

Child Care Steering Committee Meeting  
February 9, 2010  
12:00 noon  
Sidelines Bar & Grille

Present: Ed Haglund, Toni Haglund, Carol Kratke, Mike Mogus, Nicki Decker, Kathy Skinner, Tammie Mogus, Leslie Bebee and Jim Litchfield

Absent: Carly Salmon, Angelina Fregoso, Theresa Miner, Jered Wulf, Clayton Waddle

Jim Litchfield handed out packets of information on the Wakefield Health Care Center meeting and the Town Hall meeting. Also in the packet was information on possible costs for a building. Mr. Litchfield asked everyone to take a minute to read through the packet.

Discussion ensued on the Health Care Center meeting:

School bussing, local business sponsorship, parallel 501c3 operations were some items discussed.

The Town Hall meeting was then discussed:

Public confusion on the Wakefield Family Resource Center and grandparent concerns were some items of concern. Hopefully the public now understands that the Child Care Steering committee is in no way affiliated with the Wakefield Family Resource Center.

The survey was then discussed:

The survey showed 76 children are in need of child care. Nicki Decker voiced concern that some of the respondents might have filled out the survey indicating that they would use the facility if they needed it rather than filling it out for current need. The committee agreed that there may have been double dipping on surveys and that some of the need may not be current need.

Discussion followed on the size of the building that needs to be built. After some discussion it was decided that a building large enough to serve 50 children would be all that funding would be available for. If need grows later, then an addition could be added.

Leslie Bebee told the committee that the Gardner Foundation has committed to supporting this project.

The committee then discussed the cost of a building and the size of a structure that would be affordable. The committee is looking at a 75' x 50' building at approximately \$375,000.00. Discussion followed on equipping the facility, landscaping, fencing, etc. In kind or volunteer labor was discussed to reduce the cost of the project. Fund raising for equipment and playground equipment was discussed. Leslie Bebee volunteered to check into other private foundations that the committee could apply to for these expenses.

Jim Litchfield informed the committee that he spoke again with a property owner regarding purchasing property. He advised her that we would try to do the project with minimum impact to the farming

operation. And that we have a strict deadline to apply for funding. She told him that she would have a meeting with the family to address the issue.

Mr. Litchfield then shared a proposal for the site plan. After discussion, it was decided that we should purchase at least 1 ½ acres to allow room for expansion down the road. Mr. Litchfield also briefly discussed a design build concept which would reduce the cost and timing on the project if CDBG funding would allow it.

The committee then discussed state supplemental aid for users. Fees were also discussed.

The committee decided that they would approach the City Council with a request to build a facility, apply for CDBG funding and private funding. The goal would be to build and equip the facility for \$450,000.00.

The committee then decided to tour about three different facilities. City staff will arrange appointments with these facilities and get back to committee members to determine who can go when and where.

The next meeting will be held February 16, 2010 at noon at Sidelines Bar & Grille.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Submitted by

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