

ADDENDUM I

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

FEBRUARY 17, 2014

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Item 2. Request of Alderman Judy Stearns to participate remotely for the Committee of the Whole meeting due to a weather emergency. (Recommend that Alderman Judy Stearns be allowed to participate remotely.)
- Item 3. Public Comment
- Item 4. Committee of the Whole Minutes from January 21, 2014. (Recommend that the reading of the minutes of the previous Committee of the Whole Proceedings of January 21, 2014 be dispensed with and the amended minutes approved as printed.) (5 minutes)
- Item 5A. Proposed Soccer Complex and Community Center Project Attachment.
- Item 5B. Solid Waste Collection Services. *Public correspondence regarding Solid Waste Collection Services.*
- Item 5C. Comprehensive Plan – Discussion of the Scope of Work, Council Expectations and Project Timeline
- Item 6. Adjourn

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**For New
B-N Community Soccer Complex
and
B-N Community Center Facility**

February 2014

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Bloomington City Council/Normal Town Council

We are very excited to share with you the details of a unique opportunity to satisfy a number of significant needs of families, youth and older people in our community that will enhance both Bloomington and Normal in ways that are immeasurable.

A beautiful new state of the art Community Center will not only fill many unmet recreational needs in our community for young children to senior citizens, but it will also fortify the financial viability of a number of local operations so that they can continue to serve the needs of our community for many years to come. Many of our social agencies that service our communities youth (Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Western Avenue Community Center, etc.) are in need of upgraded facilities and funding these groups have many overlapping programs. In a new facility managed by the YMCA, these groups could share space and combine programs. Boys & Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Western Avenue Community Center, etc. would stay at their current locations on the west side of Bloomington but also share space and programming in the new Community Center. This proposal provides funds that will help upgrade some of the current facilities used by these organizations on the west side of Bloomington.

We believe you are also aware of the decision by the Federal Aviation Administration to require that the airport soccer facility cease to operate after 2017. The FAA will no longer allow these kinds of recreational activities to take place on properties close to major municipal airports.

Consequently, it is necessary to locate a new soccer facility elsewhere in the community or risk dismantling our extremely popular youth soccer program in the community serving over 3,000 kids today. We have found a location and have developed a design for a new community soccer facility that will not only serve the youth recreational soccer needs of the community, but will also allow our community to attract state and regional soccer tournaments.

The total project cost is \$32,000,000 (Community Center \$16,575,000, Soccer Complex \$14,925,000, upgrades to Boys & Girls Club and Link Center \$500,000). Short-term financing has been arranged with a combination of Busey and other local banks. There are many ways that this debt could be retired. One option to retire the loan is by use of a ¼ % sales tax increase in Bloomington-Normal. This sales tax increase would pay off the debt and have a sunset clause of 8 years. Details regarding this option are enclosed in this presentation.

There currently exists a YMCA Foundation which was established to provide for the maintenance of the Bloomington-Normal YMCA facilities and equipment. This Foundation has gotten new pledges of financial support sufficient to maintain the new Community Center. This fund will be in excess of \$3,000,000.

Bloomington-Normal's economy like the rest of the country has been very weak. These projects would not only create hundreds of construction jobs, but also long-term employment to operate the facilities and expand programs. Soccer tournaments and swim meets would attract thousands of visitors each year to stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants and also provide additional tax revenue (sales tax, food & beverage tax and hotel tax). Enclosed there is information provided by local labor unions, B-N Area Convention & Travel Bureau and local hotel/motel association.

Bloomington-Normal needs to attract new and retain current jobs. Our community needs facilities like these to help make B-N a more attractive place to live and work.

We have experienced a spike in the local crime rate and especially among the youths of our communities. The proposed community center and soccer facility would promote supervised activities and provide programming that reduces the vulnerability of at-risk youth. Statistics have proven that organized activities and community involvement has reduced juvenile crime (explained further in a letter from Sheriff Mike Emery).

Details of each project are included in this booklet. We know that both projects have overwhelming community support. We have included a number of letters of support, received over 2,800 postcards that are addressed to the Council's, not only supporting the projects but also the ¼ % sales tax increase. This support shows how important these projects are to our community and also the urgency associated with moving forward with both initiatives as soon as possible.

None of the citizens involved in this proposal have any financial or economic interest in these projects. We are simply community leaders interested in advocating for area youth and bettering the community for years to come.

Best regards,

CAAY Board

Citizens Advocating for Area Youth Project Overview

Community Center

- Swimming pool (8 lanes), two gymnasiums, locker rooms, wellness facility, running track, recreational rooms, academic enrichment lab, fine arts studio and community rooms
- 77,000 sq. ft.
- Shared facility for YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Western Ave. Community Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other interested not-for-profit groups – joint & expanded programs (see letter)
- \$16,575,000 to fully construct and \$500,000 in upgrades to Boys & Girls Club and Links Center
- Privately funded Foundation has been established to maintain Community Center
- Day to day operations of center to be paid for YMCA & other users of the facility

Soccer Complex

- 26 total fields, including 2 artificial turf fields
- 9 lighted, and 9 irrigated fields
- Paved parking for 1,000 cars
- Facilities for restrooms, concessions, meeting rooms
- \$14,925,000 to fully construct
- Facility maintenance and scheduling to be performed by Normal Parks & Recreation Department (same as Champion Fields)

Financing

- \$32 million credit from Busey Bank and other local banks
- Many options to retire debt
 - One option: ¼ cent sales tax increase is one option to finance the project. If used the debt could be fully retired in 8 years

Timeline

- Construction start dates
 - Community Center – Fall 2014
 - Soccer Complex – Summer 2014
- Facilities operational by:
 - Community Center – Spring 2016
 - Soccer Complex – Summer 2015

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Benefits to the Community

- To provide a safe environment for youth & family development
- Help reduce crime rate by encouraging comprehensive programming and behavioral stability
- Increase Quality of Life
 - Youth Recreation
 - Before/After School Programs
 - Youth Soccer
 - Swimming Programs & Teams
 - Basketball League
 - Teen Nights
 - Homeschool P.E.
 - Youth Dance Program
 - Summer Camps
 - Adult/Senior Programs
 - Adult Fitness Classes
 - Adult Soccer
 - Silver Sneakers Senior Fitness
 - S.N.A.P. (Special Needs Aquatic Therapy)
 - Master's Swimming
 - Family Opportunities & Programs
 - Public Indoor Family Swimming Facility
- New Partnerships
 - YMCA – BOYS & GIRLS CLUB – BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS- WESTERN AVENUE, ETC.
 - Combine Programs
 - Other Youth Groups & Human Services Organizations
 - Consolidate Staffing
 - Senior Groups
 - Soccer Complex
 - Merging of Youth Soccer Groups
- Economic Impact
 - Hundreds of construction jobs
 - Jobs to operate new facilities & expanded programs
 - Soccer tournaments & swim meets will attract thousands of visitors
 - Create sales tax revenue, hotels, restaurants, etc.
- New Quality of Life Additions
 - Will help recruit new businesses
 - Will help employers recruit employees
- Positive City/Town Collaboration



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As President of the McLean & Livingston County Building and Trades, I would like to express how important the Soccer Field Complex and Community Center are to our Local tradesmen and tradeswomen.

These two projects would create nearly 500,000 man hours, which equates to over 200 construction jobs for our members. Some of our members have been out of work for nearly two years. In these tough economic times, these two projects would come as a breath of fresh air.

We realize for these projects to move forward a small sales tax increase would be needed. However, our memberships' willingness to raise the sales tax 25¢ for every \$100.00 our members spend is a very small price to pay in order to benefit our members and their families. These construction jobs are much needed in our community.

In addition, the benefit to our youth in this community has no price tag. We feel it is very important for the young people of our community to have safe and structured opportunities to help them grow to be successful and contributing members of our community.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Veitengruber
President



BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL
AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Soccer Complex Estimated Economic Impact

- Per an Economics Research Associates Feasibility Study performed on the Bloomington-Normal area, the estimated direct economic impact of the soccer complex is approximately \$1.35 million in the facility's first year of operation, and approximately \$6 million in year 10. These figures are based on assumptions of attendee and participant origin, daily spending and length of stay, and facility revenues. This spending includes food/beverage, transportation, retail and entertainment, lodging, etc. If the economic impact is added together from each year, it will take approximately 6.5 years to generate the same amount of money that it costs to build the soccer complex. Note that this is overall spending, not strictly tax revenue.
- The soccer complex and usage will be modeled after the Champion Fields softball complex in Normal. Tournaments at Champion Fields generated over \$3.5 million in direct spending in 2013.
- Other cities of our size in Illinois and the Midwest have seen the need for better soccer facilities, including Rockford, Elgin, Moline, Muscatine, IA, Evansville, IN, etc.
 - Rockford Sportscore complex 2012 economic impact: **\$9,290,400**
- The economic impact from a new soccer complex will create full-time and part-time jobs throughout the community in food/beverage, transportation, retail and entertainment, and lodging. It is estimated that 23 jobs will be supported in the facility's first year, and as many as 86 jobs in year 10, per the feasibility study. In addition, construction (union) jobs will be employed during the construction of the facility.

| Summary of Gross Direct Economic Impacts (thousands) | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Spending Generated by the Facility | \$185.3 | \$189.9 | \$194.7 | \$279.1 | \$316.3 | \$333.4 | \$432.5 | \$443.1 | \$454.1 | \$465.5 |
| Spending Outside the Facility | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>F&B</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Locals | 202.7 | 207.8 | 212.9 | 243.2 | 251.5 | 283.1 | 320.3 | 327.7 | 335.9 | 344.3 |
| Non-Locals | 538.4 | 551.9 | 565.7 | 1,400.9 | 1,454.5 | 1,542.6 | 2,500.3 | 2,546.2 | 2,609.8 | 2,675.1 |
| <i>Transportation and Other</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Locals | 83.2 | 85.3 | 87.5 | 102.1 | 105.5 | 118.1 | 136.1 | 139.3 | 142.8 | 146.3 |
| Non-Locals | 228.7 | 234.4 | 240.3 | 454.3 | 472.5 | 510.1 | 755.6 | 769.0 | 788.2 | 807.9 |
| <i>Retail and Entertainment</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Locals | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 14.2 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 25.2 | 25.8 | 26.5 | 27.1 |
| Non-Locals | 43.1 | 44.1 | 45.2 | 248.9 | 260.2 | 268.2 | 501.7 | 508.7 | 521.4 | 534.4 |
| <i>Lodging</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Locals | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Non-Locals | 65.3 | 67.0 | 68.6 | 460.6 | 481.7 | 497.2 | 940.1 | 953.3 | 977.1 | 1,001.5 |
| Total | \$1,352.1 | \$1,385.9 | \$1,420.6 | \$3,203.3 | \$3,356.8 | \$3,567.7 | \$5,611.7 | \$5,712.9 | \$5,855.7 | \$6,002.1 |
| Room Nights | 866 | 866 | 866 | 5,674 | 5,789 | 5,829 | 10,753 | 10,638 | 10,638 | 10,638 |

Source: Economics Research Associates Feasibility Study

| Estimated Annual Demand (# of events) | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| High School Sports | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Leagues | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Small/Local Tournaments | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Regional/National tournaments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Camps/Clinics | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Special Events | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Total # of Events | 20 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 31 | 32 | 38 | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| Recreational/Rental Use - practices and Other Games (# of Hours) | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 |

Source: Economics Research Associates Feasibility Study

| Estimated Annual Attendance | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| High School Sports | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Leagues | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 |
| Small/Local Tournaments | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Regional/National tournaments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Camps/Clinics | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Events | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Total # of Attendees | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 11,500 | 11,950 | 11,950 | 19,450 | 19,200 | 19,200 | 19,200 |

Source: Economics Research Associates Feasibility Study

| Estimated Annual Participation | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| High School Sports | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Leagues | 960 | 960 | 960 | 960 | 1,440 | 1,440 | 1,440 | 1,440 | 1,440 | 1,440 |
| Small/Local Tournaments | 1,280 | 1,280 | 1,280 | 1,920 | 1,920 | 1,920 | 2,880 | 2,880 | 2,880 | 2,880 |
| Regional/National tournaments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,400 |
| Camps/Clinics | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Special Events | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total # of Participants | 2,540 | 2,540 | 2,540 | 6,380 | 6,910 | 7,010 | 11,170 | 11,120 | 11,120 | 11,120 |
| Recreational/Rental Use - practices and Other Games (# of Hours) | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 |

Source: Economics Research Associates Feasibility Study

| Net Annual Jobs Impact | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| From Facility | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| From F&B | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| From Transportation and Other | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| From Retail and Entertainment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| From Lodging | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Total - Based on Net Direct Spending | 11 | 11 | 11 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| Total - Based on Net Indirect Spending | 12 | 12 | 12 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| Total - Based on Total Net Spending | 23 | 23 | 23 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 87 | 86 | 86 | 86 |

Source: Economics Research Associates Feasibility Study

With a new soccer complex coming to town, this will allow for many opportunities to host soccer events which in turn will provide lots of extra revenue for our community. The following is a list of the types of events that the new complex would allow us to provide.

Tournaments 4-6 per year

March-November each year.

With the size of the proposed complex this would allow us to be able to host approx 150-200 teams per event.

With teams averaging approx 25 people per team. That is players, parents, coaches, officials etc. That would mean approx 5000 people would attend each event or approx **20-30 thousand** people attending the complex per year.

Types of Tournaments-

Youth Tournaments-For players 7-19 years of age. Competitive and Recreational Events

Adult Tournaments-For Adults 18 and above

College Showcase Tournaments-For High School age teams. These events can be 3-4 days long and would also attract college coaches to the area. An average College Showcase would attract 100-200 college coaches.

Olympic Development Program (ODP)

ODP is a national program which identifies players for State, Regional and National play.

Our geographic location is fantastic for this program. We would be able to provide a center for the following

State Training 3-5 Thousand Youth Players from Illinois-approx need 20 dates per year.

Regional Residential Camp-Once per year for 5 days. 14 States would be represented. Approx 196 Teams with Staff. Approx 5000 people who would be here in town for around 5 days.

National Camp-Approx 3000 players, coaches and staff for 5 days, once per year.

ODP Games-Hundreds of State, Regional and National games are played each year. We are in a great location for many of these games.

STATE/REGIONAL/NATIONAL YOUTH/ADULT COMPETITIONS

National Cup/Presidents Cup- These competitions are offered for youth and adult players and are played March-Nov each year. These competitions are offered everywhere from single games to week long competitions. These are offered from everything from in state teams to National competitions.

Elite Clubs National League-A National league for girls typically played over 3-4 days attracting hundreds of teams to each event

United States Soccer Federation Academy-The top National soccer league in the US for boys. These are played from singles games up to a 3-4 day tournament format. This event will attract many college coaches too.

State Leagues-For youth and Adult league players. These are played from single games up to 2-3 day tournament format.

Regional/National Leagues-Hundreds of teams compete in these each year. These are played as single games up to 3-4 day tournaments.

Super Y League-A summer league for players Under 16 thru college age groups. Hundreds of teams compete in this regional and National League.

LEAGUE PLAY-Youth/Adult-Competitive, Recreational and Special Olympics

Games are played typically on Saturdays and Sundays for youth and Midweek for adult. We have approx 3000 soccer players here in town.

Competitive teams will play teams from out of town here in town. Teams will travel from all over the state to play here.

Special Olympic events are played as one day or 3-4 day events.

COACHING EDUCATION

Two day to seven day residential events for State, regional and National courses. Thousands of coaches attend these each year.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Weekly, State and National events for all levels of College play.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Fall and Spring District and State Competitions for all levels of High School Play

PRO/SEMI PRO

Mens & Womens Pro and Semi pro games are played March-November. These are typically played as one or two games at a time. This would attract spectators to the games.

CAMPS

Day Camps and specialized Residential camps for youth and adult players. These could be operated anywhere from one day camps to ten day residential camps.

REDBIRD SWIM CLUB

Boomington/Normal, IL

A brand new 8-lane pool in the Bloomington Normal community has the possibility of attracting various swim meet and other aquatic related activity to B/N. This weekend, Redbird Swim Club is hosting over 600 kids and their families for a three day meet at Horton Pool. Horton was built in the 1960's and does not have the proper seating, locker rooms, etc.

However, with no other pool choices in town, we must use that facility. IWU's pool was not properly constructed and cannot host championships meets.

There is great swimming talent in this community. We have four swim clubs: Redbird Swim Club, the B/N Y Waves, the B/N Swim Club and the Funky Fish Swim Club, along with various summer clubs. A new state of the art 8 lane community pool is desperately needed. B/N is the top swimming area south of Chicago, but our current facilities do not match our talent.

Marc Tucci

Redbird Swim Club Meet Director

COMMUNITY LEADERS

“Our community needs a place that intentionally seeks inclusion and offers programming from cradle to grave”



January 22, 2014

Dear Council Members and Alderman,

In recent weeks, a group of non-profit community leaders and west Bloomington clergy have been meeting to discuss meaningful ways in which we can collaborate and partner more effectively to serve youth, families, and seniors. In particular, those most vulnerable in our community, and those at risk for youth delinquency. Those attending the meetings include:

- Michael O'Donnell, Board President/CAAY Member; West Bloomington Revitalization Project
- Amy Cottone, Executive Director; Western Avenue Community Center
- Socorro Alvarez, Hispanic and Latino Outreach Director; Western Avenue Community Center
- Grant Anderson, Executive Director; Boys & Girls Club
- Jon Voegele, Board President; Boys & Girls Club
- Rev. David Santana, Pastor; Restoration Church
- Rev. Frank McSwain, Pastor/CAAY member; Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
- Rev. John Rayford, Pastor/CAAY member; Mt. Moriah Church
- Rev. David Barton, Pastor; 2nd Presbyterian Church
- Dodie Dunson, Director; LINC Center
- Don Crittenden, Board President; Western Avenue Community Center
- Bob Cornwell, YMCA Member/CAAY Member/Former Executive Director; Western Avenue Community Center
- Bob Fleming, YMCA Member/CAAY Member
- Rusty Depew, Board Member; Western Avenue Community Center
- Pete Brandt, Board President; YMCA
- B.J. Wilken, Executive Director; YMCA
- Jeanne Stahlheber, Executive Director; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois

These meetings have included analyzing of current programs offered, understanding of community needs, developing relationships, and exploring ways to maximize efficiency and effectiveness to members in our community.

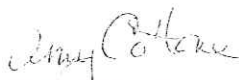
Early results indicate, there is concensus to develop a place whereby all community members feel welcomed, safe, valued, and is accessible to all, including those with physical disabilities, ethnicities and cultures. Discussion ensued that included the following language....

"Our community needs a place that intentionally seeks inclusion and offers programming from cradle to grave"

Our purpose in writing is to express our support for the efforts of C.A.A.Y (Citizens Advocating for Area Youth), and their future pursuits toward a new Community Center and Soccer Complex. In addition, we believe that the long term health of a community is dependent upon promoting integration, and engaging one another through like-minded activities. CAAY's vision seeks to foster these beliefs.

Thank you for your leadership and support of our community!

Sincerely,


 Amy Cottone
 Executive Director
 Western Avenue
 Community Center


 Grant Anderson
 Executive Director
 Boys & Girls Club


 B.J. Wilken
 Executive Director
 YMCA


 Jeanne Stahlheber
 Executive Director
 Big Brothers Big Sisters

LETTER FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT



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January 27, 2014

To : Board of Directors
Citizens Advocating for Area Youth

Dear CAAY Board,

One of our greatest assets in Bloomington, Normal and McLean County is that we are fortunate to have strong leadership in government, strong community leaders, and a great number of community volunteers willing to get involved to help support our youth.

It is known that facilities housing our many youth programs and activities are not in the best of condition. High maintenance costs and structural repairs are expensive and most times cost prohibitive. Excessive funding utilized for repairs diminishes funding available to provide structured and supervised youth activities. The Citizens Advocating for Area Youth has submitted a proposal to our Town and City leaders that provides a unique opportunity. That proposal provides a facility that encourages comprehensive programming, behavioral stability along with organized physical and nutritional fitness elements.

Prevention efforts aim to reduce factors that place youth at risk for perpetrating violence, and promote factors that protect youth at risk for violence. In addition, prevention should address all types of influences on youth violence: individual, relationship, community, and society. Effective prevention strategies are necessary to promote awareness about youth violence and to foster the commitment to social change. The proposed community center would be the foundation to consolidate services and resources, promote supervised activities and provide programming that reduces the vulnerability of at-risk youth. Statistics have proven that organized activities and community involvement has reduced juvenile crime.

As past chairman and current board member of the McLean County Juvenile Justice Council, I understand the importance of keeping our youth involved in good, structured, and supervised activities. Our Council works with our local youth groups and clubs and organizations like Western Avenue Community Center and Youth Build, Boys and Girls Club etc. These are the organizations, and others, that would have access to the Community Youth Center for academic purposes, sports and group/club meetings. This community Center would provide a venue that our youth would be proud of and respect and equally important, utilize.

I respectfully submit this letter in support of the proposed Community Center currently under consideration for Bloomington, Normal and McLean County. This Center, as proposed, would help to ensure our youth are provided an opportunity to participate, to learn, and most importantly, options that allow them to enjoy their youth void of gang pressure, drug involvement, truancy and incarceration.

Respectfully,


Mike Emery,
Sheriff

COMMUNITY WIDE SUPPORT

CAAY
Citizens Advocating for Area Youth
Board

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|---------------------|--|
| Steve Adams | Retired, Vice President of Student Affairs, Illinois State University |
| Leanna Bordner | Deputy Director of Athletics, Illinois State University Board Member, Bloomington-Normal Area Sports Commission |
| Rodney Brittain | President, Bloomington-Normal Hotel & Lodging Association |
| John Brownfield | Learning & Development Director, State Farm Insurance |
| Dr. Ed Colloton | Eye Surgical Associates |
| Bob Cornwell | Builder/Developer |
| Paul Dubravec | Vice President, Advance Trading, Inc. |
| Dodie Dunston | Director, LINK Center |
| Robert Fleming, Jr. | Vice President of the Illinois Division, Ravensberg, Inc. |
| John Hanson | Owner, Hanson Cleaners Past Bloomington Councilman |
| Matt Hawkins | Sports Marketing Manager, Bloomington-Normal Convention & Visitors Bureau |
| Bob Hermes | President, Hermes Service and Sales |
| Crystal Howard | Director, Bloomington-Normal Convention & Visitors Bureau |
| Bob Kohlhasse | Engineering Manager, Farnsworth Group |
| Dave Magers | CEO, Mecum Collector Car Auctions Past CFO, Country Financial |
| Frank McSwain | Senior Pastor, Mount Pisgah Baptist Church |
| Ronn Morehead | President, Bloomington-Normal Trades and Labor Assembly Chair, Board of Directors, Bloomington-Normal Area Convention and Visitors Bureau |
| Barb Nathan | Director, Westminster Village Past Director of Community Cancer Center |
| Adam Nielsen | Director of National Legislation, Illinois Farm Bureau Past Town of Normal Councilman |
| Michael O'Donnell | Board President, West Bloomington Revitalization Project |
| John Penn | V.P. & Regional Manager, Laborers' International Union of North America |
| Rick Penn | President, Sunburst Nursery |
| Richard Percy, Sr. | Co-Owner/Secretary, Clemens & Associates Past President, Unit 5 School Board |
| John Rayford | Senior Pastor, Mount Moriah Christian Church |
| Frank Schuler | President, Prairie City Soccer League |
| Carl Sneed | Retired Chief Lending Officer, State Farm Bank |
| Steve Snyder | President, Snyder Companies |
| Jeff Tinervin | President, First Site Development |
| Marc Tucci | Financial Advisor |
| Julia Turner | Past President of the Board, Illinois Fusion Soccer |
| Rich Veitengruber | President, Livingston & McLean Co. Building & Trades Council Past Bloomington Councilman |
| Mike Wagner | Associate Athletic Director, Illinois Wesleyan University Chairman, Bloomington-Normal Area Sports Commission |
| Dave Wampler | President, Morton Community Bank |
| Rockie Zeigler | President, Original Smith Printing, Co. Past Executive Director, Mid Central Community Action |

Letters of Support

Law Enforcement

Mike Emery – Current Sheriff

Future Community Center Partners

West Bloomington Community Leaders
Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois
Western Avenue
YMCA

Churches

St. Mary's Parish
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Calvary United Methodist Church
Mount Moriah Christian Church
Saint Patrick Catholic Church of Merna
Second Presbyterian Church
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

Unions

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| Boilermakers | Bricklayers |
| Carpenters | Electrical Workers |
| Millwrights | Elevator Construction |
| Heat & Frost Insulators | Iron Workers |
| Laborers | Millwrights |
| Operating Engineers | Painters/Glaziers |
| Plumbers & Pipefitters | Road Sprinkler Fitters |
| Roofers | Sheet Metal Workers |
| Teamsters | Plasterers-Cement Masons |

Future Soccer Complex Organizations

Reign Soccer Club
Illinois Fusion Soccer Club
Prairie Soccer League

Athletics & Academic

Heartland Community College – Athletic Director
Illinois Wesleyan University – Athletic Department
Illinois State University – Athletic Director
Normal Community High School – Athletic Director
Normal West High School – Athletic Director
Bloomington High School – Athletic Director
University High School – Athletic Director
Central Catholic High School – Athletic Director

Organizations

United Way
B-N Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
Sports Commission – B-N Area
BN Hotel & Lodging Association
Illinois Department of Commerce
Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association
IHSA – Illinois High School Association
IESA – Illinois Elementary School Association
Special Olympics Illinois
YMCA Aquatics
YMCA Waves Swim Team
Central Illinois Regional Airport

Local Businesses

Advocate BroMenn Medical Center
Extreme Motors – Dan O'Brien
Brad Barker Honda – Brad Barker
Park-Stoutamoyer & Associates, Inc. – Brad Park
Reality Bites – Gary Pagano
Minerva Promotions – Tony Todaro
Avanti's Italian Restaurant – Rich Zeller
Daddio's – Butch Thompson
Alliance Land Title – Patrick O'Rourke
Schulz Heating & Cooling – Paul Schulz
Hermes Sales & Service – Bob Hermes
Times Past Inn – Art Donaldson
Hooters of Bloomington – Adam Hawkins
Sunburst Nursery – Rick Penn
Illinois Construction, LLC – Marti Rave
Just Right Lawn Care – Mosey Thompson
First Site, Ltd. – Betsy Tinervin & Ulises Napoles
Holiday Inn & Suites – Michelle Irvin
Inlanta Mortgage, Inc. – Rebecca Stiles
Chrisman-Wyse Dental – David Wyse
Johnston Builders – Bill Johnston
TEK Systems – Keith Gosch
Keller Williams Realty – Danell Moberly
Stark Excavating, Inc. – David Stark
Emerald Cleaning Services, LLC – Tammy Vaughn
Clemens & Associates – Frank Niepagen
Franke Construction – Don Franke
Drywall City – Mike Finn

Masters Brothers HVAC – Rick Masters
Ken Verkler Construction – Ken Verkler
SV Concrete Construction, LLC – Chris Shanks
Thornton Rave Construction, LLC – Joe Thornton
Felmley-Dickerson Co – John Meek
Ravensberg Inc. – Robert Fleming
Bloomington Pediatrics & Allergy, Inc. – Doctors Boe, Marshall, Ulbrich, Bandy, Weaver, Zimmerman, Emm
Benefit Planning Associates – Jeff Gilmore
Suzi Davis Travel – Tim Davis
Livingston, Barger Law Firm – Peter Brandt
James Ginzkey Law Firm – James Ginzkey
Jefferson Accounting Firm – D. Paul Jefferson
Next Step Dance Studio – Darcey Sunken
Starcrest Cleaners – Leo Hermes
Nord Mowing & Snow Removal – Clint Nord
Coldwell Banker Commercial – Greg Yount
O'Neal Builders – Jim O'Neal
SOS Plumbing – Brian Schenk
Financial Advisor – Marc Tucci
Shirk Products – Jim Shirk
Schooners – Robert Groetken
State Farm Agent – Mike Sprague
Calvert & Metzler – Alex Calvert
Van Gundy Insurance – Dave McGrew/Rod Brent
Vercruysse Insurance Agency, LLC – Brandon Vercruysse
Orthodontic Associates – Scott Peterson
ProAir Heating. & Cooling – Chad Mayes

City of Bloomington

Attention: City Manager, Mayor & Alderman,

I am in SUPPORT of the Soccer Complex & Community Center project. I will also SUPPORT a 1/4% sales tax increase.

Name Debbie Hall

Address 201 S. Evenden Ln

Bloomington, IL

Ward 7

City of Bloomington

Attention: City Manager, Mayor & Alderman,

I am in SUPPORT of the Soccer Complex & Community Center project. I will also SUPPORT a 1/4% sales tax increase.

Name Jamie Walker

Address 1501 N. Dale

Bloomington, IL

Ward 7

Postcards of
Support for Project & ¼ % Sales Tax Increase
(Over 3,000)

To: <jkarch@cityblm.org>
From: Dave Leman [REDACTED]
Date: 02/07/2014 10:44AM
Subject: Refuse Collection Feedback

Mr. Karch,

I received your letter dated February 4, 2014 regarding the City of Bloomington's study regarding refuse collection. Thank you for including me in the discussion. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with my "two cents worth".

My company manages a 10-unit apartment building at 714 Arcadia in Bloomington. During 2013, we paid \$5.89 per unit per month to have the trash removed. We share a dumpster with the apartment building next to ours. The dumpster is an 8-yard container and it is emptied one time every week. Occasionally, a resident

will throw a large item (chair/couch, etc) in the dumpster. The cost (\$5.89) covers the occasional "special" removal.

We manage about 1,500 units throughout Central Illinois. Our "company-wide" average refuse removal costs are between \$4.00 and \$6.00 per unit per month.

If I understand the "Staff proposal on cart-sharing" portion of your letter, we would have to pay \$16.00 per unit for the City's refuse removal services. I assume that is per month. If so, that would be a significant increase in our costs and we would choose to not participate.

I would be happy to discuss this further if you have any questions about our position.

Thanks

Dave Leman

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February 11, 2014

Mr. Jim Karch
Director of Public Works
115 E. Washington St. PO Box 3157
Bloomington, IL 61702-3157

Dear Mr. Karch:

I have received your letter dated February 4th relating to residential properties that are for multiple family housing. As the owner of properties at 815 N. Prairie and 503 E. Walnut I am responding with this letter because I am unable to attend the meeting on February 17th.

With reference to 815 N. Prairie, it is a six unit building that presently has seven total occupants. For the past ten to fifteen years we have never had more than three garbage cans out. I have no objection to being billed \$16.00 for each of the six units but I only need no more than four of the 35 gallon cans.

With reference to 503 E. Walnut, that property is immediately adjacent to my home and there are two tenants occupying the two units in that building. Every week, I take the garbage out and rarely do I use two cans for our house and 503 E. Walnut. Accordingly, two 35 gallon containers are perfectly adequate for that property and my home. I have no objection again to paying the monthly fee for my home and each of the two units in that building at 503.

I certainly hope that the City will continue to pick up the waste materials at both of these properties. It certainly seems to me to be economical and a benefit to the City to have a \$16.00 charge on each unit in each of those buildings and yet have only one can for 503 E. Walnut and three or four for 815 N. Prairie. That to me, seems like a no brainer.

Thank for considering this.

Sincerely,

David C. Wochner

From: Jim Karch/Cityblm
To: gene agnew <geneagnewsells@gmail.com>
Cc: Pam McDowell/Cityblm@Cityblm, Steve Arney/Cityblm@Cityblm

Date: Friday, February 14, 2014 04:40PM
Subject: Re: refuse collection for 602 e Monroe.

I'm sure you'll get to read about it in the paper:)

I'm Cc'ing the City Clerk's office so your comment can be included if possible in the report for Council Monday. I'm concerned at this point that it might be too late.

Thanks,

Jim

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-----gene agnew <[REDACTED]>-----

To: jkarch@cityblm.org
From: gene agnew <[REDACTED]>
Date: 02/14/2014 04:33PM
Subject: refuse collection for 602 e Monroe.

Jim,

Sorry for the late letter. Work has ben crazy. Understand if you don't consider letter. Have 7 units and we could share 2-3 units per container. That would not be a problem. Sorry, I will be out of town on Monday. Will not be able to make the meeting. Please let me know what is decided.
Thanks and take care Gene Agnew.

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Thanks Gene