



## **15 in 5 PLAY Task Force**

Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2006  
Ambroz Recreation Center  
7:30-9:00 am

Attendance: Alan Bernard, Jackie Harrington, Judy Fitzgibbons, Kim Hilby, Myrt Bowers, Ron Gonder, Jin Voss, Mary Day, Justin Shield, Sandy Bruns, Krist Skjerdal

### **Meeting Business**

#### **Denver Recreation Conference June 10-14, 2006**

Alan Bernard and Kim Hilby will be attending. Several companies have kicked in \$3700 and another donor will pay for registrations. Deadline for registration is Thurs. May 11<sup>th</sup> so if another person volunteers to go there is enough money.

#### **St. Louis Design School August 7-10, 2006**

This training is for community center planning ideas. It was discussed, but no money is available from donors at this time and no one has committed to attending.

#### **Facilitator Announcements**

Kristi will E-mail everyone a notice about both trainings.

The community center subcommittee is looking for someone to replace Toni Claussen as secretary. Let Jackie Harrington know if anyone is interested.

The PLAY Taskforce is also looking for a replacement for Toni as well.

This is a very important role for any collaborative group, just as important as the facilitator role, because the person in this role is the “keeper of the

group's history." Please let Kristi know if you are willing to serve as group "scribe", thank you!

#### Launcher's Meeting-Myrt

Alan, Kristi, and Myrt attended. Other 15 in 5 committees were interested in meeting with "PLAY" to coordinate ideas and efforts.

#### Cornell Fellow Program-Myrt

A student could be available full time to assist "PLAY" with research and grant writing in the fall. The fee is \$5000, but Cornell graduates donate a portion.

#### Mediacom Chamber Connection Presentations-Alan

Representatives from 5 committees were taped discussing their programs. They will be broadcast on channel 22 in Cedar Rapids and 17 in Iowa City during the month of May. Alan felt the "PLAY" presentation went well. He shared some of the other ideas that had been discussed including a test bridge lighting which will be done during the Freedom Fest to demonstrate the lighting possibilities.

#### FAR Subcommittee Report-Ron

Justin Shield attended their last meeting to learn about some of their ideas. They will be dividing into 3 subgroups to continue their work, but they were unable to do so at the meeting because there were only 5 people in attendance.

#### Community Center Subcommittee Report-Myrt

Ideas from Myrt's visit to Waunakee, Wisc. and Council Bluffs were discussed. She visited a senior center/recreation center for multigenerational use that had been built on a canning factory site in Waunakee. It had walking trails and a historic bridge near-by and included lockers for retired groups who needed storage facilities. A passenger van had been assigned for transportation to and from other communities located in the vicinity. The Council Bluffs site included a walk-in pool. Myrt will be working on a case statement to present to groups which will explain the mission for the center.

#### Transportation-Alan

He quoted Bill Hockstra as saying "Build it and we will come" in reference to the transportation for the "PLAY" ideas. Kim expressed a need for

revamping the scheduling of the entire bus system as well to benefit many residents who find it too complicated and inconvenient.

#### City Council Report-Justin Shields

Justin Shields described the legislature's law written to prevent a shared school/city sales tax. He said this law if signed would require a separate sales tax for any proposals. Jim Voss suggested a 2 cent tax, but CR history doesn't indicate that would be acceptable here. Myrt said it would have to be a "Quality of Life" issue and Justin said other towns close to CR would need to come on board.

#### Future Plans Discussion-All

Justin said if this committee's ideas were the first to be considered the time table would possibly be next year. It was agreed that time would be necessary to create a campaign, money from major players would be needed in order to advance, and marketing would be necessary to get the communities' voters to agree to what will be a long term debt. Mary Day said the CR Foundation would need to help with securing donations. Possible locations were also discussed and it was agreed it would be difficult to build both subgroups ideas in one location.

Kristi wrapped up the discussion by asking how to proceed. A presentation to the city council will be requested for the June 6<sup>th</sup> brown bag meeting to share ideas and hopefully get questions answered for proceeding.

**Next meeting of Senior/Community Center is May 11.**

**Next meeting of FAR is May 16.**

**Next meeting of the full PLAY Task Force is June 1.**