

Garner

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Community
Center



Department

Presenter: Mike Miner
Director
Garner Park & Rec

Overview

- July 2006 – Added new Position
 - Park & Recreation Director
- June 2007 – Opened \$3.1 million Aquatic Center
- August 2009 – Added new Position
 - Recreation Coordinator
- October 2009 – Opening \$3.9 million Veterans Memorial Recreation Center

All Projects & Positions were added without increasing the debt service levy.

■ Projects needed

- Public

- Support

- Financing

- Timing

- Luck

Garner Aquatic Center



- Opened in 2007
- 300,000 gallons
- Money raised \$700,000
- Bonded for \$2.5 Million
- Vote total – 79%
- Total Project Cost - \$3.1 Million
- \$115,000 Maintenance fund
- An operating budget of just over \$145,000

Veterans Memorial Recreation Center



- Opening October 2009
- 23,000 Square Feet
- Money raised - \$767,000
- Bonded for \$2.75 Million
- Vote Total – 70.1%
- Internal Loans - \$215,000
- Local Options Sales Tax - \$186,000
- Total project cost \$3.9 Million
- \$125,000 Maintenance Fund
- An operating budget of just under \$200,000

Background of Aquatic Center

- 2001 University of Northern Iowa survey
- Top 2 projects of interest
 - 50+ years old small, square pool
 - 50+ years old memorial building
- Election of council members
 - Agenda to build a new pool
 - April 2004, Pool Committee appointed

Background of Aquatic Center

- PLANNING AND ORGANIZING
 - Fundraising done by Pool Committee
 - Sub committees:
 - Public Relations
 - Finance
 - Design
 - Election in 2005, Bond Passed
 - Spring 2006, creating a full time position (Parks & Rec. Director) and construction began

Background on Recreation Center

- Facility Tours
- Rec Center committee Appointed
- Subcommittees within:
 - Operations
 - Grants/Financing
 - PR/Promotion
- Summer 2007, design ideas in place
- Election 2007, Bond passed
- Spring 2009, hired full time Rec. Coordinator
 - Construction began
 - Set to open this October

Main Points

- Projects needed
 - Public Support
 - Financing
 - Timing
 - Luck
- Garner's Philosophy
 - When doing a project do it right the first time
 - Throw whatever money you can at the project to get the project done and done right.
 - Use all resources available.

Any Questions?