

15 in 5 Activity Center Task Force

*Abbreviated Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2006
Ambroz Recreation Center
7:30-8:30 am*

Meeting Business

Thank you to Mary Day for providing binders to hold paperwork the task force generates, including past meeting minutes. Kristi Skjerdal provided copies of all pertinent previous group work, so each binder contains a complete set of information that relates to the Activity Center Task Force. Participants just need to remember to bring them to the meetings!

As facilitator, Kristi brought up her concern to honor the time commitments set forth in the schedule, so people don't feel awkward when they need to leave for professional reasons. At the last meeting, a small group stayed after the end of the meeting to tie up some loose ends, and she asked for feedback on whether some may then feel excluded from the planning. Members indicated that was not the case and all felt comfortable honoring the one hour meeting time, but feeling free to linger for continued discussion, if deemed appropriate and enough people had time.

Draft Goal #2

This goal continued to be refined after a start at the last meeting, and included complex discussions about the right grammar, intention and public perception. The Witwer Center component was especially difficult to define, with some members feeling seniors were stressed too strongly, and others feeling the original idea to replace Witwer was getting lost.

Much discussion ensued regarding how to describe the senior/aging/older adult targeted to use the center, what types of "activities" would be provided, resource and referral considerations and many other discussion points that emphasized the magnitude of the project being undertaken. Witwer Center was identified by the original 15 in 5 steering committee as a significant part of Idea #9, therefore co-chair Myrt Bowers, also Witwer Center director, stressed the importance of clearly identifying it as part of the goal statement.

However, all members agreed there were many components of this aggressive goal and wanted to be clear that this structure would house other partners, such as Ambroz, Healthy Linn, etc., and not limit it in the eyes of the public to the older adult aspect of the project.

A final goal was approved, though there may be a slight adjustment after the next meeting. Myrt will bring a marketing/demographic report done for Witwer, provided by a former senior partner at a well respected advertising agency about a year ago. Valuable information could be gleaned to correctly identify/target the baby boomers, who will make up a large segment of "seniors" as the first ones turn 60 this year. She will also invite him to the meeting for insight into this part of the goal.

Goal #2

To build a multi-use community life development center, to replace inadequate facilities and create an attractive, intergenerational destination that will accommodate a variety of programs and services such as;

- Leisure Activities
- Nutrition and Feeding Programs
- Spaces for Socializing, Meetings and Events
- Lifelong Learning Opportunities
- Resource and Referral for Older Adults
- Centralized Health/Wellness and Volunteer Services

Members present:

Alan Bernard, Myrt Bowers, Sandy Bruns, Sarah Case, Toni Claussen, Mary Day, Dwight Dohlman, Ron Gonder, Judy Fitzgibbons, Jackie Harrington, Kim Hilby, Laura Loveless, Tom Saxon, Julie Sina, Kristi Skjerdal, Jim Voss, Wade Wagner.

Next Full Task Force Meeting:

Thursday, January 19, 2006

7:30-8:30 am

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