

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE  
PLANNING LIFELONG ACTIVITIES FOR YOU (PLAY) TASK FORCE  
Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2008 (submitted by Ron Gonder)  
Ambroz Recreation Center 7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Tom Saxen & Myrt Bowers, co-chairpersons, Ron Gonder, secretary, Phil Wasta, Judy Fitzgibbons, Jeanne Brandes, Brian Long and Scott Schultz  
Advisers and others: Allen Witt, Hall & Hall Engineers, Inc. and Griffin LaDew, summer intern

Minutes

Minutes of the June 19, 2008 meeting approved as written.

Introduction

Griffin LaDew, a senior to be at Cornell College, was introduced as a summer intern working on communications pieces for the Play Task Force.

Saxen Appointment

Saxen announced that he had been appointed to the Governor's Task Force On Flood Plain Management and that he'll be attending the first meeting of it in early August in Des Moines.

Discussion Of PLAY Strategy Going Forward

A lengthy discussion was held on what PLAY will be doing and should be doing in the coming months. Among the items discussed: (1) An amount of funding for a Community Center Complex (CCC) to be included in the city's federal flood damage request and how the CCC might partner with flood affected agencies and non profit organizations and perhaps others who might be looking for new quarters that could be housed in the CCC. (2) That Williams Architects needs to open conversations with Sasaki Associates, the riverfront development and flood control plan consultants, with Tom Poulos of Williams possibly coming to Cedar Rapids the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>. (3) That there is no immediate need for future open houses to be conducted by Williams and that the "siting" component of the Williams feasibility study will likely involve input from Sasaki/JLG. Saxen was to again emphasize to Williams of the benefit of a conceptual design prior to contacting Sasaki/JLP. (4) That someone on the PLAY committee should be designated to be the contact to coordinate any dialog between PLAY and Sasaki Associates. Witt volunteered to be that person. (5) That PLAY representatives should begin meeting with certain agencies and non-profit organizations identified as possible tenants in a CCC. Bowers volunteered to begin those determinations.

Downtown Market

It was decided that PLAY would continue to have its booth at the Saturday morning special downtown farmers markets, which will resume with the market of August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Other markets for this season will be Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Fitzgibbons volunteered to coordinate staffing the dates. Intern LaDew passed out the latest copy of the PLAY tri-fold handout. Suggestions were made on what information the tri-fold should now contain for it to be passed out to the general public at the markets. LaDew will produce a new tri-fold with the suggested new information and format.

### Future Meetings

It was decided that PLAY would continue meeting once a month until it was necessary to meet more often. The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM at the Ambroz Rec Center.