

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE
PLANNING LIFELONG ACTIVITIES FOR YOU (PLAY) TASK FORCE
Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2007 (submitted by Ron Gonder)
Ambroz Recreation Center 7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Myrt Bowers, co-chairperson, Ron Gonder, secretary, Tom Saxen, Treasurer, Nancy Nygren, Sandy Bruns, Jean Bjorseth, Phil Wasta, Judy Fitzgibbons, Jackie Harrington and Mary Day

Advisers: None

Fund Raising Subcommittee

On July 18th a meeting was held with administrative officials of Rockwell, Alliant and Aegon at which a power point presentation was made about the PLAY purposes and its need to fund a feasibility study. A request was made from each for \$20,000 to fund the \$60,000 PLAY share of the feasibility study. Wasta reported that the presentation was well received and well understood and that a lot of questions were answered but that no commitment was made by any of the three. Wasta said that from the general feed back at the meeting he was not optimistic that the funding would be granted at the requested level and that all three expressed the opinion, in one form or another, that the feasibility study should be funded by the city. Wasta said that all three agreed to consider the request but that it was his opinion if any funds were to be forthcoming from any of the three it would be some time distant and not immediately.

Fund Raising Action Steps Forward

A long discussion was held about what should now be done to raise the needed \$60,000 for the feasibility study. It was decided that the fund raising subcommittee would meet further with the Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation who sponsored the 15 IN 5 initiative. It was decided that the members of the subcommittee would also meet with selected community leaders to get their advice on how to proceed in seeking the necessary funding. This would include officials of the city of Cedar Rapids. It was decided that these contacts should be made during the month of August.

A Partnering Idea

Saxen volunteered to go to Waverly to talk with city officials there and gather information on how Waverly partnered with Wartburg College on a recreation center.

Next Meeting

It was decided that it would be best to cancel the regularly scheduled second Thursday of the month meeting on August 9th in consideration of the fund raising action steps forward that will take place during this time period. The next meeting was scheduled for the regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month on August 23rd at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center.