

Wakefield Day Care Steering Committee
Minutes of Meeting
January 19, 2010

Present: Tammi Mogus, Toni Haglund, Ed Haglund, Carol Kratke, Leslie Bebee, Mike Mogus, Kathy Skinner, Nicki Decker, Jim Litchfield, Clayton Waddle, Jerad Wulf. Also present: Theresa Miner

The meeting was held at noon at Sidelines, with Jim Litchfield facilitating the discussion and providing an agenda. Theresa Miner agreed to record the minutes.

Jim L. explained that the purpose of the meeting was to bring a proposal to the City Council whether to build or not to build a community day care center. The first issue was to determine need. How many children are expected to need day care—before, during, and after school and during summer vacation? And, will there be sufficient private providers in the community to fulfill the need so that a community day care would not be necessary? The consensus seemed to be that because of the complexities of operating a state-approved day care, not many private providers would be found to fill the need left by the closing of the Wakefield Family Resource Center.

It was recommended that a survey form be distributed to employees of the largest employers in the community and the parents of K-4 students at school. It was further suggested that a “town hall” meeting be conducted to generate discussion and to hear recommendations from the parents needing day care. The survey would be ready for that meeting.

Several suggestions were made as to what information should be sought on the survey, in part to make it a valuable tool for obtaining grant money for building a day care facility. Volunteers who agreed to serve on a committee to develop the survey and plan the town hall meeting were: Tammi Mogus, Jerad Wulf, Carol Kratke, and Nicki Decker.

If a community day care center were to be built, the next question was who would own the facility? The consensus was to move toward a City-owned facility operated by a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation. Jim Litchfield will look into the issue of finding an appropriate existing nonprofit corporation which might be a good fit for this partnership.

The next meeting of the Day Care Steering Committee will be held at noon on January 26, 2010, at Sidelines.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Miner, Secretary of the Meeting