by this.

The facts of ice time allocation at Braemar Arena that is out of proportion and needs to be addressed:

- There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant and/or per resident relative to the EHA participants/residents.
- Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents (64 residents), have desirable ice times at Braemar Arena, and have not been forced to skate in the early morning, late in the evening or at other rinks, as have the EHA families. EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents (1306 residents), bear this inconvenience a majority of the time.
- This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue, and cannot be status quo going forward.
- Edina residents count on its City Council to be good stewards of our assets, and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first and then accommodate the needs of other organizations, if time is available.

Thank you very much for your consideration and efforts in developing plans that will bring ice time priority that favors EHA, and the taxpayers of Edina!

**Mike McGrain**  
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**From:** Emily McGlynn <mcglynnemily@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Emily McGlynn  
**Subject:** Braemar Figure Skating Club - PLEASE READ!  
**Importance:** High

Hello Edina City Council Members and Mayor Hovland,

As an alumni of Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (1994 – 2000), and a former resident of Edina, I am writing you this letter to encourage you to make decisions that work in favor of both BCLFSC as well as the EHA.

It is not fair to the figure skating program that the EHA should be able to take away their ice time simply because the EHA (especially girls hockey) has experienced so much growth over the past several years. Hockey has been growing steadily, the sport did not gain popularity overnight.

The perception that I have is that the EHA has not been able to accurately forecast and plan for their ice time needs based on the growth of their program. The funds used to build the off ice training center should have been put towards building a fourth ice surface, if there truly is that much of a need for additional ice time for hockey. Why should the figure skating program have to give up ice time just because the EHA is unable to plan for their need for future resources?

Furthermore, I happened to be at Braemar the day that Susie Miller was trying to finalize all the funding for the off ice training center. In speaking with her, I felt confident that the new training center would benefit both the hockey program as well as the figure skating program.

Based on our conversation, I decided to make a significant financial contribution to the new off ice training center. My donation was the final dollar amount needed to secure the remaining funding needed for facility.

However, had I known that Susie Miller would be trying to rescind on an agreement for ice time for the figure skating club in less than a years time, I would have NEVER donated the amount of money that I did to the new facility. Not because I don't fully support the off ice needs of both hockey and figure skaters, but because I was unaware of how poorly Susie Miller was planning to manage the future needs of the rink. If the BCLFSC is forced to move outside of Braemar Arena, then my charitable contribution will only benefit the hockey program.

The synchronized skating program has grown so incredibly much over the last few years, and has put Braemar on the international map in terms of figure skating success. I am extremely proud and honored to have been a part of the synchro program at Braemar when it was in it's infancy. I am still involved in figure skating today (Through Parade FSC and the Blaine Super Rink), and I can attest that the entire figure skating community has been in awe of the incredible success and talent that synchro at Braemar has become. It will be a loss to Braemar to let the synchro program deteriorate.

I urge to please consider the bigger picture for the future of both of the programs, and to consider the lack of professionalism, planning and regard for contracts that is taking place by the EHA and management at Braemar.

Thanks in advance for your help!

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**From:** Glenn P. Bruder <gbruder@bruderlaw.com>  
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**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest involving Edina Hockey Association and Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club  
**Attachments:** Mayor Hovland.pdf

Dear Mayor Hovland and Council Members,

Please see attached letter concerning agenda item at August 5, 2013 City Council meeting.

Glenn Bruder

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*Re: Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interests involving Edina Hockey Association (EHA) and  
Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFS)*

Dear Mayor Hovland and Council Members:

Although my office is located in Bloomington, I am an Edina resident living at 6405 Cherokee Trail. My children do not participate in either EHA or BCLFS activities but they have friends who participate in programs sponsored by both organizations. Like many Edina citizens, I have read, with interest, about the current conflict between EHA and BCLFS concerning the allocation of ice time at Braemar Arena. Recently, I reviewed the priority policy slated for consideration at tonight's City Council Meeting to more clearly understand the nature and context of this dispute.

At the outset, I do not believe there is any statute or ordinance requiring the adoption of a priority policy. Further, while the implementation of a "policy" or "procedure" implies fair treatment for all affected parties, that notion is not uniformly true. If the policy adopted utilizes criteria implicitly favoring one group while simultaneously excluding standards which may benefit a competing organization, the policy cannot be described as either fair or equitable.

Instead, it can be characterized as a subterfuge designed to cast legitimacy upon an action which might otherwise be challenged. In this instance, after reviewing the proposed policy, I am concerned that it apparently employs a single factor for determining allocation of ice time while ignoring other seemingly relevant considerations such as past arena practice and history.

Obviously, the outcome of this decision is important to both EHA and BCLFS. Edina residents in general, and particularly those affiliated with EHA and BCLFS are entitled a fair and objective hearing as the council addresses this controversy. For that reason, I am asking that each person voting on the adoption of this policy disclose, prior to his or her vote, any current connections and associations which he/she may have with either EHA or BCLFS. In particular, I am asking members to disclose if he/she or any family member: (a) serves as a board member or officer of either organization, (b) serves as a coach or in another volunteer capacity for either organization, (c) is enrolled in the programming of either organization, (d) has sponsored teams or participants for either entity, or (e) has, within the past year, contributed money to either entity.

Interestingly, City Manager Neal recently addressed conflict of interest questions on the Edina website. His discussion focused on instances in which a council member could conceivably financially benefit from his/her action as a council member. Certainly, the statutory limitations governing conflicts of interest by council members focus on financial conflicts. However, a council member must also be concerned about other areas in which his or her self interest conflicts with the member's ability to objectively decide issues of public policy. For example, in *Continental Property Group, Inc. v. City of Minneapolis*, 20011 WL 1642510 (Minn. App. 2011), the Minnesota Court of Appeals recently determined that a council member's participation in a hearing in which the council member had a clear bias violated due process. Both EHA and BCLFS have due process rights under the Minnesota and U.S. Constitutions which must be safeguarded. At its core, those rights require a fair and meaningful hearing before this body takes an action which may affect the interests of either entity. For these reasons, and to assure the citizens of Edina that council members are not voting on matters in which they have a clear and discernible interest which is hostile to one of these parties, I believe it is important that each council member and the Mayor disclose this information and, potentially, recuse themselves from a vote on this matter if those connections raise the specter of an intrinsic bias in favor of one competing organization..

Very truly yours,



Glenn P. Bruder  
GPB/maj

cc: Scott Neal, Edina City Manager (via email transmission [Mail@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:Mail@EdinaMN.gov))

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**From:** Brad Atol <batol@metrosales.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 1:12 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** EHA/Figure Skating

Brad & Maria Atol  
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952/500-8884

We have children who play in the Edina Hockey Association and I am sending my dissatisfaction about the proportions of how the Figure Skating Community seems to have much better allocation for the favorable ice times. The tide should turn both ways for both the hockey and figure skaters on the ice times that are distributed.

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**From:** Oelschlager, Matt @ Minneapolis <Matt.Oelschlager@cbre.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 1:18 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Ice-Time Allocation

As an Edina resident (6709 Samuel Rd) and with this year having 3 children in the Edina Hockey Association I am asking that EHA get its fair (at least pro-rated) time relative to the ice-time topic being addressed at tonight's council meeting. The number of tax-paying Edina residents and the children of those residents involved in EHA is overwhelming compared to that of the figure skating program and it does not seem at all fair that EHA parents and kids drive all over town (I believe my oldest son practiced at 9 rinks outside of Braemar last year) at all hours when there is a perfectly great option of having them get a pro-rated share of their time at Braemar. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Tim Flaherty <tim@game-mill.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 1:36 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** EHA / BCLFSC compromise

City council members,

As an Edina resident I fully support the EHA proposal that is currently in front of you. For all the reasons stated by the EHA this is MORE than fair and I fully expect my representatives to support this proposal/compromise. It is not fair that EHA members who live and support this community with tax dollars (my business is based in Edina as well) have to drive their young children all over the city at all different times (some past 9:00 pm) when we have 3 rinks right in our own city. My son was a squirt B last year and I'd say well over half of our practices were at rinks other than Braemar.

Best regards and thank you for your service.

Tim Flaherty  
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Edina, MN 55424

**From:** Burt Osborne <osborneburt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 1:50 PM  
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**Cc:** Scott Neal; akattreh@edinamn.gov; ice@braemarpsc.org; Rosie Hanson; ejbone@comcast.net; roswright@comcast.net; bhedberg@readycreditcorp.com; kathleen.gazich@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Consideration of ice time for Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club

Dear Mayor & Members of the City Council,

My name is Burt T. Osborne and I am an attorney who proudly resides here in Edina. My daughter, Bryn Osborne, is a member of the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club ("BCLFSC"). I write to you prior to this evening's City Council meeting to urge you to think about the ice time issues (that need no further description at this point) and that are now before you. Before tonight's meeting, I urge you to think about the true complexity of the issues at hand rather than thinking about them in the overly-simplistic way the issues have been previously presented to you, to think about the issues through a cultural and artistic perspective, to honor your agreement with the BCLFSC, and finally, to remember that real people will be hurt by any decision to reduce the agreed-upon ice arrangement that the BCLFSC currently has with the City.

First, lumping all athletes together who lace up skates for their sport betrays, at best, one-dimensional thinking on the part of City staff, whose responsibility it was to give you, the elected officials of the City, a more fully thought out and well-rounded presentation of the matter. Comparing an individual figure skater with a hockey team is like comparing a javeline thrower to a football team. Other than being athletes, there simply is no meaningful comparison to be made. However, if City staff insist that any athlete who laces up a skate is identical to the next, then 8 or 10 hockey teams should take to the same sheet of ice for practice at exactly the same time, just as 8 or 10 (and often many more) figure skaters commonly do. The comparison itself is silly. A figure skater and a hockey team simply are not, in any way, comparable in a meaningful way, and looking at them like widgets is the easy way out. Edina is smarter than that.

Second, to be a truly great City, like Edina already is, the City needs to continue to foster and nurture many different cultural pursuits. Edina is a sophisticated place and Edina is about great schools, great sports, great artistic and cultural offerings, great government, and a great infrastructure to support all of those things. Edina is not some town in the middle of nowhere that has one sheet of outdoor ice and where the only cultural offering of any community significance is the local hockey team. Edina's restaurants, community spirit, entertainments options, its hockey teams, etc, make Edina one of the most sought-after places to live in the state. To backslide now, and ensure the death of one of Edina's most well-known cultural and artistic pursuits - a world-class figure skating club that sends its skaters all over the world to compete - would not be in the Edina tradition, and it is the wrong direction to go.

Third, City staff recently agreed (in exchange for valuable consideration, i.e., money) to a long-term arrangement to maintain, at a minimum, the current ice schedule for the BCLFSC. I have seen your attorney's opinion about the enforceability of the contract that currently exists between the BCLFSC, and I guess reasonable minds (even us lawyers) will have disagree about the legality of the agreement at issue. But you should ask yourselves if every single arrangement with every vendor made by every empowered City staff member, no matter how small, clutters your public agenda? You know that the answer to that question is "no" and that Edina City staff can bind the City (and did in this case), without seeking City Council and Mayoral approval. (If staff truly had no such authority to enter into that agreement, I suggest that such unauthorized actions should be addressed by you and your attorneys. You can find the evidence detailing the terms of the parties' contract in the meeting minutes of several different meetings at which your staff participated in the negotiations. There are also dozens of live witnesses from whom you could gather verbal and documentary

evidence to correct the wrong.) Legalities aside though, honoring your agreements is the right thing to do, isn't it? I urge you to honor your agreement with the BCLFSC tonight.

Finally, the loss of the BCLFSC would be personally devastating to the athletes who work for years to perfect the sport and the art of figure skating in all of its forms. To be a part of something for so many years is very special and very grounding for the skaters. To see a new skater get brought up through the BCLFSC and taught and nurtured over the years not only by the wonderful coaches, but by all of the more experienced skaters, and their families, is an incredible thing. There is a deep community there and a deep tradition that are part of the skaters' lives. Every year in the spring, we say so-long to all of the senior skaters who are moving on with their lives and to see the bond that has developed between the skaters and what it means to be moving on from that part of their lives is very powerful. I beg you to think about that before you consider the item before you at tonight's meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Burt T. Osborne

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**From:** Kate Shoemaker <kateshoemaker11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 2:10 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Concerned Edina Taxpaying Citizens

I am writing again 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 son's 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 taxpaying residents and members of the Edina Hockey Association to do the right thing and operate the facility in the best interest of the taxpayers first then accommodate the needs of other organizations.

Regards,

Kate and Doug Shoemaker  
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Edina, MN 55439  
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**From:** Lisa Boss <lboss1@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 2:29 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Equitable ice time EHA vs Figure skaters

Hi, We need to make this right and give EHA equitable ice time (qty of hours per resident , prime and non prime) during their hockey season vs the figure skaters . This is a non brainer.

Lisa Boss  
Edina Resident/taxpayer

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**From:** Erik <vetchy25@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 3:22 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** EHA Ice times

To Whom it may concern,

I just wanted to drop a line on this situation, Being both a parent of an EHA Hockey Player and a High School Coach. First off as a parent I am a little bothered by the fact that we have a great place to skate like Breamar, and yet my son skates on his home ice once or twice a year. It does get better at the end of March but that is when all other hockey is done or in State Tournaments. So Yes I hate having to battle traffic to get to a practice or get my son up at 5 for a 6:30 7 am practice.

I grew up in Richfield and we skated only at Richfield when it still had numbers in the 80's and the had a skate club back then as well. And only 1 rink, so I know it is possible for the kids of Edina to skate at breamar more. I know it can't be every ice time, but it should be close. We are EDINA. and we need to keep kids safe by haing them participate with the least amount of travel for practice. I guess I do have an opinion on this and the EHS should get the hours it has followed by EHA and then the skate club can split prime with not prime with EHA and anyone else whom wants ice should go else where unless ice is available.

I do also know that Joan and the skating club has not just trained Figure Skaters they do hockey skate training as well. So the lessons they give on Saturdays are important not just to figure skating but to the community as well. But I do wonder why they get to skate after school till 8 every night. It would not kill them to have some late hours as well. I feel what the association is asking for is fair. If you can work this out great. I do not have all the answers but I do feel it needs to change for the better of EHA.

Thank you for your time and I hope this gets resolved so both parties can agree on what is presented.

Peace,

Erik J. Vetsch

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**From:** Cindy Eidnes <ceidnes@beaconhillstaffing.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 3:32 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Ice Time

Good afternoon,

I wanted to take a moment to voice my support of EHA's position on ice time. My son is going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade and has been playing EHA hockey since he was a Termite. I've always been so surprised at the bad times and locations we get for ice time.

Cindy Hill  
612-290-4221

**From:** Liz Sherod <elizabeth.sherod@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 3:50 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Support for EHA's Priority Use Agreement

I am writing to voice my whole-hearted support for the Edina Hockey Association's proposed Braemar Priority Use Agreement. My husband and I have two sons in hockey, and I have managed two travelling teams. In this capacity, I took on the responsibility of managing the ice time. It is a huge feat to secure enough ice time for travelling teams. We are at Braemar an average of once per week, all other ice is at surrounding communities. I have regularly bought ice for my teams at Mariucci, Ridder, Minnehaha Academy, Minnetonka, Blake, etc. The list is endless, and I shudder to think how many miles we have driven in order to get our sons to practice. Securing ice for teams is literally a part-time unpaid position for teams. I understand the priority use agreement would not take care of all of the teams' ice time, but everything helps.

My other son is a mite and we have chosen to have him skate at Minnesota Made for the sheer simplicity of the schedule. We have one rink, and it simplifies our schedule during the travel season of our peewee.

It is not my desire to do away with the figure skating program, but the numbers I have seen only leads to one logical end result. The ice needs to be divvied up in a more equitable proportion to program participants and residents.

We also need to support the businesses created at Braemar, and populating Braemar's walls with hockey players will surely work towards supporting the concession stand and General Sports.

Thank you for your consideration.

Liz Sherod

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**Subject:** Priority Ice Time At Braemar  
**Attachments:** Letter to the City Council of Edina.pdf

Dear Honorable Mayor, and city council members,

Please see my attached letter for your review in the matter of priority ice time at Braemar Ice Arena.

Thank you,  
Jessica Chaffee Wales

Dear Honorable Mayor, and city council members,

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal set forth by EHA and the city manager that would so drastically reduce Team Braemar's ice time as to render them unable to represent the city of Edina and our blessed country, the United States of America, in competition across the globe.

Obviously, you are unaware of the impact the Team Braemar organization has had on the community you so stridently claim to represent. Let me enlighten you. Between 1980 and 2013, over two thousand skaters have competed for the city of Edina on Team Braemar. Many have stayed within the sport, some have moved back to Edina and had children, and some live across the country. When asked what Team Braemar meant to them, here were just a few responses I received:

Tara McFarlane: This sport was everything to me at Braemar! I would call my teammates some of my best friends growing up! We went through so much together and learned some very important lessons of having heart, passion, dedication, and commitment towards a common goal! One of my favorite memories in life!

Emily McGlynn: I am so proud and honored to say that I skated synchro at Braemar FSC. The coaching staff has done an incredible job of growing the synchro program into an INTERNATIONALLY recognized skating team. Some of the skaters I met through synchro are still my best friends today, including Jennie Eiden, and we met over 15 years ago.

Andrea Pintar: Synchro was one of the most wonderful sports!!!! We learned team work, time management, competition, built life long friendships, everyday life skills!! It was a huge part of my life and development and I have cherished those memories and experience forever!!

Megan McKinley: Synchro beats within my soul and its all thanks to bring a braemarette. Synchro got me admitted into a great college, allowed me to pursue my masters degree for free, and allows me to continue to spread the love of skating to a new generation of skaters as the head coach of The Ohio State University's Synchronized Skating Team.  
[www.ohiostatesynchroskating.com](http://www.ohiostatesynchroskating.com).

Ellen Sendelbach: Sonia had posted this on her page last week. I was talking about it with someone at Skate St Paul. The part that bothers me is that the article I read was talking numbers....the number of hockey versus figure skaters. Hockey is a team sport....I don't think the number of skaters it involves should have ANY bearing!!! I don't like where that attitude is heading! It is VERY interesting what Jessica Chaffee Wales has posted about the \$20 per year per member pay for new hockey locker rooms!!! Please don't allow some over zealous "adults" ruin this for the figure skaters!!

This proposal will kill an organization that has been publicly recognized by Governor Mark Dayton for their dedication and commitment in representing Edina and Minnesota. You think of this ice time as easy to obtain elsewhere, and it is not. You think of hockey, and you think masses of people. At the 2013 World Synchronized Skating Championship in Boston, MA, Agganis Arena which has a seating capacity of 7200 was sold out for the entire event. Braemar's West Arena holds 3600.

Having competed in this sport since I was six, and throughout college on a varsity team, I would like to tell you just what it means to successfully represent this country at an international level. These athletes have missed proms, homecomings, and countless parties. They get up before the sun rises to give 150% before they have a full day of school, and then they are back at the rink to give it another 200%. You think we wear dresses and makeup, but you don't see the sweat, tears, blood, scars, and catastrophic injuries we skate with every day. These athletes don't just put their trust in their teammates to perform their best - they put their health in their teammates' hands. One wrong turn, one misplaced foot, one arm hold lost, can all result in a devastating accident with multiple skaters. These skaters perform so close to one another, moving into the wrong air space means collision.

For one moment, I want you to understand the sacrifice, the heartbreak, and the pride that goes into this program. I want you to feel the exaltation after performing in another country, and placing third in the world. I want you to understand the time and training that it takes to be a world champion. Then I want you to imagine having a city that your organization has represented for over 30 years approve and enact a proposal that means the end of your dreams. Skating for Team Braemar is an honor, and leads to an enormous amount of opportunities for young athletes in the skating community. In the past 13 years alone, 12 Team Braemar skaters have gone on to skate for national and international championship teams. In 2018, Synchronized Skating will be an Olympic sport. Do you really want to deny a whole team from Edina, MN the opportunity to compete for a spot on a future Olympic team?

You will either understand the folly of this proposal, or you will ignore the passionate pleas from the skating community to save this storied organization. I can only hope you will glean some sort of respect for what so many of us have devoted our whole lives to. Please, make the right decision for Team Braemar and these athletes.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
Jessica Chaffee Wales

**Deb Mangen**

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**Cc:** 'Amy Bisson'  
**Subject:** EHA ice allocations...

City Council Members, I hope this finds you well.

As a lifetime Edina resident, EHA participant and now parent of 3 kids (one boy, two girls) in the EHA, I am interested in the ice allocation topic that has come into focus recently. Six years ago I was shocked when my boy began playing in the EHA, and the majority of his ice time was not at Braemar, but was all over the metro area (several times with 40 minute drives to some of the other rinks). The amount of time we spend in the car having three young EHA players is staggering, and is aggravated by the travel to non-Braemar rinks.

I have grown to recognize that although I'd love for my kids to have every hour at Braemar, the reality requires something much different. So we adapt, and develop carpools, plan ahead, and try to give our kids the best experience we can. Even though they don't play every hour under the Hornet banners at Braemar.

I didn't realize that currently Braemar's scheduled ice team meets 100% of the Figure Skating Club's ice requirements and only 50% of the EHA's. I recognize the importance of the Figure Skating Club to Edina's heritage. But I did take issue with the proposed solutions as it relates to Allocated Ice Time to Braemar Per Participant. That number seems grossly skewed to favor the Figure Skaters and I don't see why it should, particularly given the percentage of Edina residents that make up the FSC.

The sacrifices we make as parents of athletes should be evenly distributed and equitably. This means that the proposed solution Ice Hours Per Participant, and Per Edina Resident wrongly favor the BCLFSC and should be adjusted to a more equitable solution.

Thank you,

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**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Co-location or Relocation

8/5/13

To: Mayor Hovland

From: Brian Willette, Cedar Lake Park Association's representative on the PLA and alt. on CAC

Subject: **Kenilworth Corridor and Co-location or Relocation**

The SWLRT project designers recently released their preliminary engineering report on the freight rail co-location or relocation and estimated costs. The options have been narrowed to two co-location options and one relocation option. Having followed the issue from the beginning and having given the issue serious consideration, I submit the following:

Colocation:

1. Co-location makes the current temporary freight line a permanent freight line in the Kenilworth Corridor. Once permanent, the railroad company may be able to do what it wants with the rail line—upgrade the tracks, run more trains and/or increase the speed of the trains running through the Corridor.
2. Co-location precludes forever a grade separation at the intersection where the freight line crosses Cedar Lake Parkway. This is the time to do things right. The Grand Rounds is a Minneapolis treasure and now is the time to enhance it with the grade separation or lose the chance forever.
3. Co-location also makes it unlikely to have a satisfactory grade separation of the Cedar Lake Regional Trail and the freight line and the LRT. The proposed twenty-three to twenty-five ft. high trail bridge over the freight rail and LRT is not a satisfactory solution. This bridge will discourage some trail commuters and other users, especially children and older folks, from using the trails.
4. Co-location under any option degrades Minneapolis' world-renowned park system and its top ranked position as a bike friendly city.
5. The LRT buried in a deep tunnel or in a shallow tunnel with the trails at surface above the tunnel are two alternatives studied. The estimate for the deep tunnel is \$320-\$330 million, and for the shallow tunnel it is \$150-\$160 million. The tunnel options may eliminate the 21<sup>st</sup> Street station. Eliminating this station reduces access to the LRT by residents in adjacent neighborhoods and the people going to and from Cedar Lake Park's east beach area.
6. The co-location plan reduces the safety zone of the freight rail from 25 ft. from the center of the tracks to any structure to 12 ft. This reduction in the safety zone puts trail users, property owners, and even the LRT in jeopardy.
7. The railroad people said they could live with the reduction of the safety zone to 12 ft. only if they have a shared liability agreement should any accident occur. Who signs on to a shared liability agreement with the railroad? Minneapolis? Hennepin County? The State? One derailment, one spillage, damage to private property or should people be injured or killed, lawsuits would follow. What would be the cost and who would have to pay? A major liability lawsuit could easily run in the tens of millions.

Relocation:

1. Relocation allows grade separation of the LRT and Cedar Lake Parkway. It also allows the Kenilworth trails to be grade separated at Cedar Lake Parkway.
2. With relocation of the freight line, a grade separation at the confluence the Kenilworth trails and the Cedar Lake Regional Trail and the LRT is possible. This can be accomplished by having the Cedar Lake

Regional Trail pass under the LRT and the LRT pass over the trails. An underpass is created by lowering the trails six or seven feet (two to three feet above the water table which is at nine feet) and by having the LRT bridge over Cedar Lake Regional Trail. With this option, the change in elevation for trail users would be six to seven feet vs. twenty-three to twenty-five feet. The bottom of the LRT bridge only has to be six feet above grade. The bridge deck would be another five ft. With a twelve ft. opening, trail users would be unimpeded and emergency vehicles can pass through to Cedar Lake Park. This is a solution that makes the two commuting modes very compatible—commuters on the trails and commuters on the LRT. This option is the safest one for all trail users, especial for children and older users.

3. Relocation assures that trails stay in the Kenilworth Corridor and maximizes the safety of trail users. It also allows the trails to be used during construction.
4. The estimated cost of relocation is \$190-\$200 million. That's \$40 million more that the cost co-location with a shallow tunnel. \$40 million is 0.032 percent of the project's projected 1.25 billion cost.
5. Relocation eliminates the need for a shared liability agreement in case of an accident.
6. Relocation is a solution that shares the burden between Minneapolis and St. Louis Park. Minneapolis will have 225 LRT trains per day, 1575 per week, and 81900 per year. Relocating the freight rail will increase freight trains going through St. Louis Park by 5 per day, 35 per week and 1820 per year. Both communities need to share the burden. Minneapolis should not have to bear the burden alone.

#### Conclusion:

In light of the above facts and reasons, relocation is the prudent and wise decision. I strongly urge you and all SWLRT decision-makers to make the right decision and do the SWLRT right, and right from the start.

Deb Mangen

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**Subject:** Tonight's Decision on Braemar Ice Allocation

Dear Edina Mayor and City Council Members,

I have lived in Edina 18 Years (homeowner for 17 years) and currently have two children playing Edina Hockey. My son, Andrew, will be a Junior at Edina High School and has played Edina Hockey for 12 years. My daughter, Leah, will be a 9<sup>th</sup> Grader at Southview Middle School. She has played Edina Hockey for 10 years.

I have paid Edina Hockey Association fees totaling 22 years (12 + 10) and equaling \$44K plus not including travel costs, equipment, etc. Our allocation of ice at Braemar as my kids have gotten older has continued to be reduced yet I pay increased fees every year to EHA (which includes the \$12 per player city usage fee per year) plus increased travel costs for practice times as we are regularly scheduled at Richfield, BIG, Velocity in Eden Prairie, Mariucci, Ridder. In addition, add in all the AWAY games we have to travel around the metro for already and you are guaranteed on the road 4 nights a week during prime season (October – March).

My son just became a driver last Fall. His Edina Hockey Association Schedule as a Junior Gold player was everywhere but Braemar. He skated at Velocity in Eden Prairie 1-2 times per week. It is a small sheet of ice for 3V3 style hockey – not for 180–250 pound boys (men!). Having your 16 year old driving himself all around the metro area to skate for practices is extremely stressful. When few times he was scheduled at Braemar I was so relieved he would be closer to home. His practices were later at night (since they are the oldest players thereby allocated the worst ice times) so coming home at or after curfew from outside of Edina was stressful on him and our family. Not to mention how much time this cut into his homework and academics.

I serve on the Edina Soccer Association board and it's very clear by the City of Edina how field space is allocated based on a Priority Usage Agreement. Clubs such as Keliixs that do not meet the 90% resident participation rules have last priority for space. They may not be national award winning or have year round outdoor high usage needs – but as a tax paying Edina resident and having kids who play soccer, it is gratifying to know my investment in my community (financial, labor, community building) is recognized and honored.

I know quite a few families that have left BCLFSC due to poor leadership, management and ethics. They have gone to Bloomington Figure Skating Club and others. They would strongly testify about this. BCLFSC does not deserve this preferential treatment or “exemption” from Edina Park & Recreational rules and policies.

So please support EHA with our humble request for access to more prime time ice at Braemar Ice Arena – during our prime season. Keep our local kids safer by less driving and help lower the costs of our taxpayers paying excessive travel costs for their kids to play hockey in our dedicated community.

Thank you for your time.  
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**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Braemar Arena Ice (EHA vs. Figure Skating)

Hi Jim,

I hope you are having a great summer!

The purpose of this email to express my concern as to the lack of ice time at Braemar Arena for hockey vs. the figure skating club. The allocation of ice is out of proportion with our hockey playing families traveling across the metro area early in morning and late in evening inconsistently scrambling for ice.

As you know I am Edina resident with 3 boys all playing hockey in Edina Hockey Association (EHA). I have also coached in hockey association for past 12 years, since 2001.

Along with coaching, I am also managing the ice for my 3 boys teams for past 10+ years and believe me, it is a complete scramble to get ice. Our Squirt A team last year locked in probably 30-50 hours of ice at St. Louis Park before school at 7 AM so the boys could get consistent ice. These are the best 10-11 year kids in Edina having to get up by 6 AM before school to get ice. I was coaching and carpooling kids to rink then to school afterwards because we couldn't get ice at Braemar. This is major inconvenience for all families involved including coaches who have jobs.

There is a SIZABLE inequality in the number of hours the figure skating group receives per participant and/or per resident relative to the EHA participants/residents .

Figure skating families, 49% of whom are Edina residents, have the most desirable times at Braemar and have not been forced to skate in the morning, late in the evening or at other rinks. EHA families, 99% of whom are Edina residents, bear this inconvenience a majority of the time. I am asking you to change this.

This is an issue of fairness and shared inconvenience; it is not a BCLFSC life and death issue and cannot be status quo going forward.

Edina residents count on its City Council to be good stewards of our assets and Braemar Arena is a taxpayer funded facility. The City should be allocating resources (ice time) to the people that pay for it (Edina residents). In addition, I believe City management should have the autonomy to operate the facility in the best interests of the taxpayers first and then accommodate the needs of other organizations, if time is available.

Thank you for your consideration Jim and hope to see you soon.

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**From:** daniel and cheryl dulas <dulas001@msn.com>  
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**To:** James Hovland; Ann Swenson; Mary Brindle; Josh Sprague; Joni Bennett; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Proposed Zoning Ordinance

Dear Mayor Hovland and Councilmembers Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, and Swenson,

I am writing about concerns regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment for the single dwelling-units.

It is my impression that the revised proposed ordinance may have the potential impact of actually increasing the square footage of homes on smaller lots due to eliminating the second story setback, while not changing side yard setbacks or maximum lot coverage.

I agree with the Planning Commission in a letter dated, August 5, 2013, that its recommendations regarding height, second story setbacks and side yard setbacks are intended to work together, and help to address residents' concerns about the mass of new or remodeled homes on smaller lots. I also agree that "all three changes are necessary to temper the impact of new structures on neighboring properties while also permitting a larger range of design options."

I encourage the City Council to support of the Planning Commission's initial recommendations on height (reduced from 35 feet to 30 feet on lots less than 75 feet wide), side yard setbacks (25% of lot width), and second story setback (requirement eliminated).

In addition to those concerns above, I have concerns about the following:

- lack of provisions for tree protection, preservation or replacement
- lack of regulation of land contours, elevation, or grading (except as related to drainage)
- lack of setback on one side for egress window wells at or near the interior side lot line.

Although I live in the Country Club Neighborhood with oversight by the Heritage Preservation Board, I am still concerned about new homes being "built to the max" in other neighborhoods, and the negative impact to neighboring homes.

It has come to my attention that the City Council meeting is moved to today due to Neighborhood Night Out tomorrow night, so I appreciate your time and attention at this late date.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Dulas

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**From:** Melanie Novak <melanovakk@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Braemar Ice Agreement and Future of Our City's Figure Skating Club From a Concerned Parent

Dear City Officials:

As a parent in the Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club, I urge you to preserve the club's current ice time at the arena.

A big reason my family chose to move to Edina was that we knew it would be an outstanding place to raise our daughter, Laura. We have not been disappointed. She is thriving at Concord Elementary School, has made many close friends and is participating in many wonderful youth activities.

One of these is the skating club. Laura started out in the city's Saturday morning skating classes because she wanted to play hockey. But within a few months, she decided to try figure skating instead. She soon developed a love of the sport and has learned quickly with her coach at Braemar.

It is obvious to me that this is a sport that teaches important life lessons -- working toward goals, sportsmanship, self-discipline. This is exactly the type of youth activity that a community like Edina should embrace.

That is why I am so disappointed in the current proposals to slash the club's ice. It's true, as has been argued, that the club has a lot of members from outside Edina. But that only demonstrates that it is an excellent club, the type of organization Edina should be proud to have. Diminishing this club would also diminish our city.

The proposals I've heard, which would largely limit the club's hours to most people's workday, are not realistic. Like many Edina residents, my husband and I both have demanding jobs, which in our cases require us to spend a lot of hours in downtown Minneapolis. But, because it is important to us, we both adjust our schedules to drive Laura to or from skating at 9 or 10 in the morning or 4:30 or 5:30 in the afternoon. This has a limit, however. To preserve the club, it is essential to find a solution that can be made to fit the lives of working parents like ourselves.

I know hockey parents also make big sacrifices, and hockey is also a great sport for kids. But Edina should be the kind of community that offers a full menu of first-class youth activities. That is why I urge you not to accept any solution to the issue before you that does not allow both sports to continue to thrive in our city.

Best wishes,

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-7**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING THE R-1, SINGLE-DWELLING UNIT DISTRICT, AND R-2, DOUBLE DWELLING UNIT DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING COVERAGE, SETBACK, HEIGHT & GENERAL REGULATIONS**

The City Council Of Edina Ordains:

**Section 1.** Subsection 850.03. Subd. 3. Definitions is hereby amended as follows:

**Building Height or Structure Height. (Commercial, Industrial and High Density Residential)**The distance measured from the average existing ground elevation adjoining the building at the front building line to the top of the cornice of a flat roof, to the deck line of a mansard roof, to a point on the roof directly above the highest wall of a shed roof, to the uppermost point on a round or other arch-type roof, or to the average distance of the highest gable on a pitched or hip roof. References in this Section to building height shall include and mean structure height, and if the structure is other than a building, the height shall be measured from said average existing ground elevation to the highest point of the structure. "Existing ground elevation" means the lowest of the following elevations: (1) the grade approved at the time of the subdivision creating the lot, (2) the grade at the time the last demolition permit was issued for a principal structure that was on the lot, (3) the grade at the time the building permit for a principal structure on the lot is applied for.

**Building Height or Structure Height. (Single & Two Dwelling Unit Buildings)**The distance measured from the average existing ground elevation adjoining the building at the front building line to the highest point on a roof. References in this Section to building height shall include and mean structure height, and if the structure is other than a building, the height shall be measured from said average existing ground elevation to the highest point of the structure. "Existing ground elevation" means the lowest of the following elevations: (1) the grade approved at the time of the subdivision creating the lot, (2) the grade at the time the last demolition permit was issued for a principal structure that was on the lot, (3) the grade at the time the building permit for a principal structure on the lot is applied for.

**Residential Maintenance Access.** For a single and double dwelling unit, a clear flat walkway from a front yard to a rear yard. This area allows outside pedestrian access and space to bring equipment from a front yard to a rear yard without any encroachment on neighboring property.

**Section 2.** Subsection 850.07. Subd. 7. is hereby amended as follows:

**Subd. 7. Drainage, Retaining Walls & Site Access.**

1. Drainage. No person shall obstruct or divert the natural flow of runoff so as to harm the public health, safety or general welfare. Surface water runoff

shall be properly conveyed into storm sewers, watercourses, ponding areas or other public facilities.

As part of the building permit, the applicant must submit a grading and erosion control plan along with a stormwater management plan that is signed by a licensed professional engineer. The stormwater management plan must detail how stormwater will be controlled to prevent damage to adjacent property and adverse impacts to the public stormwater drainage system. The plans must be approved by the city engineer and the permit holder must adhere to the approved plans.

2. Retaining Walls. All retaining walls must be shown on a grading plan as part of a building permit application. Plans must demonstrate materials to be used for the retaining wall construction. Retaining walls taller than four (4) feet must meet a three (3) foot setback.
3. Site Access. In an R-1 or R-2 Zoning District, a residential maintenance access of at least three (3) feet in width is required on one side of a single or two dwelling unit from the front yard to the rear yard.

**Section 3.** Subsection 850.11. Subd. 6. is hereby amended as follows:

**Subd. 6** Requirements for Building Coverage, Setbacks and Height.

**A. Building Coverage.**

1. Lots 9,000 Square Feet or Greater in Area. Building coverage shall be not more than 25 percent for all buildings and structures. On lots with an existing conditional use, if the combined total area occupied by all accessory buildings and structures, excluding attached garages, is 1,000 square feet or greater, a conditional use permit is required.
2. Lots Less Than 9,000 Square Feet in Area. Building coverage shall be not more than 30 percent for all buildings and structures, provided, however, that the area occupied by all buildings and structures shall not exceed 2,250 square feet.
3. The combined total area occupied by all accessory buildings and structures, excluding attached garages, shall not exceed 1,000 square feet for lots used for single dwelling unit buildings.
4. Building Coverage shall include all principal or accessory buildings, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Decks and patios. The first 150 square feet of an unenclosed deck or patio shall not be included when computing building coverage.
  - b. Gazebos
  - c. Balconies.

- d. Breezeways.
- e. Porches.
- f. Accessory recreational facilities constructed above grade, such as paddle tennis courts.

**The following improvements shall be excluded when computing building coverage:**

- a. Driveways and sidewalks, but not patios, subject to 3.a. above.
- b. Parking lots and parking ramps.
- c. Accessory recreational facilities not enclosed by solid walls and not covered by a roof, including outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts and shuffleboard courts.
- d. Unenclosed and uncovered steps and stoops less than 50 square feet.
- e. Overhanging eaves and roof projections not supported by posts or pillars.

**Section 4.** Subsection 850.11. Subd. 7.A. is hereby amended as follows:

**Subd. 7 Special Requirements.** In addition to the general requirements described in Subsection 850.07, the following special requirements shall apply.

A. Special Setback Requirements for Single Dwelling Unit Lots.

~~6. Accessory Buildings and Structures Used for Dwelling Purposes. Subject to the requirements of paragraph B. of Subd. 7 of this Subsection 850.11, if any accessory building or structure (including, without limitation, garages), or if any addition to or expansion of (including, without limitation, an additional story on) an accessory building or structure (including, without limitation, garages), is used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential occupancy, then such accessory building or structure or such addition or expansion, shall comply with all of the minimum setback requirements for a single dwelling unit building.~~

B. One Dwelling Unit Per Single Dwelling Unit Lot. No more than one dwelling unit shall be erected, placed or used on any lot unless the lot is subdivided into two or more lots pursuant to Section 810 of this Code.

~~C. Decks and Patios. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection 850.07, the first 150 square feet of an unenclosed deck or patio shall not be included when computing building coverage.~~

C. Basements. All single dwelling unit buildings shall be constructed with a basement having a gross floor area equal to at least 50 percent of the gross