

Boone Community and Wellness Center



JANUARY 20, 2020 #4

THE COMMITTEE HAS PUT TOGETHER A SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN REGARD TO THIS PROJECT. THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM FOR YOU TO GRAB A COPY ON THE WAY OUT.

Getting the word out!!!!

We have been receiving some concerns and criticism that we are not getting the word out about the status of this project. For those who cannot for whatever reason cannot make the meeting feel like they are out of the loop.

- From this point forward
- Following all the community meetings we will be putting out a summary of the meeting on the city website:
www.boone.gov.com Under projects.
- We will also try and post this link on our Facebook accounts.
- Look for it in your water bill as well.

Sub Committee Reports

- Fundraising ---Holly Stecker
- Fees and Services---- Jennifer Hanson & Linda Williamson
- Grant & endowments-----Elijah Stines & Brian Reimers

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE

- LAND DONATED TO THE CITY (\$300,000 BUDGETED FOR THIS ACQUISITION)
- \$12,000.00 FORCE BOARD GRANT
- \$1500.00 FENTON TRUST
- \$1000.00 PRIVATE DONATION AS A RESULT OF OUT COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING IN OGDEN.
- TOTAL CASH \$14,500.00

Tonight at Council

- The committee requested the city to sign the contract with the Architect firm ATURA in the amount of \$9500.00.. Amount to be paid from the community center account.
- The committee also requested the city to sign the contract with ISU to create and develop the business plan for the community center in the amount of \$5000.00 (Eli)
- This entire amount will be paid with monies we have raised through donations, grants and endowments.
- **NO TAXPAYER MONEY WILL BE USED!!!!!!**

Reaching Out/Partnerships

Who we talked to and the results:

- Boone County Hospital: Joe Smith
- Our main concern is the timeline for their project in relationship to our timeline. They are approximately 2 yrs. out from moving ahead with their project. We are still talking to them and it is being considered

Who we talked to and the results:

- Boone County Board of Supervisors
- We have presented at 3 meetings. The Board has decided not to support this facility and suggested that we charge non residents an additional fee. Our final request was for \$25,000.00 for the duration of the bond if there was one and it was denied.

Reaching Out/Partnerships

Who we talked to and the results:

- **Boone School Board**
- After meeting with the school board it was determined that a joint venture would pose several issues including scheduling, gym requirements and pool temperatures. Both entities are too far along in the process to make the changes necessary with adding significant cost and time delays for both projects.

Who we talked to and the results:

- **Boone School Board Cont.:**
- Given they may be able to have little or no impact on taxes by manipulating their levy rates the partnership becomes complicated should we need to go to bond. Often times grants come with strings attached that may restrict what we do. They have said we may be able to partner with their EDGE Program.

Reaching Out/Partnerships

Who we talked to and the results:

- **Area Businesses**
- We have reached out to area businesses who provide similar services to explore the possibility of forming partnership where fees would allow you to access multiple facilities. This committee has no intention on competing with any private businesses.

Who we talked to and the results:

- **Area Businesses Continued**
- We have talked to the Strength Shop and to TFW. Both provide specialized services. Though similar in some respects the services the community center will offer will be more family based, elderly based with a cultural and community aspect.

Reaching Out/Partnerships

Who we talked to and the results:

- **City Of Ogden**
- The committee held a community meeting in Ogden in December of last year, to see what kind of support we would have from the residents. We fielded questions and found that there is a need from their perspective as well. That evening we received a \$1000.00 private donation from a couple living in Ogden, which we will be using for the business plan.

Who we talked to and the results:

- **Child Care Junction:**
- Because of the close proximity of the facility to CCJ we reached out to them to see if a partnership to provide child watch in exchange for use of the facility would be an option. This would free up space in the facility and eliminate staff thus lowering operational costs. We are still in discussions at this time.

Reaching Out/Partnerships

Who we talked to and the results:

- State Representative Phil Thompson
- I met with Representative Thompson he offer the use of his staff in helping to locate and write grant applications for this project. His staffers have extensive experience in grant writing and should be a valuable asset for us going forward. Councilmember Stines will be leading that charge going forward.

Who we talked to and the results:

- Jim Thompson from the Iowa Economic Development Authority
- I was introduced to Jim at a Chamber meeting in early January while discussing economic development downtown. He offered assistance in finding and applying for grants and endowments for this project as well. This is what he does and has a clear insight to maximize our fundraising efforts.

Atura Architects

- We met with Atura on January 16th. here at city hall.
- We have started the process to refine and tweak the final design for the facility.
- We are exploring two possibilities at the moment.
- **Option 1:** a single level facility.
- **Option 2:** a multi-level facility with an elevated track and classroom.(Totally ADA Compliant)
- Both options will be considered based on budget and community input once the concepts are done.
- The facility design is based on the services the committee has deemed necessary for the success of this project as well as the budgetary requirements we have set
- Atura continues to agree that this budget and what we are proposing is doable.
- When the city provided the shovel ready land it was a game changer freeing up about \$500,000.00 we had in for infrastructure and land acquisition and preparation.

A Quick Services and Facility Review!!!

Facility Check List:

- Swimming pool
- Wade pool
- Therapy pool
- Full size gymnasium
- Walking/running track
- Exterior walking track
- Yoga/aerobics Classrooms(3)
- Day watch room
- Lounge area
- Banquet facility
- Locker rooms
- Restrooms
- Reception area
- Cardio/exercise equipment room
- Weight room
- Pitching cages

Services

- Aerobic classes
- Yoga classes
- Day camps
- Child watch
- Banquet rentals
- Pool rentals
- Gym rentals
- Water aerobics
- Swim lessons
- Water therapy
- Child Resource Center

The Committee Is Working Hard For You!!

- Since we last met there have been at least 25 committee and sub committee meetings held in regard to this project.
- We have raised enough money to take this project forward without requesting taxpayer funds from the city.
- As Chair I want to thank all the committee members for their hard work and dedication to this project.

QUESTIONS
COMMENTS
CONCERNS
PROBLEMS
COMPLAINTS

