

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

Meeting Minutes May 22, 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, Jim Voss, Nancy Nygren, Kim Hilby, Phil Wasta, Jackie Harrington, Brian Long, Judy Fitzgibbons, Mary Day and Julie Sina

Advisers: Dwight Dohlman, City of Cedar Rapids Facilities Construction Director and Justin Shields, Cedar Rapids City Council Member

Dubuque Trip

Day reported that the agenda had been finalized for the field trip to Dubuque on May 24<sup>th</sup> to learn more about Dubuque's multi faceted riverfront project, which is to serve as an informational for the Community Center Complex project. There will be a tour after arrival at 10 A.M. followed by a Dutch treat lunch and social time with another tour scheduled for the early afternoon. Ten people from PLAY have indicated they will attend.

Non Profit Status

Bowers reported that the non-profit status for PLAY is being worked out with the City of Cedar Rapids and the Witwer Senior Center. It has been decided that this is a better arrangement than what was proposed several weeks ago, which was to have Abbe, Inc. serve as the non-profit fiscal agent for PLAY. Witwer will then serve as the non-profit fiscal agent with funds raised by PLAY going to Witwer with Witwer reimbursing the City on funding for which PLAY is responsible. Attorneys for both Witwer and the City are working on the document for the arrangement.

Fund Raising

Bernard reported that there is no final answer yet from any of the three corporations who were approached to help fund PLAY's commitment of \$60,000 to pay for the feasibility study for the Community Center Complex. The fund raising committee will meet again soon to discuss other options. Bernard asked all PLAY members to let him know if they know of any funding possibilities. The feasibility study time line is to have focus groups in September so there is still time to work on raising the necessary funds.

15 In 5 Expo

PLAY 15 In 5 Expo chairperson Bjorseth and committeeperson Wasta reported on the arrangements and the written handouts for the Community Center Complex display at the Expo on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Allen Witt with Hall & Hall Engineers, who are part of the Williams Architects feasibility study team, has agreed to be at the table to help answer any questions that might arise from those viewing the display. Names were taken of those who volunteered to be at the Expo to man the display during the hours of the Expo.

June Meetings

It was confirmed that the June meetings would be on the regularly scheduled second and fourth Thursdays of the month, which would place them on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center.