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

Attendance

Committee members: Tom Saxen, co chairperson, Ron Gonder secretary, Jackie Harrington, treasurer, Brian Long, Nancy Nygren, Phil Wasta, Randy Kraayenbrink, Julie Sina, Robin Robinson, Mary Day and Judy Fitzgibbons

William Contract Addendum And Proforma

Kraayenbrink reported the following: The contract with Williams Architects has had an addendum to perform services for the three City Open Houses for an additional amount not to exceed \$64,000. There is a new deliverables timetable. The Community Center Complex (CCC) could have five different options according to aspects included or not included. Those aspects could be mixed and matched. A timetable has been set up leading up to a final presentation to the City Council in November. On one proforma there was a 1.3 million dollar city subsidy at a 68% recovery rate. (The amount of subsidy the city provides to balance the operating budget of the CCC is the recovery rate.) Another proforma had a city subsidy of \$320,000 at a 90% recovery rate. When you factor in all the outside costs like city water and sewer it looks like a pretty good deal. This information is what the City Council has been wanting. This is a positive development. There is an option to have the CCC serve as a shelter. Site acquisition cost could be a factor if it isn't built on city owned land. The Capital Budget for the CCC is in the ballpark of 70 million dollar range. The project manager for the city is talking about possible federal funds that might be accessed. Conference calls are being held weekly with Williams and the Williams assignments have been accomplished weekly.

June Open House Results

There were no negative comments about the CCC from those who attended the June City Open House. No arguments were heard against the need for the CCC. There were no negative comments about the proposed site at Ellis Park. The next Open House is in August.

Linn County Public Health

A meeting was held with Curtis Dickson the new director of Linn County Public Health. He views cooperating in the CCC as a positive thing for Linn County. He had suggestions on funding sources and specifically from the Dept. of Public Health.

I-Jobs Updates

The PLAY committee has been informed that the CCC is eligible to apply for four million dollars in funding from the state I-Jobs funds to plan and design the CCC. The CCC has to show collaboration between the city of Cedar Rapids and Linn County to receive this funding. Jobs creation is the overall criteria. There is now a need to hire a person to write this complicated application. An offer has been made to an individual who is considering it.

### Executive Team Action Steps

Letters have been sent out to a number of people considered important to the CCC project who were not in attendance at the Chamber of Commerce CCC information presentation in May. A meeting will be set up with Doug Neumann the executive director of the Economic Planning and Redevelopment Corp.

### Farmer's Market

All went well at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market. One of the boards will be redone so the floor plan of the proposed CCC matches the picture of it. Williams sent a new schematic. PLAY is covered for manning it through August 15, but there is an ongoing need for PLAY members (and others) to step up as volunteers in our public outreach efforts.

### Partners

Need to get more of the word out by letter and phone call about possible partners occupying space in the CCC. Need to further inform the City and the County about this opportunity. Need to emphasize more the multi-use of the CCC. There is a person that may help in all of this regard.

### Youth Baseball

The Jones Park baseball diamond project has gone very well with regard to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund match. The final funding for the project will total between 160 and 170 thousand dollars. More was received from in kind contributions than was asked. Hopefully, a generous press release will announce these contributions.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting has been set for Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 A.M. at the Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreations Dept. Parks Offices .