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To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: New Rec Center in Lawrence

From: pau chong [mailto:pauyingc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 11:24 AM
To: rajeev trehan; David L. Corliss
Subject: New Rec Center in Lawrence

Dear Lawrence City Manager Mr. David Corliss,

As a long time resident in the city of Lawrence, I would like to voice my request in the recent plan for the new recreation center in west Lawrence. I'd like to see the availability of badminton courts in this new rec center. Please let me know who is the right person to give feedback on this matter. Dr. Rajeev Trehan here, also a long time Lawrence resident, has been the official line judge in the previous Olympic badminton games and will be helpful in planning the new courts. Similar to Matt Ross Community center in Overland park, we only need to put down appropriate lines in any basketball courts to use it as a badminton court. Minimum capital or operating cost will be incurred with the addition of badminton courts, but it will benefit many residents in Lawrence.

Best regards,
Pau Ying Chong

18 July 2012

To: Lawrence City Commission
c/o David Corliss, City Manager
Joe Caldwell, Chair, City Recreation Advisory Board
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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
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Re: Planning the future Lawrence Community Recreation Facility

Sirs;

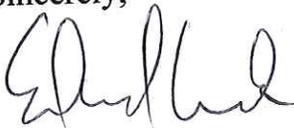
Regarding the new recreation facility being planned for northwest Lawrence, no mention has been made for the inclusion of one or two courts that could be used for handball/racquetball/wallyball. Holcom Complex has one such court which is inadequate for group activities and is difficult to reserve. Alternatively, several courts in Robinson Gym at KU are not accessible to the community at large and 2 private courts at the Lawrence Athletic Club are in jeopardy. Having at least 2 courts in the new facility would allow expanded group dynamics and possible tournaments that could draw from the Kansas City or Topeka areas.

This limited space might not create the same attention as the basketball tournaments that are currently being discussed, but these public facilities would be more accessible and would minimally see the following of current enthusiasts. In order to offset maintenance expenses, limited memberships could be charged for these specialized courts.

The floor space necessary for 2 courts could double as an area for other limited floor activities, or to provide a closed security area when other major events are planned.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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