



15 in 5 PLAY Taskforce

Senior/Community Center Subcommittee Minutes

**May 11 and 25, 2006
Ambroz Recreation Center
7:30-8:30 A.M.**

Present 5/11:
Myrt Bowers
Mary Day
Sandy Bruns
Jane Nelson
Jackie Harrington

Present 5/25:
Mary Day
Jeanne Bjorseth
Jane Nelson
Dwight Dohlman
Jackie Harrington

The group decided the best way forward without recreating the wheel was to use what has already been done is to use the "Witwer Center/Aging Services--Aging Resources Center Project" white paper that Myrt had already drafted and mark that up to make it more broadly applicable to the entire community. We started to go through the document and change words that apply only to the senior citizen population and rewrite them to include all ages. We will continue this exercise at the next subcommittee meeting.

Everyone is asked to mark up the copy that they have and bring it to the next meeting to discuss changes to make it a more inclusive plan that we can take forward and use as the basis for discussions with the community.

The consensus of the group is that once we can get this document agreed upon, we can use it to see how it overlaps or fits with the other Play subcommittee and other 15/5 groups, particularly the New Bohemia group and the Neighborhood group.

Jeanne brought up some issues discussed at other meetings by those interested in outreach and community and how best to approach getting the buy-in needed at the neighborhood level as well as the community level. We feel it is important to ask the people who we believe want and need this facility (encompassing the entire PLAY plan) what they want and what the barriers are to achieving it before we get too far along with a building or specific plan. That will help us in a couple of areas; buy-in at the grass roots level and avoidance of developing something that may not be used or

may not serve those who need and want it most. We feel it is important to keep those who are underserved in mind as we go forward and understand financial, logistical, including transportation and day-care issues that may impact those who can take advantage of the center. i.e., we need to get to know the public and what they want and what barriers may keep them away.

Dwight brought up that the FAR committee was looking at getting an architect on their committee to understand what was being discussed and Offer opinions as to what may work. He is attending both the FAR Committee and the Community Center subcommittee meetings and will be able to help this person understand the needs of the community center space as well.

It was also discussed that we should look a potential advisory board to make sure we are meeting the needs of the community as we design this. Henry Davidson (who is on the New Bohemia group) was mentioned as someone we should invite to our meetings and get his input on what is needed/wanted by the community. We also need to understand the needs of the Time Check and Northwest side.

Jackie will invite Mr. Davidson to our meetings.