

MJGSC COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER PROPOSAL AND RESPONSE, JUNE, 2008

Geisse Foundation proposed to lead fund-raise, design, build, and donate to Indy Parks a \$2 million Community Wellness Center. Pike Youth Soccer Club proposed to operate the facility paying all operating expenses including utilities and maintenance costs.

Indy Parks' Response to proposed wellness facility at Eagle Creek, June 25, 2008

“After reviewing the minutes from both neighborhood and community meetings and conversations with Don Colvin, Resource Development Administrator, and Tom Geisse, representative of the John F. and Mary A. Geisse Foundation, it is my decision not to pursue the planned proposal to build a community wellness center on Eagle Creek property. I do support the original master plan, which calls for hardening the surface of the parking lot and a small building for restrooms, concessions, and storage. As preparation is being made for the second phase of the master plan, you will be contacted to be a part of that discussion.

Sincerely,

Joseph Wynns

Director”

As posted June 2008 <http://www.indygov.org:80/eGov/City/DPR/Admin/Public/News.htm>

June 25, 2008 " *The John F. and Mary A. Geisse Foundation* respects the decision of Indy Parks not to pursue a \$2 million improvement to Eagle Creek Park. The Geisse Foundation is pleased to have taken a lead role in the development of the Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex, which was an exception to its core mission of funding preselected organizations that have demonstrated success helping people break the cycle of poverty in the developing world."

June 25, 2008 " *Pike Youth Soccer Club* appreciates the input of its fellow neighbors and friends and understands the decision of Director Indy Parks Joseph Wynns not to pursue, at this time, the proposal made by the Geisse Foundation to take the lead fundraising role in the development of a Community Wellness Center in the Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex, Eagle Creek Park.

Pike Youth Soccer Club remains committed to the original plans, drafted in 2000, for the Complex, which include a facility with restrooms, concessions, storage, meeting and training rooms. Pike Soccer Club appreciates Indy Parks commitment to construct a facility as well as hardening the parking areas and building an entrance from West 56th Street.

The members of Pike Youth Soccer Club, its sponsors, and benefactors raised and contributed over \$1.3 million, so far, to Indy Parks to design, build, and maintain Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex. In addition, parents and supporters volunteer tens of thousands of hours each year to operate and help maintain both the Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex and Northwestway Park.

Now in its 30th year, Pike Youth Soccer Club, in partnership with Indy Parks, continues to serve over 3000 young Park patrons and their families each year."