

**NEW CORRESPONDENCE  
FOR  
AUGUST 8, 2005  
COUNCIL MEETING**

To Cynthia J. Kurtz:

8/01/2005

I am writing to you about the proposed new Pasadena ice skating center. I have been an skating coach at the Pasadena ice center for the last 20 years. I have had the opportunity to work with a many great people including a great management team, and staff. Skating brings a clean wholesome sport to a beautiful city. The sport keeps children focused on a longterm goal and out of trouble, and can lead to many career opportunities. Most of the serious skaters skate for five to ten years and contribute to the city of Pasadena in so many ways. The Pasadena Ice Center just won the World ISI ice skating trophy for most team points and participation. This was the largest recreational competition in the world. I hope the new ice skating facility becomes a reality.

Thank you for your time.

Scott Carson  
818 999-2614

## PASADENA ICE SKATERS – WORLD CHAMPS

August 2, 2005

The Pasadena Team won First Place out of 118 Teams from around the world. Skaters from the Pasadena Ice Skating Center (PISC) participated in the Ice Skating Institute (ISI) Annual World Championships held last week in Southern California.

208 skaters representing PISC competed in the 6 day event, bringing home over 800 medals. The Pasadena team's skaters ranged in age from 3 years old to 73 years young. Obviously, this competition is designed to challenge the recreational skater by allowing them the opportunity to be in the spotlight. They also get to meet people from all over the United States and the World.

Over 2,600 skaters converged on six ice surfaces in four ice skating centers located in Lakewood, Anaheim, Yorba Linda, and Paramount. The events included figure skating, freestyle, couples, pairs, dance, family and numerous team events. Over 25 different types of events entertained spectators during the weeklong ice skating extravaganza.

Randy Winship, Team Coach for Pasadena, recruited, organized, and orchestrated the competitors from the PISC. PISC, has had a colorful history during its nearly 30 years of operation. Located behind the Pasadena Center on Green Street, it was one of the host rinks for the 1993 ISI World Championships. In spite of the small non-regulation size ice surface, the skaters continue to excel in their ice skating accomplishments.

As the City of Pasadena City Council works their way through the process of building a new regulation size dual ice surface facility, the skaters continue to work for their goals not only in figure skating but hockey and speed-skating as well. The proposed new municipal facility will be open to the public and will have programs open to all residents of Pasadena and the surrounding communities of the San Gabriel Valley.

**The next Pasadena City Council meeting to vote on the proposed new facility is scheduled for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, during their evening session.**

For more information, please contact:  
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## Rodriguez, Jane

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**From:** Laura Ellersieck [leewna@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 02, 2005 2:16 AM  
**To:** Haderlein, Steve; Bogaard, Bill; Little, Paul; Tyler, Sid; Streater, Joyce; Holden, Chris; Madison, Steve; Gordo, Victor  
**Cc:** Jones, Frederick; Stone, Rhonda; Susan Chu; Katherine Vacio  
**Subject:** Questions regarding Item 6.B.1. re: Ice Rink on May 2 Council Agenda

Dear Council Member,

I write to you as a life long Pasadena resident of the neighborhood immediately east of the proposed new ice rink facility, and as President of the East Eaton Wash Neighborhood Association, which represents that neighborhood.

Neither I nor our association has taken a position either in favor or against the proposed ice rink. We want to work to insure that if the project goes forward the result will be a success for the city as a whole without negatively impacting our neighborhood.

With that in mind, I've read the agenda report for item 6.B.1 on the May 2nd agenda and have some questions you may wish to take into account in your committee and/or council deliberations on the matter.

1. What is the thinking behind the mention under Project Description on page 3 about maybe only building part of the project initially due to costs? Would the design include everything, but then some of it would just not be built, or is the idea that the design will be reduced to fit the budget? Which "improvements" are least important: locker rooms, food facility? How will such decisions be made, and how will the impact on project viability be measured?
2. Also under Project Description on page 3, it says "there are still issues to be resolved regarding access". What kind of issues? It says if they can't be resolved, the city won't execute the management agreement with PISC. But if the project might get scuttled or changed in a major way by access issues, what about holding off on the expensive contract for designing the whole thing until that is resolved?
3. How were the cost and revenue estimates arrived at? Who did a study and what was studied? What are the expectations of usage and how were they arrived at? What other rinks were looked at, potential and actual competition? What margins are there for mis-estimation before the city will have to dump taxpayer money into repaying the debt or operating the facility?
4. In Exhibit A, Business Terms, on page 9, Financing the Project, item 2.c. says that PISC will not be obligated to repay its note if the management agreement is terminated prior to complete repayment. So if the agreement is terminated because PISC isn't performing according to its terms, then they get away without having to repay? It seems reasonable to forgive payment if termination is not their fault, but not if it is.
5. In Exhibit B, Performance Standards, page 10, Appearance, item 1. What is the significance of the choice of the "Health South Training Center facility in the City of Los Angeles"? And what if maintenance of that facility goes downhill, does this mean it'll be ok for Pasadena's to also?
6. In Exhibit B, Performance Standards, page 11, Security Services. Item 2 only requires personnel on site during peak hours and at special events. Peak hours aren't identified, special events aren't defined. Items 4 and 5 require records and reports of all incidents, but if no personnel are present how will that information be obtained? Also there is no mention of any provision for site security when the facility is not open, even if it is just video monitoring of building surroundings. Will access to the parking area be locked when the facility is closed?
7. In Exhibit D, Estimated Operating Statement with Debt, in the text above the table of

numbers is "\$15,000 Land Lease Payment". To whom, for what land, per year? (I believe the city payment for the Eaton Wash park portion on SCE land is \$14,000 per year. Is this related to that?)

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Some broader comments regarding the Ice Rink project and our neighborhood -

a. A concern has been raised that although the environmental neg dec Initial Study says there it is expected there will be only one or two major events per year (mentioned in conjunction with traffic estimates), there is no definition of major events and there is no indication of any limit on them. Remember the proposed facility is much larger and a major upgrade over what currently exists in the civic center, so the range of possible uses may also be significantly larger as well. And although there is some distance, it is adjacent to residences. What power will the city have to limit uses if for whatever reason the facility becomes a frequent disruption?

b. Initial descriptions of the ice rink project had it including the area under the Edison lines for parking. This led to some hopes that the project might provide for finishing the west side of Avocado Ave with a curb, proper drainage, street trees, and appropriate street lighting along with a buffer of vegetation between us and the parking lot. With the former nursery tenant there was a nice wall of greenery, and they had maintained the fence and dirt roadside fairly well in recent years. With the nursery gone, it looks abandoned, unmaintained, a magnet for slobs to dump their junk. Now that it appears the ice rink project will not use the Edison land for anything but access roads (for which staff says they need only an easement from Edison), it appears the city will not feel responsible for maintenance of the parcel under the wires and its frontage on Avocado Ave., much less finishing the street scape. Perhaps Edison is going to lease it to another entity, but we have no visibility into anything that may be under discussion. We would like the planning staff to be directed to look into what means could be used to finish the west side of Avocado, whether by the city and/or by requirements on the land owner (Edison) or whomever might license use of the parcel from Edison. What are the rules for upgrading an unfinished street edge? Who is responsible for what?

c. We would like the council to consider directing staff to look at whether it would be feasible to include in the ice rink project a small community meeting room which could be used for senior and/or youth activities and neighborhood meetings. Not unlike the small meeting room at Victory Park. (Except of course we think neighborhood associations should have a fee exemption as they used to have.) I noted in the materials for the current ice rink that they have a "party room" they use for private parties - it's interesting that isn't mentioned in the proposal for the new rink. If there were such a "community room" it could be rented for parties when it is not in use for community activities.

Thank you,  
Laura Ellersieck

**Rodriguez, Jane**

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**From:** cityweb-server@cityofpasadena.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2005 3:47 PM  
**To:** Bogaard, Bill  
**Subject:** WWW PUBLIC COMMENT

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Subject: Ice Skating Rink  
Name: Debbie Thornton  
Address: 925 Boston Ct  
City: Pasadena  
State: Ca  
Zip: 91106  
Email: debbiethornton@sbcglobal.net  
Date: 8/3/2005  
Time: 3:46:41 PM

**Comment:**

Please support the new Ice Skating Rink. My three daughter and all their friends loves to ice skate. They would be really sad if that was taken away from them. Ice Skating keeps them busy, active, happy and most of all, out of trouble. The City of pasadena is a great place with so much to offer. Every great city needs an Ice Skating Rink. Please support us. Thank you, Debbie Thornton

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Subject: Pasadena Ice Skating Center  
Name: Richard Wise  
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City: Pasadena  
State: CA  
Zip: 91101  
Email: sk8home@pacbell.net  
Date: 8/3/2005  
Time: 3:46:59 PM

**Comment:**

I have been working at the Pasadena Ice Skating Center for 16 years as an instructor/employee. The skating center has been in existence in its current location for 29 years. Pasadena has been host to the ice skating community for 65 years, producing several National, World and Olympic Medalists or Champions in figure skating, hockey, and speed skating. I am blessed to be a part of a business that caters and contributes to the diversity of this community - excluding no one. It would would be a shame to take away this activity from them.



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**From:** potholepro@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2005 3:29 PM  
**To:** Bogaard, Bill; Valteau, Desireia; Haderlein, Steve; Stone, Rhonda; DeLaCuba, Vannia  
**Subject:** Pasadena Municipal Ice Skating Center

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am writing to beg you to please support the recommendation to build the proposed municipal ice skating facility in Pasadena. My household skates, on average, three times a week and has done so for many years. Skating is one of the best activities around that the whole family can enjoy together. It's good clean fun and it promotes physical fitness. I can't think of any better place in which a city could invest its resources. A municipal ice skating facility is an invaluable resource for any community and it would be a shame if this wonderful, positive, family activity should cease to exist in Pasadena. Please, please, please support the city staff recommendation to build the new ice skating facility.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Johnson  
Sierra Madre, CA

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2005 3:39 PM  
**To:** Bogaard, Bill  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2005 3:44 PM  
**To:** Bogaard, Bill; Valteau, Desireia; Haderlein, Steve; Stone, Rhonda; DeLaCuba, Vannia  
**Subject:** Proposed Pasadena Municipal Ice Skating Center

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members:

On behalf of me and my family, please support the city staff recommendation to build the proposed municipal ice skating facility planned to be built on Foothill Blvd. in Pasadena. Pasadena has had an ice skating facility for 65 years and it is an integral and historical recreational activity for the whole community. What a pity it would be to lose such a wonderful and healthy family activity.

Please don't let the community of Pasadena down! We need recreational facilities like this! It gives so many kids a safe and healthy place to play and learn physical skills. And it brings families together because skating is an activity that all ages can enjoy. I implore you to support the municipal ice skating facility. There are so many families counting on this!

Very truly yours,

George Hunlock  
Pasadena, CA

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Pasadena, CA 91104

July 19, 2005

Councilman Paul Little  
P.O. Box 7115  
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

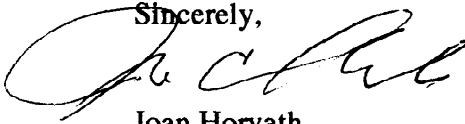
Dear Sir:

I am a resident of your district, and would like to express my support for the building of a new ice rink in Pasadena on Orange Grove, as discussed at the City Council meeting last night.

I know there are always many competing priorities in a city's budget, but recreation aimed at families has gotten short shrift lately here. I have skated at the old rink for about 20 years, and it's time that the city stepped up to having facilities that will allow us to train kids that show promise in skating-related sports here in Pasadena rather than export them to Burbank as soon as they show that promise.

I hope to see your support for the project when it comes (hopefully soon!) to a vote in Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joan Horvath', written in a cursive style.

Joan Horvath  
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