

NOTES OF THE TOWN HALL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2010
6:30 p.m.
Media Center at
Wakefield Community Schools

Introductions were made.

Jim Litchfield, City Administrator explained the purpose of the meeting: To collect information and give information to the public.

Mr. Litchfield also explained that the Wakefield City Council appointed a Child Care Steering Committee at its January 2010 City Council meeting. The purpose of the Steering Committee is to gather information and bring a recommendation for action to the City Council to build a facility or not. Mr. Litchfield said he feels that this is a very proactive committee and has also made a lot of progress in a very short period of time.

It was explained to those in attendance that there is a Community Development Block Grant application deadline that the Committee is trying to meet if the demand is determined. The Committee has sent out surveys to local businesses and is trying to determine need. If anyone here does not work at those local businesses and has not had a chance to fill out a survey, please do so now. The goal is to tally surveys tomorrow so that we have a better idea of exactly how many children need services.

Discussion from those present included:

Grant requirements, local match, fund raising, a location for the facility, the possibility of a temporary facility to meet immediate demand.

Mr. Litchfield informed the attendees that our next steps will be to tally surveys, take field trips to existing facilities, and report to the City Council next week on our current status. There are a lot of details that need to be worked out in a very short period of time to meet grant application guidelines and deadlines.

There was a big concern about immediate needs.

The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by
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