

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER/RECREATION COMPLEX COMMITTEE
(PLANNING LIFELONG ACTIVITIES FOR YOU (“PLAY”) TASK FORCE)

Meeting Minutes, Nov. 9, 2006

Ambroz Recreation Center

7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Myrt Bowers & Alan Bernard, co-chairpersons, Ron Gonder, Julie Sina, Jim Voss, Nancy Nygren, Jean Bjorseth, Brian Long, Mary Day, Sandy Bruns, Jackie Harrington, Kim Hilby, Tom DeBoom and Dwight Dohlman, City of Cedar Rapids facilities construction director.

Joint Meetings

Bowers suggested that the separate meetings of the Community Center (CC) and Fields, Aquatic, Recreation (FAR) subcommittees of the PLAY Task Force had now accomplished the separate work set out for them. A show of hands showed agreement with that suggestion. It was then decided that the two subcommittees would come back together for all PLAY meetings in the near future. It was decided that those meetings would be held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center beginning in the month of December and would continue on that basis into 2007 as approved at each of those bi-monthly meetings. It was decided to meet again in the month of November on Thursday, Nov. 30th at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center since Thanksgiving Day falls on the fourth Thursday.

Secretaries

Ron Gonder and Jackie Harrington volunteered to serve as co-secretaries. The two agreed that Gonder would be responsible for all minutes at meetings he is able to attend with Harrington to handle minutes at all other meetings. Gonder is to be responsible for the email distribution of all minutes and all meeting notices.

Funding For Feasibility Study

Bowers reported that she, Bernard and Bjorseth met with Dan Baldwin the President of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation about funding the feasibility study to construct a new state of the art community center/recreation complex. Baldwin suggested that the PLAY Task Force either file for 501C3 non profit status or use another agency's 501C3. Discussion was held on this suggestion. Bjorseth reported that it would take about 18 months for PLAY to gain its own 501C3 status through the state of Iowa process. Motion, DeBoom/Harrington: That PLAY form a subcommittee to study the 501C3 issue and in the meantime, in consideration of the 18 month duration, that it move forward on the process of a state application for a 501C3 in the event this is the course that's selected. Motion carried on a show of hands. Volunteers will be taken at a later time to serve on the subcommittee.

Feasibility Study Proposal Questions

Fitzgibbons and Dohlman led a discussion of the proposed questions to be asked the various Request For Proposal (RFP) applicants for “providing professional architectural/engineering services to develop a feasibility study to construct a new state of the art community center/recreation complex.” The group went over questions formulated at a previous meeting, refining, deleting and adding. Fitzgibbons will smooth the edited questions document and will send it to secretary Gonder to send out to the entire committee in advance of the next meeting.

Las Vegas Conference

Bernard, Sina and a city staff person on aquatics will be attending a conference in Las Vegas on Nov. 15-17 sponsored by Athletic Business Magazine. It was recommended by officials at the recreation center seminar and workshop that Bernard, Hilby and Fitzgibbons attended in Denver in June that PLAY would benefit from this conference.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will then be Thursday, Nov. 30th at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center.