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Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2009 (submitted by Ron Gonder)
Cedar Rapids Recreation Dept. Parks Offices 7:30-9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Tom Saxen & Myrt Bowers, co-chairpersons, Ron Gonder, secretary, Jackie Harrington, treasurer, Judy Fitzgibbons, Jim Voss, Allen Witt, Julie Sina, Scott Schultz, Robin Robinson, Jeff Kraayenbrink, Nancy Nygren and Gail Loskill

Corridor Legislators

Saxen reported that he was asked by Cedar Rapids city councilman Justin Shields to accompany him to Des Moines for a recent meeting with the "Corridor Legislators" at their request. The topic of the meeting was a desire by the legislators to include the Community Center Complex (CCC) project in the soon to be announced governor's "I-Jobs" infrastructure bonding plan encompassing 750 million dollars in state projects. The legislators indicated they'd like to make the CCC project a "signature" project for the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Corridor. Saxen and Shields were instructed to get all the information about the project to the legislators in application form by March 23rd to include a conceptual design, costs and a site. It was decided that Loskill would head up the effort to package the information needed and to do the work on the application. Kraayenbrink will work with Williams Architects on the design and costs information. Saxen, Witt and Sina will work with the city on the site. If the CCC project gets included in the "I-Jobs" bonding legislation and the legislation is passed the funds for the project would be available from the state in June of 2010.

Economic Development Authority

A long discussion was held on what to do about the current application being worked on for funds for the CCC project from the U.S. Economic Development Authority (EDA) with regard to the application now being submitted to the state for funding. A consensus was reached to divide the EDA request into two parts. An application would be submitted for 5.7 million dollars in funding for design and engineering of the CCC project. Pending what the state legislature does about the application for state funding a later application might be submitted to the EDA for construction costs not covered by the state's "I-Jobs" infrastructure bonding plan. The EDA deadline for that second application is Dec. 31, 2009. Loskill has already completed 33 pages of the EDA application.

Williams Architects And Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Harrington reported that conversations and negotiations with Williams Architects has determined that PLAY has approximately \$32,000 in deliverable services still coming from Williams as per the original contract and adjustments for flood related matters. Harrington suggests that PLAY get a detailed breakdown on what Williams has delivered and what remains to be delivered and that the current contract then be officially terminated and a new contract drawn. PLAY has about \$38,000 in cash remaining in its fund raising account. Rough estimates are that there will be \$25,000 in costs to make the aforementioned funding applications.

Farmer's Market

Saxen reported that PLAY is signed up once again for a booth at the Saturday morning Farmer's Markets in downtown Cedar Rapids. Fitzgibbons volunteered to attend a meeting about it on April 7th.

Health Summit

Robinson reported that she'll be representing the Early Childhood Development aspect of the CCC project at a Health Summit on March 28th that will look at the status of health services in the area and will present innovative initiatives.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been tentatively set for Thursday, April 9th at 7:30 A.M. at the Recreation Dept. Parks Offices.