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Memorandum

TO: Board of Public Works

FROM: Michael Lewis, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: January 31, 2013

RE: **Communication from Director of Public Works/City Engineer on behalf of Alderman Michael May regarding supplying water for an ice rink at La Follett Park.**

Here is a summary of e-mails which explains the situation. My initial guess is that if we spend \$500 on water that would be a lot. We have no problems with supplying the water.

From: Scott Post
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 1:20 PM
To: Dave Wepking
Cc: Michael Lewis; Michael May
Subject: RE: La Follette Park Request - Ice Rink

No liability concerns, at least no greater than usual. The only issue I see is one of cost and whether the Common Council should approve the expenditure. Any idea how much water/cost per year? If it is more than a nominal amount, I recommend getting CC approval.

From: Michael May
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 11:37 AM
To: Michael Lewis; Steven Hook; Dave Wepking
Subject: La Follette Park Request - Ice Rink

Mike, Steve and Dave,

I just received a message from Barry Waddell - he is a WAPD police officer and also a planning member of Friends of La Follette Park.

The County has indicated their willingness to work with the Friends organization to build an ice skating rink at La Follette Park per the Friends' request (probably not time to build a wood frame this winter, but for next winter). The County can do everything but supply the water.

Before they go any further in planning, they want to know if the City would be willing to provide the water. Preferably the water would be provided free of charge.

I think it's a great idea to put a neighborhood asset in West Allis to good use in the winter. Can we just do it or would I need to take some action at Council? What can I do to see something like this happen? I imagine you'll want to see something from the County saying they are giving the okay.

I have made no promises to anyone yet, other than to say I would look into it. Thanks for your consideration/comments.