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## MINUTES OF MEETING

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**PROJECT:** Linn County and the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area  
Feasibility Study for a State of the Art Multi-component Community  
Center / Recreation Complex

**PROJECT NO.:** 2007-014

**DATE / TIME / PLACE:** 13 March 2008 / 10:30 am – 12:30 pm / Witwer Center

**REGARDING:** PDDM #1 Open House

**PRESENT:** Citizens of Linn County and the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area  
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Gregg Calpino / JJR  
Allen Witt / Hall & Hall Engineers  
Mike Williams / Williams Architects (WA)  
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**DATE PREPARED:** 27 March 2008

**NOTE:** These minutes shall be considered an accurate account of the above meeting unless corrections or additions are communicated to Williams Architects, Ltd. within ten (10) days of the date prepared.

### ITEMS DISCUSSED:

The following comments were voiced by Open House participants.

#### 1. Facility Programs:

- Parking, parking, parking
- Buses, buses, buses
- Trails – fill gaps

- Aquatic needed? The answer has been YES.
- Action is in Dubuque. Now is time to get the action to Cedar Rapids.
- Rejuvenate!
- Senior – combined or separate – either
- Witwer shrunk because of a lack parking and lost space
- Like combined facility
- Walk / bus / drive to Witwer
- Special Population needs – Exercise; Current needs unmet due to a lack of space
- Multiuse Facilities – Synergy with Ages
- Vocational – Combined Ages
  - Gardening
  - Literacy
- Inspire us!
- Community gathering space – the need arose out of library discussions
  - Indoor and outdoor
  - Social
  - Meetings
  - Size! Big enough
  - 450 chairs is a GOOD SIZE
  - Farmer's Market – more
- Available technology – watch action from home
- Get on TV
- Seniors –“kids” make them cringe – this is wrong: We need to hear laughter
- Need new stuff in Cedar Rapids - think of your grandkids
- Work with housing developers – create a nucleus
- Girl Scouts need space for 500+ kids

- Inexpensive
- 17,000 girls in Linn County
- Cooking / Teaching Kitchen
- Sewing
- Girl Scout winter activity space
- Parents / kids at same location
- 50 m pool / separate teaching pool
- Middle school transportation here after school
- Babysitting with activities
- After school – Provide throughout city
- Cedar Rapids is not progressive – an example is the downtown parking meters
- Should have done this years ago - Would be the best thing we'd ever done
- How to continue publicity: Mini-seminars to keep older adults informed
  - Witwer Center
- Seniors walk at Westdale
- Leave boards visible
- Flexible Gyms – set up tables
- Add to board – Lifelong Learning / Continuing Education
- Replace “Babysitting” with “Drop in Child Care”
- Ballroom Dancing – wood floor – current need minimum 2X / month
- Need to pay attention: Nursing homes are plentiful and have Senior Centers within

## 2. Site Programs:

- Trail Access – Special Needs / Populations
- Universal Accessibility

End of Minutes of Meeting