

## **15 in 5 Activity Center Task Force**

*Abbreviated Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2006  
Ambroz Recreation Center  
7:30-8:30 am*

### **Meeting Schedule**

Weekly meetings will continue to be held through January, as the group works to define the necessary goals and action steps for the “activity center,” to be communicated to the public, Chamber and City Council.

The time for the meetings has been changed to 7:30 to 8:30 am, every Thursday, then we’ll switch back to monthly meetings, probably by mid-February. The dates scheduled as permanent so far are as follows:

- January 12
- January 19
- January 26
- February 2

### **Meeting Business: Draft Goal #4**

The group began revising draft goal #4: : “To increase our community’s capacity for future growth, enhance city/county revenue from tourism, and meet the quality of life needs for families in this growing community by building soccer practice fields and a baseball and softball complex for games and tournaments”.

After much discussion, the goal was revised to:

“To build a field-based sports complex to accommodate our community’s growth and enhance our quality of life.”

### **Draft Goal #2**

Members willing to stay past the 8:30 a.m. meeting end time began revising Draft Goal #2: “To meet the needs of a growing, changing and aging community by replacing the Witwer Senior center with a multi-use community life development center that provides intergenerational leisure activities, community nutrition and feeding programs, spaces for socializing, lifelong learning opportunities and centralized health and wellness, aging and volunteer outreach and education services.”

A partial change to the goal is as follows, to be completed at the next meeting:

“To build a multi-use community life development center to replace an inadequate Witwer Center which will include intergenerational leisure activities, community nutrition

and feeding programs, spaces for socializing, lifelong learning opportunities and centralized health and wellness, aging and volunteer outreach and education services”

### Other Draft Goals:

We will revise Draft Goals #1 and #3 on 1/12/06. These goals follow:

Draft Goal #1: To improve the quality of family life in our community, meet the future needs of an aging “Baby Boomer” population, and attract business to the Cedar Rapids area by replacing Ambroz and Time Check Recreation Centers with a Recreation Complex that operates with an open-use policy so that residents and visitors of all incomes find exciting and interesting opportunities to be physically active and healthy across their lifespan.

Draft Goal #3: To enhance well-being across the lifespan, meet the demand for year-round competitive and open play swimming venues, and provide opportunities for therapeutic water activities by replacing Bender Pool with an indoor aquatic center that is co-located with a new Recreation Complex and is designed for intergenerational use.

### Members present:

Alan Bernard, Myrt Bowers, Sandy Bruns, Bob Carlson, Toni Claussen, Mary Day, Ron Gonder, Judy Fitzgibbons, Jackie Harrington, Christine Powers, Julie Sina, Kristi Skjerdal, Jim Voss, Wade Wagner.

### Next Full Task Force Meeting:

Thursday, January 12, 2006

7:30-8:30 am

Ambroz Recreation Center