

**Special Meeting
Board of Works and Parks Board
February 8, 2012
9:00am**

The meeting was called to order at 9am by Mayor Buckley who stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear a proposal from representatives of Community Health Network regarding the Hornet Park Community Center.

Roll Call **BOW Members present: Mayor Buckley and David Harrison. Parks Board Members present: Ed Marks, Beth Berg, and Joe Prindle. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer, Dan McMillan.**

Guests **Dr. Robin Ledyard, President Community Hospital East, and Steve Zetzl, Vice President Employer Health Solutions.**

Presentation Dr. Ledyard met with Dr. Paul Kaiser, Superintendent BG Schools over 6-9 months ago. She stated Community Health is interested in offering health care services to Beech Grove. As St. Francis exits there would like to fill the void for acute care services and eventually 24 hr. services.

Steve Zetzl stated they would offer a variety of services to the BG community. Community Health has heard over and over how to improve the over-all health of a community is to provide on site primary care centers and focus on prevention. They would like to form a partnership between the City, School system, and Community. They would have on site a wellness coach and a medical provider to help improve the over-all health of the community. This would also include developing community screening events and health fairs. This partnership would be a rental arrangement with the City and School. They would work collaboratively taking small steps over 18 months.

Dr. Ledyard ended with saying Community Health is trying to expand and reach out to help keep communities thriving. Community wants to take care of communities and have a commitment.

Discussion **Ed Marks asked how much square footage would they need at the community center?**

Steve Zetzl replied 1800-2400 sq. ft.

Marks asked what are their thoughts about co-existing with the present fitness center and banquet room rentals?

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Feb. 8, 2012 Zetzl answered they would support that and provide encouragement.

Marks asked as you move forward with a 24hr. 365 day facility is expansion a possibility?

Dr. Ledyard stated they are looking to do a free standing facility out on Emerson Ave. and they look to keep it in Beech Grove.

Marks asked what timeline they are on?

Dr. Ledyard said they would like to get a contract deal by March and be in by summer.

Marks asked if they have toured the facility?

Dr. Ledyard answered yes.

Marks asked what area will you use?

Zetzl stated they would occupy space that is least disruptive to the present operation.

Beth Berg asked if this is leading to a larger facility?

Dr. Ledyard stated they have looked at land on Emerson Ave. They would like to get going on the Hornet Center and move into a new facility in 2013.

Joe Prindle gave the history of the development of the community center stating they started off with CCD funds and partnered with the School. Prindle stated as a Park Board member and Library Board member he has a deep commitment to Beech Grove and he wants to hold on to the community center. Prindle said he appreciated their interest, but he wants to talk with the public before a decision is made. He is here for the citizens of BG and lots of people who utilize the facility. Prindle stated he thinks they need a special meeting of the Boards before a decision can be made.

Dr. Ledyard said they only want to enhance what you have and provide something that BG will need as St. Francis exits.

Mayor Buckley stated he appreciated their approach of not wanting to take over the community center. He expressed his concerns for the citizens with the loss of the ER in March stating this affects the Police and Fire as well.

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Feb. 8, 2012 The Mayor stated he would prefer something on Main St. or closer to the neighborhoods. Mayor Buckley said he appreciated them coming today.

Ed Marks asked if they were looking to build North of 465 on Emerson Ave?

Dr. Ledyard answered yes.

Marks stated personally from hearing both presentations he liked their business model ideas better and the fact that they could co-exist. The community is not in favor of losing the community center.

Dr. Ledyard encouraged people to visit their web site and go to Health Coach.

Marks said he appreciated their time.

Mayor Buckley stated he wanted to disclose for the record “I have not discussed with Community what St. Francis proposed”. He asked for final comments.

Dr. Ledyard stated thank you for the opportunity.

Mayor Buckley asked the former Mayor Warner Wiley if he had any comments.

Mayor Wiley stated he is not against health care and he agrees with what Joe Prindle said. Wiley said he was campaigning he heard over and over the need for a community center. Wiley said he is not sure if Mayor Buckley should check into the legal side of it because of Federal funds. Wiley said he would like to see a new facility built with an ER and 24 hr. beds available. He also stated St. Francis is opening an immediate care facility in the spring on Thompson Rd. east of Emerson Ave.

Mayor Buckley stated both Board will reconvene and come to a decision by March 5, 2012.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Buckley at 9:33am.