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Meeting Minutes of Nov. 8, 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, Julie Sina, Jim Voss, Sandy Bruns, Mary Day, Jackie Harrington, Scott Schultz, Phil Wasta, Brian Long and Judy Fitzgibbons

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

Williams Architects Contract

Dohlman reported that the city council agenda item for approval of the contract with Williams Architects to conduct the feasibility study for the Community Center Complex did not appear on the council agenda for its meeting of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and that it would now probably be on the council agenda for its meeting of Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Dohlman indicated that he felt there was no need for PLAY committee members to be at the Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Dohlman reported that with council approval a December kick off meeting might be scheduled with Williams for the feasibility study.

(Note: All fund raising references below pertain to raising the remaining \$20,000 of the PLAY \$60,000 share of the cost of the feasibility study for the Community Center Complex.)

Fund Raising

Members of the fund raising committee are to meet Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> with Dan Baldwin, president of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation to get his advice and guidance.

Harrington worked on answering questions that the staff of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation had submitted to PLAY in order to clarify the PLAY request for funds, which will go before its funds dispersal board.

United Fire is schedule to decide on the PLAY request for funds on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Bruns followed up an earlier discussion topic by Fitzgibbons about PLAY members making personal contributions, which would also act as a sign of the personal commitment of the PLAY committee members to the project. Discussion was held and it was decided that those PLAY members who wished to contribute should do so by check by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. No amount was specified. Checks were to be sent to PLAY co-chairperson Myrt Bowers at the Witwer Senior Center made payable to the Witwer Senior Center with a note that they are for the PLAY project. All contributions would be tax deductible. The total amount of the PLAY committee members contribution could then be tabulated and included in Dohlman's presentation to the city council on the Williams contract on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> as a demonstration to the council of PLAY member's personal commitment to the project. Secretary Gonder instructed to send a special email today to all PLAY members about it.

Saxen asked all committee members to consider what constituency groups they might know that might use the Community Center Complex and asked that committee members bring to the next meeting names of the heads of these groups. The plan would be for the fund raising committee to make contact with these group heads in an effort to solicit funds from their groups.

#### Soccer Group

Scott Schultz of the Heartland Soccer organization attended the meeting as the newest PLAY committee member. Schultz reported on further developments since his presentation at the PLAY meeting in September about the future needs for a new indoor soccer facility in Cedar Rapids and additional outdoor fields to satisfy the growth in soccer participation that's expected over the next 5 to 10 years. An architectural firm has volunteered services to Heartland to do drawings for an indoor soccer facility and Heartland has continued to explore fund raising for it. Schultz indicated he would like PLAY to continue to consider incorporating an indoor soccer facility in plans for the Community Center Complex.

#### Articles Of Incorporation

It was reported that the office of the Secretary of State of the state of Iowa has informed PLAY that it has no record of a request by PLAY for 501C3 tax-deductible status. The request is being resubmitted with Articles of Incorporation of PLAY to Secretary of State Michael Mauro.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will not be held on the regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month because of Thanksgiving. The meeting will be held the following Thursday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center.