

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE
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Meeting Minutes of Oct. 11, 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, Phil Wasta, Jim Voss, Mary Day, Judy Fitzgibbons, Jean Bjorseth, Brian Long and Sandy Bruns

Advisers: Dwight Dohman, City of Cedar Rapids Facilities Construction Director

(Note: All fund raising references below pertain to raising the \$60,000 PLAY share of the cost for the feasibility study for the Community Center Complex.)

Linn County Board of Supervisors

On Oct. 10th the Linn County Board of Supervisors approved PLAY's \$30,000 request. It will be paid out to Witwer, which is the current PLAY clearinghouse for all funds.

Aegon

Aegon's \$10,000 lead gift to PLAY has been received and has been deposited in the PLAY account with Witwer. Wasta reported he's still working on a media release for this.

Alliant Energy

With regard to PLAY's request for \$20,000 from Alliant Energy no reply has yet been received. Another contact has been made with Alliant and it's hoped an answer will soon be forthcoming.

United Fire

Saxen, Wasta and Harrington met with the president of United Fire on Oct. 4th and made a presentation for a request of \$5,000. United Fire's grant committee will meet on Nov. 16th to consider the request.

Hall-Perine Foundation

A request for \$25,000 has been submitted to the Hall-Perine Foundation. They will consider the request at their October meeting.

Other Funding Requests

A request for \$10,000 is being made from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, which is due to be submitted by Oct. 15th.

Harrington is continuing to work on the \$20,000 request from Rockwell-Collins.

Discussion was held about approaching individuals in the community for \$1,000 personal gifts and it was decided that PLAY committee members could do this on an individual basis.

Long suggested that certain sports organizations who would benefit from use of the Community Center Complex be contacted for gifts, principally baseball, soccer and aquatics groups. Long volunteered to contact the baseball groups.

(Note: All references to fund raising for the feasibility study end here.)

Vision Iowa

Bernard reported on a meeting with city council members Justin Shields and Brian Fagen, Lee Clancy, president of the Chamber of Commerce and state representative Tyler Olson. Information coming out of that meeting: That the city soon will be applying for a Vision Iowa grant but that the Community Center Complex construction won't be part of that request because the feasibility study must be completed first. That neither will the Marion group that's investigating the need for an indoor pool in that community be part of this Vision Iowa request.

Williams Architects Contract

Dohlman reported that the city doesn't yet have a finalized agreement with Williams Architects, which will be conducting the feasibility study. Williams hasn't yet made reply on questions and concerns that the city had with the contract. The contract with Williams needs to be approved by the city council. If a finalized contract can be agreed on soon the plan would be to take the contract before the council's weekly meeting on Oct. 24th for discussion. The earliest that the council could formally approve the contract would be at its meeting of Nov. 7th. Dohlman advised that as part of the contract discussion by the council on Oct. 24th that PLAY would need to submit in conjunction with the contract a written document outlining the facts of PLAY's funding of its \$60,000 for the feasibility study. That document would be needed by Oct. 23rd. If all is in order and the contract is approved by the council the council would then commit the city's \$60,000 for the study, which comes from the city's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds. It was agreed that as many as possible from the PLAY committee should be present at the city council meeting at 6 P.M. on Oct. 24th in the city council chambers at City Hall as a show of support for the Williams contract and its funding.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month on Thursday, Oct. 25th at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center.