

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE
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Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2008 (submitted by Ron Gonder)
Ambroz Recreation Center 7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Tom Saxen, co-chairperson, Ron Gonder, Secretary, Jackie Harrington, Treasurer, Julie Sina, Gail Loskill, Jeff Kraayenbrink, Judy Fitzgibbons, Nancy Nygren and Brian Long
Others: Griffin LaDew, summer intern

Minutes

Minutes of the July 24, 2008 meeting approved as written.

Update On Sasaki/JLG Meeting

Saxen reported that he met with Sasaki Associates, the riverfront development and flood control plan consultants, with Tom Poulos of Williams Architects on the telephone in a conference call, for what was a very positive meeting. The Sasaki people asked for a conceptual design of a Community Center Complex (CCC) from Williams based on all the public information Williams gathered with open houses and the mail survey about what the citizens of Linn County wanted to see in a CCC. Sasaki was very supportive of the PLAY efforts and suggested that the CCC include a Human Services wing for those services that might wish to occupy space in a CCC. As was noted in the minutes of the last meeting Bowers was to work on identifying those human services partners that might be interested in this. Saxen said he had met with one recently, Five Giant Steps Early Childhood Development, which gave him their needs for space in a CCC. A suggestion included the possibility of a library branch within PLAY.

Conceptual Design

Williams Architects responded to the request for a conceptual design and their work was posted on the wall of the meeting room for all to view and analyze. A number of options were included with regard to both the indoor and outdoor spaces. It's to be regarded as a beginning point in this phase of the CCC.

Waverly-Wartburg Trip

Saxen reported that he and LaDew traveled in recent weeks to Waverly, IA to see the recreation facility that had been built there in cooperation with Wartburg College. It's a very impressive 200 thousand square feet, 31 million dollar facility with five full-sized basketball courts (flexible for volleyball, tennis, batting/pitching/golf cages), indoor aquatics, full fitness/ equipment center, indoor tracks, dance/aerobics/meeting rooms and massage therapy, etc.

PLAY Tri-fold brochure

The Play tri-fold handout has now been revised and updated by Saxen/LaDew. Loskill will finalize it and Hall & Hall Engineers through Allen Witt will do the complimentary copying of 500 copies.

Downtown Market

The PLAY presence at the resumption of the Downtown Market on August 2nd was well-received. A large number of people stopped at the booth/tent to hear about the CCC with a lot of positive comments. In particular one individual who is an accomplished photographer volunteered his services to the PLAY committee. The next market is Saturday, August 16th with the booth-tent to be manned by Fitzgibbons, Harrington, Schultz, Saxen and LaDew. The newly re-designed tri-fold will be passed out. Fitzgibbons, who is coordinating the staffing of the booth/tent, indicated there are people needed to man it for the future markets on Sept. 6th and Oct. 4th. All who are manning the booth or just attending the market are encouraged to wear their PLAY tee shirts.

The Williams Contract

Poulos has reported that Williams will complete its report on the feasibility study sometime in September or October. Williams, in cooperation with Sasaki, will still do the siting phase of the study. No reduction in the total fee is expected from the termination of the remaining open houses because Williams is expected to cooperate with Sasaki in their planned open houses. A sum of \$62,400 has been paid to Williams so far for its services. The PLAY fundraising is still about \$4,000 short of its goal of \$60,000.

LaDew's Report

PLAY summer intern LaDew reported that this would be the final meeting he would attend and that his internship would conclude on Labor Day. LaDew said he would be spending his final weeks working on a PowerPoint presentation that PLAY would be able to use at public gatherings. LaDew also reported that he's working on a list of contacts for the Cedar Rapids neighborhood associations and service organizations, which would be possible candidates for future PowerPoint presentations.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Thursday, Sept. 11th at 7:30 A.M. at the Ambroz Recreation Center.