

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4B

APPLICANT: Joel Dunn, Recreation

REQUEST: For discussion only regarding the Arlington Square Ice Rink operations.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: “2012/13 Ice Rink Update” – A presentation covering the operation of the 2012/13 Downtown Ice Rink. A detailed breakdown of the 2012/13 expenditures, revenue and improvements – year-to-date.

Discussion on the outstanding public/private partnership with the Carson Nugget, Downtown Business Association, and Carson City Recreation.

The 2012/13 Downtown Ice Rink program continues to provide an outstanding opportunity for a fun family winter activity for thousands of participants.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken. This item is for discussion only.

Saturday, November 24, 2012



PHOTOS BY SHANNON LITZ / NEVADA APPEAL
Twelve-year-old Savannah Childers skates at Arlington Square on Friday afternoon. For more photos go to www.nevadaappeal.com/photos.

Ice rink open for business

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Although none of them had ever skated before, Nikki Haag and her three children attended the opening of the Arlington Square Ice Skating Rink on Friday.

"We didn't want to go out shopping or anything like that," Haag said. "The weather is awesome, so we didn't want to go to a movie. We just wanted to get outside and do something fun."

The rink, which is operated through the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department, is scheduled to run through Jan. 31, opens seasonally downtown. Last year, more than 10,000 skaters visited the rink.

Amanda Van Fosson, 14, went skating Friday with friend Alexandria Wahrer, 14. They said it has become a place to hang out for the local youth.

"I think it's good to have stuff like this to do," she said. "We can go to the movies, the bowling center and now this."

Alexandria said it's a good outlet for teens.

"It's good because we can be outdoors and active with our friends," she said.

Rebecca and Charles Viebrock travel to Carson City from Marin County, Calif., each year to spend Thanksgiving with family.

For the second year, they brought grandchildren Tec,

14, and Savannah, 12, Childress to the opening day of the rink.

"It gives them something to do on a day off from school," Rebecca Viebrock said.

And Friday's mild temperatures made it a more pleasant experience, Viebrock said.

"Last year, the weather was terrible," she said. "I was wearing my winter coat and gloves and the wind was blowing."

Mike Omey has been bringing his children to the rink since it opened in 2009.

"I think it's awesome for the community," he said.



Three-year-old Kendal and Nikki Haag skate on Friday at the Arlington Square Ice Rink.

ARLINGTON SQUARE ICE RINK HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission and rental fees:

\$7 general (ages 13-up)

\$5 youths (ages 3-12)

\$3 skate rental

Operation of the ice rink is weather-dependent, and hours may change according to sun, wind, rain and snow conditions.

Call the Arlington Square Ice Rink hotline at 775-283-7429 to ensure that it is open and operating. For complete details, go to www.carson.org/index.aspx?page=2669.

They've learned to skate, he said, just by doing it.

"I never got taught," Omey said. "I just kind of figured it out."

That was the Haag family's plan as well. And 3-year-old Kendal had her own strategy.

"We're gonna hold hands," she said.