

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 7, 2009**

**Mayor Sullivan** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Members present:** Mayor Sullivan and Aldermen Kohlenberg, Miller, Schmitter, Morgan, Nold, Larsen and Antonneau

**Excused:** Alderman Cochrane

**Staff present:** Gard, Kitsembel, Duffy, Maurer and Coenen

**Others present:** Joe Moroni, President – Park & Recreation Board

**Community Center Economic Analysis and Feasibility Study, and City Beach Expansion**

**Study:** Maurer stated that the Park & Recreation Board, as directed by Council, has been looking at the top two Council priorities, a Community Center and expansion of City beach for the last 2 years.

- A) Presentation by Bray Architects and Ruckert-Mielke – Representatives from both companies were present and each went over a specific section of the Power Point presentation (attached.)
- B) Park and Recreation Board Report – President Joe Moroni had two handouts (attached.) First he went over the Growth Priority listing the pros and cons of the three Community Center locations. Next he briefed over the Ranking Form, outlining the top five rankings of the seventeen listed.
- C) Public Comment – Suellyn Schellpeper Rohrer, 918 W. LaBelle Avenue stated she has attended many of the Park & Rec meetings and wants Council to keep in mind that the “Community” Center is a civic center and not the Park & Recreation Department. She feels it should be located in the downtown at Wisconsin and Worthington as a western anchor into the City. This location will ideally coincide with the library and future train station, will enhance revitalization in the downtown and will allow expansion of the beach. Additionally, there were two other handouts for the Committee. The first was a letter from Donna Lillethun, 1101 Yosemite Road and the second was a listing of the individuals who had contacted the Community Center asking that their comments be shared. (Both handouts are attached.)

**Committee Discussion** – The Committee discussed all the cost aspects of the three community center sites and beach expansion as outlined in the presentation, if the Silver Lake site is not used for the Community Center that Council needs to look at development possibilities, funding and grant opportunities, beach expansion and boat launch relocation, parking, future City and population growth, tax loss, having an advisory referendum, hours of operation and staffing, crane option for the boat launch, the need for a clear understanding of costs and that the Community Center downtown location would be a draw for other development. The Committee agreed that they need more time to review what was presented this evening, have further discussion and start to eliminate options.

Sullivan stated that this item would be put on the October 20, 2009 Council agenda for discussion and to start the process of sorting and eliminating the options.

**Committee Recommendation to Council** – No recommendation was made this evening.

Motion by Antonneau to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting; second by Nold. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Diane Coenen, City Clerk