

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** November 13, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

**Subject:** Resolution No. \_\_\_ (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) funds to the Reno Ice Sled Hockey Club to support the Reno Rumble Sled Hockey Tournament and Toyota Sled Hockey Nationals in the amount of \$5,000. (General Fund)

**From:** Noemi Gomez Martinez, Community Relationships Manager

**Department:** City Manager's Office

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**Summary:**

The Reno Ice Sled Hockey Club submitted a funding request to the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) and presented at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 24, 2024 to request funds to support the Reno Rumble Sled Hockey Tournament and Toyota Sled Hockey Nationals. At this meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approval of a \$5,000 donation to the Reno Ice Sled Hockey Club to defray expenses associated with attending tournament and nationals. Staff recommends Council approve to donate \$5,000 of Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) Funds to the Reno Ice Sled Hockey Club.

<b>Consent Review</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	<b>X</b>	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		<b>X</b>
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	<b>X</b>	
<b>Other Considerations</b>		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	<b>0.0006%</b>	

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Fiscal Sustainability  
Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

**Previous Council Action:**

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

**Background:**

The Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) is a City of Reno appointed board of citizens and is committed to making the City of Reno a regional leader in promoting the full participation of individuals with disabilities in all facets of life in Reno; thereby, promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the community. Each budget cycle, Council allocates \$20,000 from the General Fund to this committee to put toward improving ADA access in Reno.

**Discussion:**

The Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association was formed to bring a broad range of ice skating-related activities to the Reno community, and launched a \$10+ million-dollar fundraising campaign for the development of an Olympic-quality and NHL ice skating facility for people of all ages/abilities that opened in January 2021. The first "Give Sled a Try" was hosted in February 2021 and the Reno Ice Sled Hockey Club was formed.

Sled hockey was invented at a Stockholm, Sweden rehabilitation center in the early 1960s by a group of Swedes who, despite their physical disability, wanted to continue playing hockey. Sled hockey follows most of the typical ice hockey rules with the exception of the adaptive equipment. Sled hockey provides an opportunity for persons with and without disabilities to play together for recreation/competition all the way to the National Sled Team. Sled hockey is rapidly growing in the US and players are "hooked" once they touch the ice the first time.

Individuals living with a disability are more than capable of enjoying this new ice arena and the wide range of activities planned for this space, but often are precluded by the cost of adaptive equipment, and the support needed to get them started. The Reno Ice Sled Hockey Club submitted a funding request to the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 24, 2024 to request funds to support the Reno Rumble Sled Hockey Tournament and Toyota Sled Hockey Nationals. At this meeting, the RAAC unanimously recommended Council approval of a \$5,000 donation to the Reno Ice Sled Hockey Club to defray expenses associated with attending tournament and nationals.

**Financial Implications:**

The Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC) has sufficient funds budgeted in the current fiscal year 24/25 to donate \$5,000 to the Reno Ice Sled Hockey Club.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review complete for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law. NRS 268.028(1) states the governing body of a city or its authorized representative may make grants by resolution to non-profit organizations created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, to be used for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the city.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council adopt the Resolution.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

Resolution Access Advisory Committee Donation Ice Hockey Club Presentation to Reno Access Advisory Committee