



WOODLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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November 9, 2010

**Antonio Ablog, Associate Planner
Community Development Department
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Re: Iceland Restoration File # P10-079

Dear Mr. Ablog,

The Woodlake Neighborhood Association fully supports the ongoing restoration of Iceland and anticipates the earliest possible opening of the ice skating rink.

The fire that destroyed the seventy-year-old North Sacramento landmark devastated our community. There was a general feeling that we had lost a friend. Volunteers spent many hours cleaning and rebuilding Iceland with local news articles broadcasts chronicling the dedication, efforts and progress.

Iceland has made a comeback. It is again an anchor on Del Paso Boulevard, and a source of pride for all Sacramento. Iceland has been, and will again be, a place where individuals and families can get together to recreate and play. Iceland is a good neighbor for Woodlake and North Sacramento. Iceland is an inspiring example of what makes this country great.

Therefore, the Woodlake Neighborhood Association resolve that Iceland should be promptly granted a Special Permit to reopen and conduct business.

Sincerely,

Jerry Kingsley, President
Woodlake Neighborhood Association

[REDACTED]

Subject: Iceland Special Use Permit

Dear Planning Commissioner,

I am writing to request that the Planning Commission approve a special permit to allow the Iceland Ice Skating Rink to operate as an open-air rink as soon as possible this winter.

Iceland has been a Sacramento landmark and much-loved skating facility for children and adults for 70 years. A large and dedicated group of volunteers has worked very hard for months to get it ready to operate this winter. Not having a roof, the rink will not be able to operate after early February because of warming weather.

It is important to have skating available at Iceland this winter to continue the rink's bonds with its large and supportive community of skaters and their families. A newly formed non-profit organization called Sacramento Iceland, Inc. will be raising funds to replace the roof next year and operate a skating program at the rink that serves the youth and adults of the Sacramento area.

Please act immediately to approve a special permit so that the Iceland Rink can operate this winter, and to secure a landmark on Del Paso Blvd that would contribute to the growing stability in that area.

Thank you on behalf of the ice-skating children and adults of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Jessica McCollum

Woodlake Resident



Subject: Iceland Use Permit

Dear Planning Commissioner:

We were devastated to learn that Iceland burned down. As lifelong North Sacramento residents, we have had three generations of our family sharing the 70 year Iceland experience.

We have volunteered in rain and shine and contributed to funds to restore Iceland. The Kerth family and the volunteers are testament to the deep roots Iceland has in Sacramento and beyond,

We urge the Planning Commission to approve a special permit to allow the Iceland Ice Skating Rink to operate as an open-air rink as soon as possible this winter.

There is a sense of urgency since absent the roof, the rink will not be able to operate after early February because of warming weather.

We believe it is important to have skating available at Iceland this winter to continue the rink's bonds with its large and supportive community of skaters and their families. A newly formed non-profit organization called Sacramento Iceland, Inc. will be raising funds to replace the roof next year and operate a skating program at the rink that serves the youth and adults of the Sacramento area.

Please act immediately to approve a special permit so that the Iceland Rink can operate this winter.

Thank you on behalf of the ice-skating children and adults of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Johnnie and Leora Matranga

Subject: Please Approve Iceland!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please approve a special permit to allow the Iceland Ice Skating Rink to operate as an open-air rink as soon as possible this winter!!!! Iceland has been a Sacramento landmark and much-loved skating facility for children and adults for 70 years. A large and dedicated group of volunteers has worked very hard for months to get it ready to operate this winter. Not having a roof, the rink will not be able to operate after early February because of warming weather, so if it is not approved soon, we will miss the window!!

It is important to have skating available at Iceland this winter to continue the rink's bonds with its large and supportive community of skaters and their families. There are so few places where young people choose to hang out off the streets, we need Iceland back open! A newly formed non-profit organization called Sacramento Iceland, Inc. will be raising funds to replace the roof next year and operate a skating program at the rink that serves the youth and adults of the Sacramento area.

On a more personal note, I almost cried when I read that Iceland needs a special use permit. My body dreams in skates, day and night. I have missed it so much. It serves as a release of my stress, it is exercise, creative expression and it's social. These are benefits that we all need more of. Skating is such a fun, healthy activity we are lucky to be able to offer the community! Please act immediately to approve a special permit so that the Iceland Rink can operate this winter.

Thank you on behalf of the ice-skating children and adults of Sacramento and anyone who wants Del Paso to thrive. I'll see you at the meeting on the 18th.

Sincerely, Laura Hitchings

[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 1:53 PM
To: Joseph Yee
Subject: Re: Iceland Restoration File # 10-079

Dear Planning Commissioner Yee:

I am the Executive Director of Sacramento Iceland, Inc a newly formed non-profit organization, which will operate a skating program at the Iceland Ice Skating Rink that serves the youth and adults of the Sacramento area. We will also do the fund raising to restore Iceland back to an updated condition even better than original.

I am writing to request a meeting with you to answer any questions you may have about the special use permit to allow the Iceland to operate as an open-air rink as soon as possible this winter.

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Please let me know your availability for either a conference call or a live meeting.

Thank you on behalf of the ice-skating children and adults of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Terrie J. Kerth

Executive Director, Sacramento Iceland, Inc.

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Dear Planning Commissioners:

I am writing requesting that the Planning Commission approve a special permit, as soon as possible, to allow Iceland Skating Rink to operate as an open-air rink this winter.

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It is important to have skating available at Iceland this winter to continue the rink's bonds with its large and supportive community of skaters and their families. A newly-formed non-profit organization called Sacramento Iceland, Inc. will be raising funds to replace the roof next year and operate a skating program at the rink that serves the youth and adults of the Sacramento area. Iceland is a vital piece of the community, and it's becoming operational with this permit will draw people to the area, helping the surrounding businesses.

Please act immediately to approve a special permit, so that Iceland Skating Rink can operate this winter.

Thank you on behalf of the ice-skating children and adults of Sacramento!

Sincerely,

Janet Rosenfield

From:

Sydney Daly

Date:

Saturday, November 13, 2010 3:42:59 PM

Dear Planning Commissioner:

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Please act immediately to approve a special permit so that the Iceland Rink can operate this winter.

Thank you on behalf of the ice-skating children and adults of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Sydney Daly

From: Ann Amioka [<mailto:aamioka@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 2:49 AM
To: Joseph Yee
Subject: Approval of Special Permit for Iceland Ice Skating Rink

Joseph Yee
Vice Chair
Sacramento Planning Commission

Dear Planning Commissioner Yee:

Please approve a special permit to allow the Iceland Ice Skating Rink to operate as an open-air rink this winter.

This Sacramento landmark marked its 70th anniversary earlier this month, a credit to the months of hard work by volunteers following the disastrous fire at the end of March.

Because Iceland does not yet have a roof, it will be able to operate only in the cooler winter months. Your approval of the special permit will enable Iceland to reconnect with Sacramento area skaters and their families. The revenues generated, plus additional fundraising by the newly formed non-profit called Sacramento Iceland, Inc. will go toward replacing the roof next year.

As the parent of an ice skater who thought of Iceland as a second home, I hope you will immediately approve the special permit for Iceland.

Thank you,

Ann Amioka





Subject: Iceland Ice Area

Dear Planning Commissioner,

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Please act immediately to approve a special permit so that the Iceland Rink can operate this winter.

Thank you on behalf of the ice-skating children and adults of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Kathy Griesert



Subject: Iceland Ice Arena Permit Request

Dear Planning Commissioner Yee,

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Please act immediately to approve a special permit so that the Iceland Rink can operate this winter.

Thank you on behalf of the ice-skating children and adults of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Janelle Loberg-Cardoso
Iceland Ice Arena Ice Show Director & Ice Skating Instructor

ICELAND WAS NOT JUST A RINK....THIS WAS A HOME TO SO MANY SKATERS. WE MISS IT GREATLY AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL GRANT THIS PERMIT REQUEST. I have attached some pictures from ice shows and of the aftermath for you to see. We held two annual ice shows a year that both the skaters and the general public looked forward to. The rink was also a full time home to some of the best local show skaters and competitive skaters. We have all been displaced to other rinks until Iceland is up and running again. Please help us in bringing back our home. It would mean so much!

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