

RECREATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes from Thursday, September 20, 2007
Staff Lounge, 201 Field House
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attending: Mike Doyle, Mark Baumhover, Mary Eggenburg, Kerry DuBay, Jan Lawler, Chris Turner, David Patton, John Miller, Michelle Harder, Rich MacNeil, Ellie Herman, Rob DuBay, Rachael Collier, Amie Kiehn

CALL TO ORDER

Harry Ostrander called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ostrander welcomed the committee and asked to go around the room for introductions.

Update on the CRWC

Ostrander gave an overview of the \$69 million project. Student fees will pay for 59 million and athletics will pay for 9 million for the aquatics portion. The University is paying 750,000 for the Wellness Center portion. The project is moving along. It is a little behind schedule putting the construction documents together but the project timeline is still on. The bids will be received October 31st. Recreational Services should be in the building beginning December 2009 and fully operational for Spring Semester 2010.

In case of budget issues, there is a list of deducts that can be taken in order to reduce the project cost. These will have to be prioritized before we decide.

- Green Roof over the administrative area (\$165,000)
- Change in material finishes – Example: using the rubber flooring in the weight areas only instead of the entire fitness space. (\$330,000)
- Removing Gymnasium Skylights (\$65,000)
- Removing the sun screen on the East side (\$359,000)
- Removing 2 of the 5 competitive swimming pool skylights (\$150,000)
- Using different finishes in the competitive swimming pool (\$85,000)
- Not excavating the basement storage (\$101,000)
- Deleting one activity room (\$250,000)

In case the facility comes in under budget, there is one add on. Ostrander would like to add a hydraulic floor for the competitive swimming pool to aid in offering more swimming lessons. This would add \$250,000 to the project.

The construction budget is \$59 million. The additional project costs include fees to RDG, Facilities Management and FF & E. Ostrander is hoping to recover some of the management fee that was supposed to go to Mortenson who had been hired to help manage the project. Facilities Management just added more staff and plan to manage the project internally so Mortenson is no longer needed.

Michelle Harder asked about funding to renovate the Field House. Ostrander responded that there is 1.5 million set aside to renovate the Field House. Renovations will include converting the facility into a single point of control facility and converting the swimming pool into either fitness or athletics space.

Once the new facility opens and the Field House is renovated, all facilities will operate as single point of control facilities because funding will be coming from student fees. Memberships will also be sold to Faculty and Staff as well as the public. Recreational Services may also offer a youth rate and daily walk-in fees will still be offered. Memberships and walk-ins will give access to all recreation facilities. Tennis will still be an add-on fee. An agreement has been made that the University will offer a 2-year pilot program, reimbursing Faculty/Staff for 75% of their membership fee if they workout a certain number of times per month and take a health risk assessment.

Per state law, .05% of the project budget must go towards art. For this project that is \$345,000. The University hired Karim Rashid but the first design did not receive positive feedback. The University has asked Karim to make revisions. Ostrander is concerned that Karim was not given enough feedback and that the 2nd version may not look very different from the first. If this is the case, we may have to go back to the drawing board and put art in another area.

Ostrander passed around the latest renderings.

Boat House Update

Recreational Services is providing \$1 million towards the boat house project. It will be utilized by the club rowing team and our lesson programs. The boat house will be located in city park, just north of the skate park and closer to the river. It will be on city land which the city is leasing to the university for \$1/year in exchange for parking and public restrooms. This is primarily an athletics project.

NEW BUSINESS

K2 Presentation

Dave Patton let the committee know of a presentation at the Rental Center tonight. Chris Warner, a renowned mountain climber is coming to present tonight about a recent expedition to the summit of K2, the world's steepest mountain. The expedition was filmed for an upcoming NBC special. Patton invited the committee to attend.

Lakeside Lab

Ostrander reminded the committee that the University asked Recreational Services to help increase activity at Lakeside Lab. As a result, the Wildlife Camp Staff offered two weeks of camps this past summer in the Lake Okoboji area. Ostrander then introduced Rob DuBay, the newest staff member who oversees this area. DuBay passed out a summary of the feedback received from Wildlife Camps at Lakeside Lab participants. There were 37 total participants this past summer and many of them came from the SLED program. The SLED program is a summer program that is already established in

the area and is run through one of the local school districts. They incorporated Wildlife Camp into their program and sent the kids to camp for one week. Friends of Lakeside Lab helped out with equipment. DuBay recently conducted an evaluation meeting with all of the parties involved with the Lakeside Lab camps. Overall camps went well and the staff received great feedback but there are concerns about growing to big too fast. Next year the staff is planning two weeks as well since they have to work around other programs. DuBay also mentioned that Lakeside Lab is not use to so many people at once, that they normally have small groups. The university just hired a full-time executive director to oversee Lakeside. Mary Eggenburg asked where participants came from. DuBay answered primarily the Spirit Lake area. Ellen Herman asked if they would try and get more kids next year. DuBay answered they would like to keep the numbers around 20 kids per week in order to concentrate on producing quality program. One issue they have to deal with is staffing. The Wildlife Camp staff is already very busy running camps at Macbride Nature Recreation Area throughout the summer so there isn't lots of time to plan and hard to take staff away for camp at Lakeside Lab. Chris Turner asked if the staff commutes. DuBay answered that they did not and that Continuing Education picked up room and board for the staff who stayed for the week. Also, they utilized vehicles from Iowa State for transporting the kids throughout the week since it is closer than renting vehicles from Iowa.

Ostrander added that the regents think this area is under utilized for the money that goes up there. That the staff is taking it slowly to develop quality programs. There is potential for Wildlife Camps throughout the summer though and also for programs for all ages throughout the year.

Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Groundbreaking

Kerry DuBay invited the committee to the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center groundbreaking on Friday, October 19th at 10:00 a.m. The committee should be receiving invites in the mail in the next couple of days. The program for the groundbreaking ceremony involves Harry Ostrander, Sally Mason, possibly Regent Downer, Gary Barta, a captain from the Women's Swim Team, Phillip Jones, and Barrett Anderson. At the conclusion of the program, there will be a shovel picture of the Recreational Services Committee so members are encouraged to stick around for their picture.

Recreational Services Overview

Ostrander asked the committee members to pass along feedback from their various constituent groups. Ostrander then gave an overview of Recreational Services for the new committee members.

The recreation facilities include the Field House, the Recreation Building, the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex (HTRC), Fitness East in Halsey Hall, the Softball Complex, the Hawkeye Recreation Fields and Macbride Nature Recreation Area. The program areas include Intramurals, Sport Clubs, Fitness & Wellness, Lesson Programs, and Touch The Earth.

Herman asked what ended up happening to the Recreation Building once tennis was removed. Ostrander answered that it became a revenue issue and that we rent out the in-field for various soccer and baseball groups. Recreational Services purchased a portable indoor soccer wall which has become very popular. The in-field is rented quite a bit during the winter. The wall won't be installed this year until after the last football game due to the time it takes to install it.

Harder added that the Kinnick Society dinner will be held at the HTRC this year. As a result the facility will be shut down from 4:30 p.m. – close.

The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, October 18th and Thursday, November 15th. Both will be held at Noon in the Field House Staff Lounge.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.