

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Yost Ice Arena – Additional Seating

Action

Requested: Project Approval and Appointment of Architect

Background:

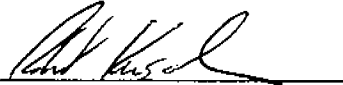
In 1996/97 the University of Michigan undertook a renovation of the Yost Arena. In the course of renovation, it was necessary to bring the facility into compliance with electrical, mechanical, elevator, fire safety, and barrier free (Americans with Disabilities Act) codes. A consequence of that compliance was the loss of approximately 700 seats. With the success of the hockey program, including two national championships in the last four years, the demand for tickets remains very high.

We have engaged the services of the architect that designed the previous renovation, Rossetti and Associates, Inc., to investigate the possibility of creating additional seating on the east side of the existing arena. Approximately 400 premium seats could be added to the upper area on the east side of the arena similar to the press box mezzanine on the west side. We propose to use these seats to specifically accommodate benefactors and friends of the Michigan Hockey Program. We would expect to free up general seating by a equivalent amount assuming that patrons that would be interested in these seats already hold season tickets in the arena. The proposed concept includes additional bathroom facilities and a hospitality space for pre-game and between period activities. The preliminary cost projection for the project is \$1.4 million.

Funding for the project will be realized through the revenues generated by the additional seats over a relatively short period of time. The Athletic Department will initially fund the project from other department sources and accomplish pay back through hockey ticket sales from the added seats. Once pay back has occurred, it is the intention of the Athletic Department to have the ticket revenue from these added seats be dedicated to the Michigan Hockey Scholarship Fund. We propose to design the project over the Fall of 2000 and use the next off-season for construction. The seats would be in use by the start of the hockey season in the Fall of 2001.

We recommend the Regents approve the project and the appointment of Rossetti and Associates, Inc. as the architect.

Respectfully submitted, APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON


Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President

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