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Subject: RE: Get ready for an exciting 2016!

Dear members of the B/CS/BV YMCA/Natatorium Advisory Council;

I hope you have all enjoy the holiday season and are now comfortably settled into your daily routines. Don't get too comfortable just yet.

- **Getting better organized.** As we closed out the 2015 calendar year the Advisory Council took a step to become a bit better organized. We selected three members to serve on a Executive Board. They are Dr. Karl Mooney, Chair, Mark Maltsberger, Vice-Chair, and Chuck Glenewinkel, Secretary.
- **The YMCA Center at Blinn College.** During our December meeting with representatives from Blinn College it was made clear that they want the YMCA-operated recreation center in the northeast corner of their campus in Bryan. We have now shared the documents that served as the foundation for the model we are following that exists between the University of Washington – Tacoma and the YMCA of Pierce County and Kitsap County (WA). The Blinn College legal team is reviewing them and working on a draft for a similar arrangement with the YMCA in our community. In addition, on January 21st, the YMCA of Greater Houston's finance team will initiate its meetings with Blinn College to work on an agreement that will put this facility on a faster track.

The vision for the YMCA Center at Blinn College is that it will serve Blinn College and the community. By positioning the facility in the northeast quadrant of the Blinn campus, Blinn students will be able park on campus while community residents will have parking and facility access from the north, specifically Nash Street and Villa Maria Drive. Funding is proposed to be provided by a \$50/semester student fee. Using the current Blinn College - Bryan Campus enrollment of nearly 14,000 students that would result in an annual revenue stream of \$1.4 million. The early conceptual plan for the YMCA Center at Blinn College is that it will include classrooms, meeting rooms, offices, rooms dedicated to specific purposes (i.e., dance, yoga, Zumba, free weights, treadmills/various fitness apparatus), at least one gymnasium that can be divided for multiple activities, a natatorium (the size and scope is to be determined), and outdoor fields. We are hopeful that a ribbon-cutting could occur sometime in 2018.

- **Focus groups.** We continue to create focus groups to create a clear idea of what our community needs in a YMCA/Natatorium. This is a crucial step in the process as it shapes the design and the programming the Y will designate as its first and future targets. If you have additional people to add to the focus groups, go ahead and send me their names and contact information. It is our plan to initiate the focus group meetings while Ray Purvis, the Y's Vice President for Collaborations and Community Development, is in town January 21-23.

- **The College Station YMCA continues to move forward.** The location at the future intersection of Lakeway and Bird Pond Road is getting the greatest amount of attention. The City of College Station is in the design phase of extending Lakeway from where it ends behind Lowe's in a northeasterly direction to Rock Prairie Road, just east of the Baylor Scott & White Hospital. The developer is offering the land and will build an extension of Bird Pond Road to intersect with Lakeway, just southeast of the hospital. The developer's construction partner has proposed that he build the YMCA with a natatorium that includes a competition pool of 50m x 25m with spectator seating, a diving area, a heated therapy pool and a family swim area. The primary building would have retail on much of the ground floor with most of the Y's meeting rooms, classrooms, and other purpose-oriented areas on the second and other upper floors. Within the past several weeks two potential donors have stepped forward and expressed an interest in providing levels of financial support that could accelerate the College Station Y's development.

In addition, the development team for the area where the College Station Y is proposed to be placed are in contact with an experienced Y architect.

- **Visit to The Woodlands Creekside YMCA.** A visit is being planned to The Woodlands' Creekside YMCA. One of the unique characteristics of the Creekside Y is its trails that connect with the bike and pedestrian walk-way of The Woodlands. With the City of College Station's bike and hiking trails being developed just south of the planned YMCA, it is thought that a connecting trail from the Y in College Station would be an element that would further enhance the activities and health of Y participants.
- **Initial feasibility study results.** During the fall 2015 semester Dr. Janet Parish of the Department of Marketing in the Mays Business School and a group of her graduate students conducted the first phase of the YMCA/Natatorium feasibility study. Their thorough analysis was comprehensive and analyzed whether or not a YMCA would provide a meaningful and sustainable resource in the B/CS/BV community. Their findings were presented in December. An analysis of data for a YMCA Center at Blinn College and a YMCA in College Station led them to conclude that both YMCAs are needed, they would both thrive and the community at large would benefit.
- **Other programs:**
 - In a meeting with Dr. Ealy, the College Station ISD Superintendent, it was determined that the CSISD would benefit from a partnership to help the district with its inability to meet the demands on eleven campuses for after school and summer programs as early as fall 2016. Dr. Ealy also expressed the district's interest in exploring how it could partner with the YMCA for use of the natatorium and perhaps enabling district staff and faculty the opportunity to have access to the Y's programs and facilities.
 - St. Joseph's Hospital, whose parent company is Catholic Health Initiatives, has expressed an interest in working with the YMCA in B/CS/BV. In the City of Houston, other CHI hospitals, St. Luke's and Mercy, are already partnering with the Y and its Center for Disease Control certified program that focuses on diabetes prevention and intervention. St. Joseph's and the YMCA are discussing how to bring this idea to fruition.
 - Texas A&M believes a partnership with the YMCA could be beneficial to numerous TAMU programs and students. Through the office of Robert Bisor, Vice President at Texas A&M, the Y and various offices of TAMU will gradually establish mutually beneficial programs.
 - Some of the programs/colleges/departments being invited to partner with the Y are:
 - Study Abroad
 - Mays Business School
 - Department of Equine Science
 - Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Science
 - Department of Child Professional Services
 - Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture
 - Department of Horticulture
 - Department of Health and Kinesiology

- Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Science
- College of Agriculture/ Texas AgriLife Extension Programs

I hope you feel that this provides you with a comprehensive review of where we are as we begin 2016. The work that has been accomplished thus far is reason to believe that 2016 will be especially rewarding and important in the development of the YMCA to Bryan/College Station and the Brazos Valley.

Thank you for your continued effort on the YMCA/Natatorium Advisory Council.

Dr. Karl P. Mooney, Councilman and Chairman
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Subject: Reminder of YMCA/Natatorium Advisory Council Meeting

Advisory Board members:

This is a gentle reminder that our next YMCA/Natatorium Advisory Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8th at noon at the Hawthorne Suites Hotel in College Station. A light lunch will be provided.

Please be prepared to identify and provide contact information for five to eight people in our community who would be good contacts for interviews by TAMU students who are preparing the feasibility study.

We will take this opportunity to review where we have been and plan for where and how we need to go in 2016.

I am looking forward to seeing you there!

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