

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE
PLANNING LIFELONG ACTIVITIES FOR YOU (PLAY) TASK FORCE
Meeting Minutes May 10, 2007 (submitted by Ron Gonder)
Ambroz Recreation Center 7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Myrt Bowers & Alan Bernard, co-chairpersons, Ron Gonder, Secretary, Tom Saxen, Treasurer, Julie Sina, Jim Voss, Sandy Bruns, Mary Day, Jean Bjorseth, Judy Fitzgibbons, Brian Long, Phil Wasta and Nancy Nygren

Minutes

Minutes of the April 26, 2007 meeting approved as written as submitted by Jackie Harrington.

15 In 5 Expo

PLAY 15 In 5 Expo chairperson Bjorseth explained her plans for the PLAY display at the May 23rd 15 In 5 Expo to be held at the African-American Museum from 4 to 6 P.M., which will feature explanations of the progress of all of the 15 In 5 ideas. It will be kept simple with graphical, photo and written information about the Community Center Complex project. Hall & Hall Engineers, who are part of the Williams Architects feasibility study team, will be approached to produce the display materials. By consensus it was decided to move up the regularly scheduled PLAY meeting from Thursday, May 24th to Tuesday, May 22nd so that the meeting could be used to do final preparations on the Expo display.

Chamber Of Commerce Meeting

Bernard reported on a meeting he and Bowers had with Lee Clancy, president of the Chamber of Commerce to inform her in person about the progress of the PLAY Task Force and to discuss some possible avenues of funding for the Community Center Complex project once that time arrives. Bernard reported very positive feedback from Clancy on the overall project.

Funding The Feasibility Study

Bernard reported on the requests that have been made of three corporations to contribute \$20,000 each to make up the PLAY commitment of \$60,000 to go toward the cost of the feasibility study for the Community Center Complex. There is no word yet from Rockwell Collins. Alliant Energy has indicated that the \$20,000 request is above their general grant limit of \$5,000 but is still considering it. Aegon USA is also still considering the request. Bernard suggested that since there has not yet been any strong commitment from any of those three corporations that the fund raising committee should start looking at some other corporate funding possibilities and perhaps make other requests.

Dubuque Trip

Day reported that plans are now finalized for the field trip to Dubuque on May 24th to learn more about Dubuque's multi faceted riverfront project, which is to serve as an informational for the Community Center Complex. All interested should meet at the Ambroz Center at 8 A.M. that day to organize the car pools with departure at 8:30. The day will consist of a morning and early afternoon session with lunch in between. A head count is needed and anyone who so far has not indicated that they are going to attend but would like to attend should contact Day as soon as possible.

Visits To Community Center Complexes

Bowers reported that she and some members of the Witwer Senior Center board of directors visited two Community Center Complexes in Elgin and Glenview, Illinois and that both have components that PLAY would like to see incorporated into a Community Center Complex in Cedar Rapids, which includes a senior center, a recreation center and an aquatics center. Bowers passed around pictures of both facilities, which were designed by Williams Architects (who have been selected to do the feasibility study for a Cedar Rapids complex). Bowers reported that one other significant fact about both projects was that both have spurred economic development around them.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will NOT be held on the regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month, which is May 24th. It will be held instead on Tuesday, May 22nd. The site will be the Ambroz Center and the time will be 7:30 to 8:30 A.M. AGAIN THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, MAY 22ND.