

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE
PLANNING LIFELONG ACTIVITIES FOR YOU (PLAY) TASK FORCE
Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2008 (submitted by Ron Gonder)
Ambroz Recreation Center 7:30-9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Tom Saxen & Myrt Bowers, co-chairpersons, Ron Gonder, secretary, Jackie Harrington, treasurer, Nancy Nygren, Judy Fitzgibbons, Allen Witt, Brian Long, Jeff Kraayenbrink, Robin Robinson, Gail Loskill, Jeanne Brandes, Jim Voss, Julie Sina, Sherrill Valenta and Scott Schultz
Guests: Mike Williams, Tom Poulos and Stacy Snapp of Williams Architects and Gregg Calpino of JJR Inc., Landscape Architects & Land Planners

Chairman's Report

Saxen reported on discussions he's had since the last meeting. Among those was one with the general manager of the Cedar Rapids Kernels with regard to their interest in supporting the youth baseball complex segment of the PLAY endeavors and possible funding sources from professional baseball in general. Other discussions were held with non-profit agencies that might be interested in having space and partnering in a Community Center Complex. Related to that PLAY representatives have been invited to attend a workshop that will explore a Community Service Center that might house various city, county and federal governmental functions along with non-profit agencies.

Marion Aquatic Center

Voss reported on information he'd gathered about a Marion businessman's interest in partnering with the city of Marion and Linn Mar High School on a facility that would contain a competitive pool and an indoor leisure play aquatics center. It would accommodate practice and competitive swim meets for the high school and the Cedar Rapids Aquatics Association and the general public with a play area water park. Voss said he would continue to monitor the project with regard to the impact it might have on PLAY's plans for a Community Center Complex incorporating the same concepts.

Williams Architects Report

The Williams Architects team and Gregg Calpino of JJR reported on where the feasibility study for the Community Center Complex now stands after being put on hold by the flood. They reported reassessing how to go back to the public for further input on the project and whether the completion of the open house process is necessary and if so how it should be carried out since the facility and the needs are changing. In addition they indicated a desire to reassess the remainder of their contract with the city and PLAY in order to coordinate it with the impact of the flood. Certain PLAY members expressed a desire to have Williams tie down a proposed project plan with conceptual drawings of a Community Center Complex in the event PLAY is asked by the city and it's advisors for such information with regard to flood reconstruction plans that might incorporate a site for a Community Center Complex.

Next Meeting

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