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COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION

4

AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN, CHAIR

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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BILL 100674 - An Ordinance authorizing the
Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, on
behalf of The City of Philadelphia (the
"City"), to enter into a license agreement
with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
Development ("PAID") pursuant to which PAID
will operate certain programs at the Scanlon
Ice Rink...

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COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good

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morning. Good morning. We want to thank

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you for -- fast forward. Good afternoon.

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I want to welcome everyone to the City

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and Cultural Affairs, and a huge

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thank-you to Councilwoman Jannie

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Blackwell for being here and consenting

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at the eleventh hour to join us so that

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we could indeed have a quorum.

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The Council Committee on the

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Parks --

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Thank you very, very much,

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Jannie.

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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: My

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pleasure.

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COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: The City

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and Cultural Affairs is now in a public

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hearing to hear testimony on Bill No.

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Let me acknowledge that also

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Councilman Frank DiCicco has joined us

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and is a member of this Committee.

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2 With that, we want to ask the
3 Clerk to read the title of Bill No.
4 100674. Read the title of the bill.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Parks and
7 Recreation, on behalf of the City of
8 Philadelphia, to enter into a license
9 agreement with the Philadelphia Authority
10 for Industrial Development pursuant to
11 which PAID will operate certain programs
12 at the Scanlon Ice Rink, the Laura Sims
13 Skatehouse at Cobbs Creek, the rink at
14 the Simons Recreation and Teen Access
15 Center, the Rizzo Ice Rink and the Tarken
16 Ice Rink, by entering into a long term
17 sublicense agreement with the Ed Snider
18 Youth Hockey Foundation for such
19 operation, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you
22 very, very much.

23 Any members of the Committee
24 care to provide opening remarks?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: With that,
3 then, we'll call up our first panel.
4 Commissioner Susan Slawson, our
5 distinguished Recreation Commissioner for
6 the Department of Parks and Recreation.

7 (Witness approached witness
8 table.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We
10 love our Sue Slawson, I'll say that.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Ditto.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Does a
13 great job. Even took care of me
14 yesterday when I had five polling
15 places -- not that I'm talking
16 politics -- and one recreation center and
17 the heat went off. I know all you
18 at-large folks will be coming by there.
19 And took care of it for me, answered the
20 phone immediately and got it done. Thank
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER SLAWSON: Thank
23 you.

24 Good afternoon, Councilwoman
25 Reynolds Brown and members of the

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2 Committee. My name is Susan Slawson,
3 Recreation Commissioner for the
4 Department of Parks and Recreation. It's
5 a pleasure to be here.

6 I appear before you today to
7 present testimony in support of Bill No.
8 100674, which, if adopted, will authorize
9 the Department of Parks and Recreation to
10 enter into an agreement with the Ed
11 Snider Youth Hockey Foundation. The
12 agreement would be for 20 years and
13 require the City to match the
14 Foundation's investment for the first
15 four years of the agreement up to one
16 million for capital improvements of the
17 facilities. The Ed Snider Youth Hockey
18 Foundation, along with the Commonwealth
19 of Pennsylvania, will make this a total
20 investment of \$12 million of improvements
21 to the facilities. The Snider Youth
22 Hockey Foundation is a non-profit
23 organization for the purpose of
24 conducting programs at the following ice
25 skating rinks: Scanlon Ice Skate Rink,

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2 Laura Sims Skatehouse at Cobbs Creek, the
3 rink at the Simons Recreation Center,
4 Rizzo Rink and Tarken Ice Rink. At the
5 Scanlon, Sims and Simons Rink, the
6 Foundation will supply full-time staff
7 and equipment, while at the other two
8 rinks, the Department will provide the
9 staffing support and equipment needs.
10 The Foundation-provided programs will
11 help to expand current offerings, which,
12 in essence, currently teach youth how to
13 play ice hockey and will introduce a
14 wider variety of children, youth, teens
15 and families to the fun and enjoyment of
16 skating.

17 Because of the Foundation's
18 generous support, the Department will
19 commit to running a seven-day-a-week
20 operation at all ice rinks to expand
21 public skating. This represents an
22 additional full day of public and
23 community skating at all City ice rinks.

24 During these difficult economic
25 times, the continued support from the Ed

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2 Snider Youth Hockey Foundation has been
3 extremely valuable to the City of
4 Philadelphia and our young people. The
5 Department of Parks and Recreation is
6 extremely grateful for their commitment.

7 The Department would also like
8 to thank the following District
9 Councilmembers for their ongoing support
10 of ice skating rinks in their Council
11 districts: Councilwoman Tasco,
12 Councilwoman Blackwell, Councilwoman
13 Quinones-Sanchez and Councilman DiCicco.

14 Thank you for the opportunity
15 to discuss this important partnership
16 with you today, and I look forward to
17 answering any of your questions.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Well, we
19 thank you very, very much for your
20 testimony.

21 Any questions from members of
22 the Committee?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Well, let
25 me just go on the record to offer a huge

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2 thank-you to Mr. Fred Shabel and all
3 those affiliated with this effort. It's
4 clear that public-private partnerships
5 are the way of the future, and when you
6 have corporate citizens step up to
7 embrace what's happening with our young
8 people, it's huge. So I commend your
9 leadership in making sure that the
10 partnership solidified itself.

11 Councilwoman.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you.

14 I too would like to say thank
15 you to Fred Shabel and all of the folks
16 with Ed Snider. You know, old folks say
17 from the street, they say don't look a
18 gift horse in the mouth. So my position
19 is thank you, thank you, thank you.

20 Thank you all. Thank you,
21 Commissioner. We're very, very grateful.

22 COMMISSIONER SLAWSON: Thank
23 you. And if I could just go on the
24 record also saying that the Snider
25 Foundation came through at a time where

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2 we were in a very, very difficult place,
3 where we were in jeopardy of having three
4 of our five ice rinks close. And had it
5 not been for their support, their
6 willingness to supply the staff, we would
7 have actually closed those three ice
8 rinks that now we're talking about
9 investing millions of dollars in.

10 And so I'd like to just commend
11 them and thank them for their commitment
12 to the City of Philadelphia and to our
13 communities but, most of all, to our
14 young people.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Indeed.
16 That -- please.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And,
18 Madam Chair, I totally agree. I've been
19 at those meetings where we were afraid
20 that the Laura Sims Skatehouse at Cobbs
21 Creek Park would close. I've been there
22 when we were frightened with Ms. Capers
23 and with the children, who so wanted to
24 skate and we just didn't know what we
25 could do. And I've been there when they

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2 brought their own families there to
3 skate, to sponsor programs, giveaways,
4 play with the children, bring their own
5 children into the neighborhoods. And
6 they've done more than their part, and so
7 we're happy to -- we're grateful to have
8 them and happy to be here to say thank
9 you and we support it.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Very well.

11 Councilman Frank DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I just
13 want to take this opportunity to thank my
14 colleagues. You know, although I was a
15 co-sponsor of the original bill, I will
16 readily admit that I was not that deeply
17 involved in this issue, not because it
18 was not important to me, but in the life
19 of a District Councilperson from time to
20 time, we have so many issues on our plate
21 and when we know other folks are involved
22 in it, other Councilmembers are involved
23 and taking care of that business,
24 sometimes it allows us to continue to do
25 things that are just as important

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2 throughout our district.

3 Councilman Kenney is not here.

4 He may be watching. He is under the
5 weather. He's been hospitalized over the
6 last few days, and I just wanted to take
7 this opportunity thanking the Councilman
8 for getting me interested in and involved
9 in this early on, as has Councilwoman
10 Blackwell and the other sponsors and the
11 Chair of this Committee.

12 So I want to take this
13 opportunity to thank them and the Snider
14 Foundation folks for being great
15 corporate citizens, not only in this
16 effort but in the past, and I'm sure
17 we'll have more things going forward. So
18 thank you, Fred Shabel.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I should
21 mention for the record that Mr. Scott
22 Tharp, President of the Ed Snider Youth
23 Hockey Foundation, and Fred Shabel,
24 Comcast-Spectacor, are here.

25 Stand so we can acknowledge

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2 you, thank you and salute you, please.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

5 you, Scott, too.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Please,

7 Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

9 you, too, Scott.

10 He's there all the time. And
11 let me note that my colleague, Councilman
12 Kenney, called me about an hour ago from
13 the hospital, said, You know that hearing
14 is going on today, and certainly we want
15 to make sure we're okay. But he was
16 committed enough to even call from his
17 hospital bed, and we say a special
18 thank-you to him.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: So in his
20 absence, allow me to read into the record
21 a letter from Councilman James Kenney,
22 the co-sponsor of this bill.

23 Thank you very much for
24 scheduling -- "Dear Councilwoman Brown,
25 thank you very much for scheduling Bill

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2 100674 for a public hearing. As you are
3 well aware, I am very supportive of youth
4 ice hockey opportunities in the City of
5 Philadelphia and fully believe that this
6 legislation, which authorizes the
7 Department of Parks and Recreation to
8 enter into a 20-year agreement with the
9 Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation, will
10 allow the City to continue to improve its
11 ice hockey programs, facilities and
12 resources at all five ice rinks.

13 "Team work, sportsmanship and
14 self-confidence are all important life
15 lessons that are learned through sports
16 such as ice hockey. The Ed Snider Youth
17 Hockey Foundation will provide funding so
18 that many more young people will have the
19 opportunity to participate in this sport,
20 get to know other youth from around the
21 City" -- and Councilman James Kenney was
22 particularly passionate about that --
23 "and experience an environment focused on
24 life skills, education and team work.

25 "I'd also like to thank

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2 District Councilmembers for their support
3 of this partnership with the expansion of
4 opportunities at the City's ice rinks.

5 For these reasons, I respectfully request
6 that the Committee on Parks and

7 Recreation favorably approve Bill No.

8 100674 and suspend the rules so that this

9 bill can be read at the next scheduled

10 session of City Council."

11 Again, signed by colleague,

12 co-sponsor of the bill, Councilman James

13 F. Kenney.

14 So with that in the record, we

15 want to thank the Commissioner and we

16 want to ask Panel No. 2, Ms. Donna Sims

17 of the Laura Sims Skatehouse Community

18 Foundation, to please come forward, offer

19 testimony. And while we wait for her

20 arrival, we will invite up Marnie

21 Loughrey -- please forgive me if I'm

22 mispronouncing that -- and Donna Aument,

23 Co-Chair of the Scanlon Advisory Council.

24 (Witness approached witness

25 table.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you
3 and welcome to you both.

4 MS. LOUGHREY: Thank you,
5 Council, for asking us here and thank you
6 for letting us testify. My name is
7 Marnie Aument Loughrey and I am the
8 President of Kensington Independent Civic
9 Association and I am on the Scanlon
10 Advisory Board.

11 Almost five years ago, as you
12 know, with the budget crisis that was
13 going on, Scanlon was going to be shut
14 down. Our community fought to save the
15 ice skating rink. At that time, I met a
16 gentleman by the name of Jim Britt from
17 the Flyers Foundation, who I did not
18 know, and he said, If you can keep an ice
19 rink open, we'll put a program in there.

20 We did it. Mr. Britt was
21 always honest to his words with us and
22 his dealings. The first time, we had
23 almost 60 children in the program when it
24 opened up. One of them was my daughter.
25 They loved it. As of last year, I

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2 believe we had over 200 children in the
3 program at Scanlon alone.

4 This program is teaching
5 children self-confidence, respect, how
6 they should be dealt with and how they
7 should deal with people.

8 The Flyers Foundation is
9 helping them with tutoring after school.
10 They give them a curriculum that they
11 expect them to adhere to. If you miss
12 school, you cannot play hockey. If
13 you're disciplined in school, you cannot
14 play hockey. If you're picked up on the
15 corner, you cannot play hockey. These
16 children are learning life lessons that
17 are going to keep them out of the prison
18 system that we have now.

19 There is no way with the City's
20 financial crisis at this time that we can
21 move forward for our children without
22 partnering with someone like the Flyers
23 Foundation with the Ed Snider Youth
24 group. I cannot see anyone disapproving
25 of a program that is such a win-win for

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2 the City and the children in our future.

3 The only thing I can say is I
4 thank the day that I met Mr. Britt, I
5 thank the day that I met Mr. Tharp, and I
6 thank the day that Mr. Snider put
7 together such an organization that is
8 willing to look at the youth of this
9 city.

10 We have children that are
11 offered an opportunity they would never
12 be able to receive. They have gone and
13 traveled to other states and played
14 against other leagues and see how other
15 things work. They're getting a chance at
16 a future that they never would have had
17 any other way, and I cannot see how the
18 Department of Recreation could ever do
19 anything to go against the child.

20 And I thank Council for this
21 opportunity to speak, and I thank the
22 Commissioner for asking me here, because
23 I think she walked in at a difficult time
24 to be the Commissioner of rec departments
25 when we were closing pools and ice rinks

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2 and libraries, and this is the way to
3 help keep them open for our children.

4 And I will say, my children are
5 no longer using the program, as it only
6 goes up to 18, but I have a 14-month-old
7 grandson that will be taking the ice come
8 November 26th. And we did an article in
9 our local paper. I will give it to
10 Council. And the support when this hit
11 the papers yesterday, when the people
12 were coming to vote, to realize that
13 they're getting such a benefit in our
14 neighborhood, we have people from
15 Bridesburg, Port Richmond, Fishtown,
16 Juniata, Kensington, Mayfair coming all
17 over. And when somebody said, Well,
18 what's your neighborhood, I said, The
19 City of Philadelphia is the neighborhood.
20 Any child can come from anywhere and
21 skate at this facility. And considering
22 it's open to the public not just for ice
23 skating, we use it with Impact Services
24 to do parties with the children, where
25 they never would get to skate any other

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2 way. They can come in for free. They
3 have to rent a skate if they need it, and
4 it's \$2 to \$4. And sometimes if the kids
5 don't have it, the Advisory Board puts
6 the money out. So they've never, ever,
7 ever turned any child away. So this
8 facility in no way cannot be here 20, 40,
9 60 years from now.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you
11 for your very passionate testimony.

12 MS. LOUGHREY: It's a little
13 bit of a dream come true. When we fix
14 the ice rink, I said kiddingly to Jim,
15 how much would it cost to enclose the
16 rink and we could use it all year round?
17 Because 12 weeks just isn't enough, and
18 for this to be actually happening is just
19 mind boggling.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Any
21 questions or -- please, Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you. Madam Chair, I've never been to
25 Scanlon Advisory Council or their rink,

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2 but I know these two women and I'm just
3 glad we're on the same side, because
4 Donna Aument has that sign, she'll be
5 here in with the sign saying something
6 else if we're not on the right side.

7 But they are just wonderful.

8 Listen, I'm not surprised, if the kids
9 don't come, they'll go to their mothers'
10 homes and pull them out. I know how they
11 are.

12 But we're just happy to hear
13 your positive remarks, and we feel the
14 same way about the Laura Sims Skatehouse.
15 Thank you both.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Donna
17 Aument, welcome.

18 MS. AUMENT: Good morning,
19 Councilpeople. As you know, I am the
20 Democrat Ward Leader, and this is one of
21 the facilities in my area. I can't even
22 find the words -- if she was passionate,
23 I'm happy. How do you say thank you for
24 a Godsend?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: In

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2 multiple languages.

3 MS. AUMENT: Any way you can.

4 Jim Britt is the person that
5 I've talked to the most and then we met
6 Scott Tharp, and this has been a union of
7 two men, two women fighting like two
8 demons. Okay? Ed Snider I haven't met
9 yet, but it will be my pleasure to thank
10 him for saving the children of
11 Kensington-Juniata. When everything else
12 was going right down the tubes -- as you
13 well know, Councilpeople, you fight, you
14 fight for your area, you fight for 50
15 percent. If you get 25 percent, you're
16 happy. We were fighting for 50 percent.
17 I think we got a 100 percent or 150.

18 There aren't enough words in
19 the vocabulary to say how thankful the
20 citizens of my area and my ward are for
21 the opportunity that the Flyers
22 Foundation, the Youth Foundation,
23 whatever way you want to say it, has
24 given to an area that has been
25 impoverished for a while.

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2 This is a step up that I never
3 want to go backwards on. I want to go
4 forward, forward, forward. And as Jannie
5 Blackwell has so nicely said, when I want
6 to go forward, I'm going forward.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Get out of
8 the way.

9 MS. AUMENT: Either join my
10 band or get out of the way. Okay?

11 And I want to thank this
12 Council for being so supportive of the Ed
13 Snider Foundation, of Scanlon, of Laura
14 Sims, of Simons. Everything that they
15 have done is nothing but positive,
16 positive, positive. And I want to thank
17 this panel for letting us vote. We're
18 not quite as elegant as you guys are, but
19 we are passionate about what we want.

20 Thank you.

21 Gentlemen, I applaud you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Let me
24 thank you both, and let me seize the
25 moment and go on the record to say a huge

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2 thank-you to the two of you, because you
3 are activists in the purest sense of the
4 word, and if the City -- if we could just
5 clone you and multiple it exponentially a
6 thousand times, the City would be --

7 MS. LOUGHREY: That would be
8 scary.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: -- greater
10 for our young people.

11 MS. AUMENT: She has a daughter
12 that's just as bad. So we can send you
13 another one.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: So thanks
15 again for your testimony.

16 MS. AUMENT: Thank you.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Anyone
18 else to testify on Bill No. 100674?
19 Please, come forward to the witness
20 table.

21 (Witnesses approached witness
22 table.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Please be
24 seated, ladies. State your name for the
25 record and proceed with your testimony.

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2 MS. CAPERS: Good afternoon.

3 My name is Delores Capers, spelled
4 C-A-P-E-R-S, and I'm President of the
5 Advisory Council at the Laura Sims
6 Skatehouse in Cobbs Creek Park, and
7 sitting with me is Stephanie James.
8 She's Secretary of our Advisory Council.

9 MS. JAMES: Good afternoon,
10 ladies.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
12 afternoon.

13 MS. JAMES: Good afternoon,
14 sir.

15 MS. CAPERS: The Laura Sims
16 Skatehouse, we are celebrating our 25th
17 anniversary this year, and we've had a
18 long history of having programs at the
19 rink, including hockey, for a number of
20 years. And as happens with many
21 programs, your attendance does drop, your
22 participation does drop, and so we were
23 quite pleased and thankful when the Ed
24 Snider Youth Hockey Foundation came to us
25 at the other rinks and presented the

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2 program that they were offering to give
3 us an opportunity to enhance what we have
4 been doing and also to increase our
5 numbers, and it has been a very, very
6 successful program. Ms. James' son
7 participated in both our ice skating
8 program and our hockey program, and she
9 may want to talk about some of the
10 benefits that her son derived from it.

11 As I mentioned, our rink is 25
12 years old, and with any 25-year-old
13 facility, there are upgrades and
14 improvements that need to be done. So
15 we're most thankful that the Snider
16 Foundation will be putting money in for
17 capital improvements that are much
18 needed, as well as expanding our
19 community room.

20 We have a small meeting room,
21 and we get requests from the community
22 time after time to have meetings and
23 events in that room. It can hold no more
24 than about 25 people comfortably. So we
25 know that expanded facility will give us

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2 an opportunity to offer more to the
3 community in the West and Southwest
4 Philadelphia.

5 My brother was the architect
6 who designed that rink 25 years ago,
7 Theodore Capers, who is now deceased, and
8 the integrity of his design will remain
9 intact, and I'm very thankful for that,
10 and with the enclosure, we'll be able to
11 expand our program.

12 The concerns that our Advisory
13 Council had and was expressed at a
14 community meeting is that we have been a
15 year-round facility, and both
16 Councilpersons have been there to a
17 health fair that we give. So we want to
18 be able to still offer roller skating
19 during the summer months, to do our
20 health fair.

21 During the summer months, we
22 have a number of our daycare centers who
23 come in and bring their children
24 during -- when they're having summer
25 camps. So as long as that can remain

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2 intact as we move forward with
3 programming, we are very much in
4 agreement of it.

5 There had been a meeting early
6 this year with the three S's, as we call
7 it, Simons, Sims and Scanlon, and some of
8 the concerns that our Advisory Council
9 had, which was not being able to have a
10 Sunday program, I know that they will be
11 able to have our Sunday program, which
12 will make it a seven-day program that
13 we've had for a number of years. That
14 will be able to increase our public
15 skating hours that we certainly would
16 want to do. So we think that in working
17 with the Snider group, that we'll be able
18 to plan programming that's going to be
19 beneficial both for our ice skaters
20 during the skating season and the hockey
21 players and then during the other parts
22 of the year.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you
24 very much.

25 MS. CAPERS: So we are very

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2 much in support of this.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Terrific.

4 Would you like to add anything,
5 Ms. James?

6 MS. JAMES: No, I would not.

7 My name is Stephanie James, once again,
8 as Ms. Capers has mentioned. I am a
9 parent of a participant in the Ed Snider
10 Youth Hockey Foundation and he was also a
11 figure skating student at Laura Sims
12 prior to their arrival. He ice skated
13 with the Laura Sims ice hockey team.
14 He's continuing on. He's now in ninth
15 grade. He loves ice hockey.

16 I was an ice skater from
17 Simons. So when my family relocated to
18 West Philadelphia area, I found a public
19 ice skating rink so that we can continue
20 to do the same things that I had been
21 raised in doing as a child.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay.

23 MS. JAMES: We have been very
24 pleased with the participation with the
25 Snider program. The number of children

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2 has increased. As a parent, I'm there on
3 a daily basis on the evening, so I've
4 seen the number of the children grow.
5 I've seen the need to have a facility
6 open for the children to come during the
7 school week and on Saturday.

8 So we look forward to extending
9 the program. We hope that the program is
10 inclusive of our daily programming, which
11 Ms. Capers has alluded to, which is the
12 daytime in the summer for the summer
13 camps to utilize our facility at no cost,
14 and then we also offered during the
15 school year when the ice season had began
16 and during the ice season, we also had
17 schools that come in to use that facility
18 as a gym class. So we had a school
19 skating program as well that other
20 schools in the area where schools will
21 come in on buses and utilize the facility
22 during the day. We just hope that some
23 of our programming will still be
24 included.

25 We look forward to working with

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2 them. I would like to thank them.

3 They're saving me a few dollars as a

4 mother, and they do a wonderful job. The

5 staffing that they bring in, the

6 coaching -- Coach John is here. He's

7 dedicated. Mr. Britt as well. But I

8 would like to commend them. We look

9 forward to working with them in the

10 future.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Okay.

12 MS. JAMES: And having a

13 committed goal.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: All right,

15 then.

16 MS. CAPERS: Thank you for

17 giving us this opportunity.

18 MS. JAMES: Thank you for

19 giving us this opportunity.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:

21 Absolutely, yes. That's the value of the

22 public hearing process.

23 That concludes testimony on

24 Bill No. -- Fred? Oh, okay. I just

25 wanted to be certain.

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2 That concludes testimony on
3 Bill No. 100674. This concludes the
4 public hearing on the Committee on Parks
5 and Recreation. We will now go into a
6 public meeting.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Frank DiCicco for a motion on Bill No.
9 100674.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
11 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 100674
12 be reported out of this Committee with a
13 favorable recommendation and a further
14 recommendation that the rules of Council
15 be suspended so as to hear this bill on
16 the first reading of the City -- next
17 reading of City Council.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: This bill
20 has been properly moved and seconded --
21 it has been properly moved and seconded
22 that Bill No. 100674 be reported out of
23 this Committee with a favorable
24 recommendation and further moved that the
25 rules of Council be suspended so as to

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2 permit first reading at the next
3 scheduled session of City Council.

4 All those in favor signify by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: All
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Seeing
11 none, this bill has been moved and
12 properly seconded and, furthermore, the
13 rules of Council will be suspended so as
14 to permit first reading at our next
15 scheduled session of Council.

16 And please let the record
17 reflect that Councilman colleague Darrell
18 Clarke has joined us for this important
19 deliberation. And this concludes this
20 hearing.

21 We want to thank all of you for
22 coming and want to congratulate the
23 partnership in place. Thank you very,
24 very much.

25 (Applause.)

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2 (Committee on Parks, Recreation
3 and Cultural Affairs concluded at 1:35
4 p.m.)

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