

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE  
PLANNING LIFELONG ACTIVITIES FOR YOU (PLAY) TASK FORCE  
Meeting Minutes of Oct. 25, 2007 (submitted by Ron Gonder)  
Ambroz Recreation Center 7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee Members: Alan Bernard, co-chairperson, Ron Gonder, secretary, Tom Saxen, treasurer, Jim Voss, Mary Day, Jean Bjorseth, Jackie Harrington, Brian Long, Phil Wasta and June Schumacher representing Julie Sina

Williams Architects Contract

Wasta reported on representing PLAY at the Cedar Rapids city council meeting on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> along with Dwight Dohlman, City of Cedar Rapids Facilities Construction Director where the council heard about details of the contract with Williams Architects to conduct the feasibility study for the Community Center Complex. The council asked questions and made comments about the project and announced that its \$60,000 share for the feasibility study would come from hotel-motel tax revenues and not from capital improvement program (CIP) funds as was earlier indicated. Also in finalizing the Williams contract the city decided not to include a parks assessment plan, which brought the final figure for the Williams contract to \$117,900. The city council is expected to formally vote on approval of the Williams contract at its meeting on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that any PLAY member who'd like to attend this council meeting do so as a show of support.

Fund Raising

The fund raising committee met Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> with Saxen giving this update on raising the \$60,000 PLAY share of the cost for the feasibility study:

Have raised \$40,000 so far with \$20,000 to go.

Alliant, Rockwell and the Hall-Perine Foundation have declined to contribute for various individual reasons.

Work is continuing on the grant request to the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. Something should be heard soon on the request from United Fire.

The committee is suggesting that PLAY not yet start a campaign of contacting individuals.

It should be an item for discussion about whether members of the PLAY committee should make individual contributions as a sign of commitment to the project.

Long will be contacting one of the youth baseball organizations for a contribution as a sign of their support of the fields segment of the project.

Media Contact

Discussion was held on having a media contact person from the PLAY committee who would handle all media requests for information about the Community Center Complex project. It was decided that this would be a good idea for a number of reasons and Wasta was designated to act in this capacity. All PLAY committee members will direct any questions from the media or media interviews to Wasta.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be on the regularly scheduled second Thursday of the month on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. The regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month meeting will be moved because that date falls on Thanksgiving Day. That meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. Both times are 7:30 A.M.

