

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE
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Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2008 (submitted by Ron Gonder)
Ambroz Recreation Center 7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Myrt Bowers & Tom Saxen, co-chairpersons, Ron Gonder, secretary, Jim Voss, Gail Loskill, Sandy Bruns, Dwight Dohlman, Nancy Nygren, Judy Fitzgibbons, Phil Wasta and Brian Long

Guests: Garry and Kevin Bye

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Guests Garry and Kevin Bye (father & son) were introduced and given the floor. Kevin said he had a desire to put together a plan for a commercial privately operated recreational facility and wanted to inform PLAY of that. He said his primary interest was in volleyball but also was interested in including basketball and baseball in the facility. He said he didn't have a proposed site at this time but indicated he'd be interested in locating it on or near the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City corridor. He said he had plans for seeking financial sponsorship of the venture. He asked for any information PLAY could give him on plans for the Community Center Complex. Saxen provided an overview, offered to provide what written information PLAY had and extended an invitation to the Byes to join the PLAY committee if they so wished so that they might keep abreast of PLAY's project.

Minutes Of The Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 3/6/08 were approved as written. Secretary Gonder said that since our website is now up and running that our meeting minutes will now be posted there as public information. He said he would continue to send them on email to all committee members prior to upcoming meetings.

Fund Raising

Bowers reported that PLAY is continuing to fund raise for an amount of about \$9,000, which is PLAY's remaining unfulfilled commitment to fund the feasibility study. Two proposals of \$5,000 each are being made in hopes of covering the entire amount.

Communication

Discussion was held on various aspects of communication in getting the information out to the residents of Linn County on the Community Center Complex feasibility study and the general project. Several ideas were explored to be followed up by various members of PLAY. Gonder reported that he, Voss and Saxen attended the recent CR Chamber of Commerce legislative brown bag in an effort to update local area state legislators on the project and assess possible support.

Williams Architects Back In Town

Saxen informed that key people from the Williams Architect firm conducting the feasibility study will be back in Cedar Rapids from April 21st to the 25th. Discussion was held about their schedule and with whom they would meet. Loskill informed that the extensive public mail survey component of the feasibility study would soon be sent out. Saxen gave a summation of the feasibility study public input sessions in March and thanked all PLAY members who helped and participated.

Internship Help

Saxen reported that the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation has informed him that it would fund a college intern to be assigned to help PLAY for a period of perhaps three months. Saxen said there has been a relationship between the GCRCF and Cornell College and that an intern is being recruited from there. Saxen said that the prospective intern would work under the direction of PLAY committee member Jeanne Brandes at the CR Chamber and would help with, among other things, PLAY's correspondence responsibilities and that the chamber would supply a work space.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting was set for the regularly scheduled second Thursday of the month on April 10th at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Center. Future meetings in April will be discussed at that meeting since the Williams Architects contingent will be in CR during the time of the regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month meeting.