

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

Meeting Minutes, April 26, 2007

Ambroz Recreation Center

7:30 – 8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Myrt Bowers, co-chairperson, Jackie Harrington, co-secretary, Mary Day, Phil Wasta, Jim Voss, Judy Fitzgibbons, Brian Long, Jean Bjorseth, Sandy Bruns, Tom Saxon, and Kim Hilby.

Advisors: Dwight Dohlman, City of Cedar Rapids facilities construction direction

Guest: Michelle Wasta

Timeline/Status

Myrt Bowers has talked with Tom Poulos about a timeline for the project. It is expected that they will be able to send us something in May. We believe that within a month we should have the plan going forward. It is not expected that the Parks piece of the Community Focus Group Meetings will add very much cost. Late July Williams will plan to be on contract. Jim Prosser believes this will be a city contract (as opposed to one with Abbe Center or another entity). We need to get forms to the city. Dwight needs Poulos e-mail so he can send forms and make sure they are aware particularly of the insurance requirements (Phil Wasta gave Dwight the e-mail address at the meeting). Beginning in May, we will need someone who is knowledgeable to be named the Point of Contact (POC) for Williams.

Vists to other Williams Project Sites

May 7 Myrt and Judy will visit Glenview and Elgin with Poulos. They will be able to talk to some of the people involved on this trip and get some insight into lessons learned from their experiences. They will start in Elgin and go on to Glenview. If others are interested they should contact Myrt.

Alan was in Indianapolis and visited Carmel. The outdoor water park was approximately \$20M and was very well done (a few features he would change but very nice). Carmel was financed by \$55M bond issue.

Fundraising

Fundraising group will get together May 1, 4:30PM, at Pioneer. Alan and Myrt will meet with Aegon. Jeanne informed that an application form would have to be filled out for Aliant's foundation grant.

15 in 5 Expo

The 15 in 5 Expo is scheduled for May 23.

Considerations for Exhibit:

Should the Boards from Williams be used (these may be too "busy" for the public to get a good idea of what we are doing)?

- Can Allen Witt of Hall & Hall be there that evening?
- We need photos of current facilities and photos from William showing the possibilities.

- Need to address public concern as to “why we are doing another study?”
- Need to show a timeline of where this group has been and how far it has come;
- Must show the public the difference between a “feasibility study” and an “implementation study”;
- Must make case to the public and essentially raise the funds in advance.

Tom Saxon stated that this Expo is our opportunity to provide “shock & awe”.

Judy Fitzgibbons offered the slogan of “Making Dreams into Reality”

Phil Wasta noted that the community, through the 15 in 5 process, “asked for a community center”....

“Cedar Rapids, you deserve better (alluding to pictures of Bender Pool and Amboz)

Mary Day noted that we must be specific in what result we want and that we want the community’s support.

Tell the Public what the next steps are:

We must mention that there will be public meetings beginning in September and the public should plan to attend.

List of things needed at each table at the Expo:

Sign up sheet; Donor Solicitation Form; Listing and Prioritization of Community Wants/ Needs;

We have \$150 for a budget for the Expo. Will we need more? Can we get materials donated? The estimate is that it would take approximately 10 days to produce whatever leaflet we design.

Field Trip to Dubuque

Meeting is set for May 24th. We will plan to carpool up as some may stay longer than others. Jeanne Brandes will attend also.

Path Fwd--List of Champions needed

(We need to find community leaders who could be the public spokesperson for project)

Potential Persons:

- Bruce Anderson
- Barry Boyer
- Susie Van Meter
- Kevin Dolan
- Quimby (?)

We need a “cabinet” and subcommittees to “sell” the components.

Actions for coming weeks

- Myrt to get information on the original 15 in 5 ideas and combination of Community Center/ Sr Center/Fields ideas.
- Myrt will get back to Judy on the Glenview/Elgin trip
- Fundraising and Expo Meeting May 1 (apologies from Jackie again for not making this meeting)

- Mary to get more details for Dubuque trip

Future Meetings

The next meetings will be Thursday, May 10 (IMPORTANT MEETING for EXPO) and May 24 at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center.

Please inform of any additions or corrections.

Regards,
Jackie