

Minutes of the Community Center Foundation Board

7/2/08

Present: Sumaya Abu-Haidar (chair); Dale Porter, Vince Herman, Kristen Edwards, Dawn Baumhover (CC coordinator).

1. Sumaya called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and the Board members introduced themselves to one another.

2. Board status and appointments:

Sumaya reviewed the background of CCF. The difficulties of reconstituting the Comm. Center Advisory Board (CCAB), the lack of people on the previous CCF, and the general competition for scarce volunteers in the town's organizations, led to the Town's decision to reconstitute CCF. Dr. Maurice Fauvel, now on vacation, will report on his past activities and update us, but will not stay on the board. Members reviewed the original articles of incorporation and the revision that set a 5-member board. By Vince's motion, seconded by Kristen, Sumaya will act as chair, Dale secretary, Kristen treasurer. Sumaya briefly reviewed the CCF budget, which projects a deficit of about \$7,330 for the second quarter of 2008. Board agreed to review the articles of incorporation and draw up suggestions for by-laws, which Dale will draft. Kristen will draft a mission statement.

3. Goals: (a) Raise money for the CC from the community and foundations; (b) make efforts to increase use of CC by the community; (c) advise the Town Board and generally advise Dawn, but not about daily operations; (d) make recommendations to the BOT (Town Board) on CC projects and facility improvements.

4. Dawn gave an update on CC operations. There are no summer programs; fewer bookings and new members during summer, but more summer residents and vacationers (could use showers). She has talked to the Boulder YMCA about partnering for Fitness Center programming (common goals & programs). The Y already uses the FC when weather prohibits outside activities, and is interested in specific rooms and times right now. YMCA has a new grant for activities but lacks space. Y could rent space, pay teachers, run program. There is concern that the Y would control CC space; Dawn is addressing that issue, and will ensure slots for local organizations and renters. Dawn is also pursuing various site upgrade measures via town operations. The sign from the shopping center annex will be placed on the building where it can be seen from the highway. Locker rooms would bring in new members, would cost approx. 50 K, could be financed both via nonprofits and via gov't programs for obesity, youth, etc. The Fitness Place runs on 12 volunteers, which leaves Dawn free to work on other CC activities.

5. Jim Stevens, Town Administrator, joined the meeting briefly to report on financing: The Boetcher Foundation will donate \$75,000, Gates Family foundation will double that, the total \$225,000 will be repaid to the town utility fund, which loaned that amount to the CC fund last year. The Daniels fund is being approached for funding the kitchen upgrade for approx. \$30-35K; kitchen needs a new dishwasher, new plumbing, a new range hood, etc. Dale reported that a local family foundation was also interested in

funding repairs to the kitchen but wanted assurances that the Ned Area Seniors would commit to using the facility.

6. Sumaya asked if we need a history of the CC to answer lingering questions about what happened with the biofuels plant and cost overruns? She wanted to make clear that the biofuels plant expenses were all paid before the renovation of the CC began. Vince suggested a combined narrative history and future outlook that would lay the past to rest and energize the future—a report to the community. We could coordinate with the YMCA program for an autumn open house, advertising, etc. The CCF would present its “annual” report and outlook.
7. The Board brainstormed various events that the CC and the theatre might host. Vince and Kristin will explore ideas and networks.
8. The Board considered the currently empty West Wing and decided it could not be part of the current “shopping list” of improvements, but that the CCF should have a voice in what happens to it.
9. Next meeting: our chief goal is to create a prioritized list of objects for funding. Dr. Fauvel will be asked to review funding history and opportunities.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm. Sumaya, Kristen and Vince then met informally with Paul Turnburg regarding landscaping of the CC.

Next meeting end of July/early August.
Notes by Dale Porter.