

Hames PE Center Task Force Meeting
Centennial Hall
September 20, 2007
9:00am – 10:30 am

Minutes

Present: Reber Stein, Chair; Thad Poulson; Lisa Busch; Grace Brooks; Gretchen Clarke; Judy Ozment; Jack Ozment; Lynne McGowan; Fred Knowles; Tama Bevan; Hugh Bevan; David Wolf; Ann Strain; Steve Bradshaw; Christine Horan; Paul Columb; Matt Walsh; Kayla Boettcher; Megan Pasternak; Dan Morena; Dennis Smith; Robbie Craig

I. Short-Term Work Group

Thad presented the letter that he, Brian Hanson and Lisa Busch sent to the assembly requesting a special meeting on October 3, where they would consider a plan to allow the Hames PE Center to remain open after October 10, 2007.

II. Assembly meeting – September 25th

Thad, Lisa, and hopefully Brian will be in attendance and speak on the letter. The more people in attendance, the better, to show support for the effort.

III. Insurance

Dave Wolf reported that for the City to have liability insurance for the Hames PE it would be an additional \$15,000 a year for the City.

IV. Funding

Hames PE is owned outright by SJ and there are no liens against it.

Discussion regarding the Ketchikan facility, which is subsidized by the City of Ketchikan.

Continue conversation with Dr. Dobler in regards to private club that has made an offer.

Remain open to the idea of working with private group, rather than in opposition. There was some discussion about sending a letter to Dr. Dobler from this group asking him to keep us informed if any other offers are being made, and allowing the task force to communicate with the private group about public needs and wants.

Reber's research thus far has indicated there are no grants available to help with the operation. There are grants available for capital:

USDA Rural Development www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm

National Recreation and Parks Association

www.nrpa.org/content/default.aspex?documentId=975

A suggestion of dividing the building and renting some of the space to organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club, was also mentioned.

That led to the suggestion that we create a list to show the Assembly of possible configurations for the Hames Center that show different possible management strategies.

V. Non-Profit

There seems to be consensus about forming a non-profit for oversight and to demonstrate community involvement. Also want to ensure a link among the Stratton Library, Hames PE, The Sage Building and the Day Care Center – perhaps establishing a non-profit presence as an umbrella for all four entities. Exploration of these ideas, including whether there is already an existing non-profit who could house these items, will be discussed at a future meeting.

VI. Next Steps

Meet to prepare for the special meeting with the Assembly set for Oct 3.

Next meeting: September 26th, 8am at Centennial Hall, in the Rousseau Room