

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

Meeting Minutes, Nov. 30, 2006

Ambroz Recreation Center

7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Myrt Bowers & Alan Bernard, co-chairpersons, Ron Gonder & Jackie Harrington, co-secretaries, (Gonder submitting these minutes) Julie Sina, Tom Saxen, Mary Day, Sandy Bruns, Jean Bjorseth, Brian Long, Phil Wasta, Kim Hilby, and Judy Fitzgibbons.

Advisors: Dwight Dohlman, City of Cedar Rapids facilities construction director and Jeanne Brandes, Cedar Rapids Area Chamber Of Commerce director of membership sales and services.

Feasibility Study Proposal Questions

Fitzgibbons led a discussion of the document that had been emailed to all members titled “PLAY Task Force Feasibility Study Proposal Questions” which will be asked the previously selected applicants for “providing professional architectural/engineering services to develop a feasibility study to construct a new state of the art community center/recreation complex”. It was the edited version of that document that had been refined and revised at the Nov. 9th meeting. Some final revisions were made. A show of hands was taken for final approval of the document. Unanimously approved. Fitzgibbons will once again incorporate the revisions into a smoothed document and will send it to secretary Gonder to be emailed to all members. Fitzgibbons will also send a copy to Dohlman for use in the mailings to the feasibility study applicants.

Time Schedule For Interviews

Discussion was held on when the interviews would be held with the feasibility study applicants. A consensus was reached to schedule the interviews during the last week of January or the first week of February 2007 during one afternoon over a duration of 4 to 6 hours. A consensus was reached that the date of first choice would be Tuesday, January 30, 2007 and that the fall back dates would be Thursday and Friday, February 8 & 9, 2007.

By Laws and Articles Of Incorporation

Bjorseth led a discussion on By Laws and Articles Of Incorporation for the PLAY Task Force to be used in filing with the state of Iowa to obtain status as a legal entity to fund raise under 501C3 non profit designation. Bjorseth described some sample By Laws and Articles from another non profit agency and talked about what would be needed for PLAY to proceed such as officers and a board of directors. Bjorseth said that The Abbe Center For Community Mental Health might be willing to help with the process and might be willing to serve as a depository for any PLAY funds while the PLAY 501C3 application is being considered by the state. Bjorseth asked anyone on PLAY to call her at 573-7938 who would be willing to be nominated as an officer. Harrington volunteered to help Bjorseth put something together for presentation at the next meeting.

Las Vegas Conference

Bernard reported on a conference in Las Vegas on Nov. 15-17 sponsored by Athletic Business Magazine that he, Sina and the Cedar Rapids city aquatics director had attended. Bernard said that it exceeded their expectations with so many fine seminars and trade show exhibits that applied to what PLAY is trying to accomplish. Bernard said they came back more energized on accomplishing the PLAY plan for a community center/recreation complex, saying it's being done by towns and cities around the country.

Meetings Schedule

Following the previously agreed upon meeting schedule of the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, the next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center. There was a discussion about cancelling the Dec. 28th meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month because of the holiday week. It was decided that the decision would be made on the status of that meeting at the Dec. 14th meeting. It was decided to carry forth the meeting schedule of the second and fourth Thursdays of the month into the year 2007 until further notice.