



15 in 5 PLAY Task Force

Senior/Community Center Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2006

Ambroz Recreation Center

7:30-8:30 am

Meeting Business

Non-Profit Clearing House

Discussion was held regarding the “centralized volunteer services center” within the Goal #9 objectives, to determine viability and implementation. The resource center could include listings/information on volunteer opportunities in all non-profit areas, making it easier for community residents to select options and areas that are of greatest interest for volunteer outreach.

The centralized information resource could include the various expectations, requirements, and needs of all agencies/groups in need of volunteers. This would be a definite extension of the current information available through United Way, the primary coordinator of volunteer options and contacts. It was suggested that Bob Untiedt, current coordinator for United Way, be invited to the next meeting to investigate duplication of service conflicts and his opinions regarding current volunteer needs in general.

Witwer Center Board Relocation Status

Myrt Bowers, Executive Director of The Witwer Center and co-chair of the Fifteen in 5 PLAY Task Force, updated the group on Witwer relocation plans in light of Vision Iowa dollars abandoned by the city council and how their board of directors views their position. They continue to be extremely interested in collaborating with the Fifteen in 5 PLAY Task Force to attain their goal of relocation and the task force vision for a community recreation/sports/senior center.

Their board envisions the proposed structure to be open 7 days a week providing programming, services, recreation and a “destination location” for area residents and visitors. For operational revenue the structure might develop office space for lease on

upper floors, to include similar businesses to the people the structure attracts. They are also investigation partnerships with city and county organizations.

Members present:

Darcy Bemus (*invited by Mary Day*), Jean Bjorseth, Myrt Bowers, Sarah Case, Toni Claussen, Dwight Dohlman, Kristi Skjerdal.

Next Subcommittee Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 7:30-8:30am, Ambroz