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## Camas Community Center committee partners with foundation

Project is expected to involve a public bond vote

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A group involved in planning for a new Camas Community Center is teaming up with the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington, in order to launch a major capital campaign to finance a new center and public swimming pool.

Community Center Development Committee Chair Nan Henriksen and Community Foundation of Southwest Washington President Rick Melching have formalized an agreement between the two entities. The foundation recently presented a \$6,000 check to the committee, after a collaborative agreement was signed. The check, which included a \$3,000 anonymous donation, was matched with a \$6,000 grant from the Friends of the Camas Community Center.



Nan Henriksen

That \$12,000 has been added to a \$50,000 grant from the Friends, as well as CCDC board pledges and individual community donations.

The CCDC is forming its own 501(c)3 nonprofit organization as it goes through the process of designing the new building and raising funds for it.

"The CCDC is now going to be an independent organization," Henriksen said. "It seemed to be confusing as a subcommittee of the Friends. We are forging out on our own."

She said there is still a strong coalition between the Friends, the city of Camas and the Camas and Washougal school districts.

"We will continue to work together," Henriksen said. "There's no way any one group can make this project happen. We don't want it to take another 20 years. I'm shocked that 20 years after we began operating the community center, we are still in that old schoolhouse and the uncovered pool."

Read the rest of the story in the Feb. 16 issue of the Post-Record

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