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To Whom It May Concern:

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission has (CRC) engaged DNK Architects, Inc. on various projects that have all turned out extremely successful. David Kirk and his staff were at all times the ultimate professionals and represented CRC as part of the design team. The two most recent projects that DNK did for us were the Millvale and Hartwell recreation centers which both had unique design problems.

Millvale is a center that houses not only the recreation functions but a health clinic, a dental clinic and a private daycare center. Each of these uses required different access, HVAC requirements and building codes to comply with. They worked with a group of stakeholders that had a large and varied list of needs and wants. DNK led the design team with great interpersonal skills and "out of the box thinking" that solved all of the concerns.

The Hartwell project more than doubled the size of the existing shelter building into a true Recreation Center. The project site was at a highly visible intersection that required any addition and renovation to have orientations and finishes that were acceptable to not only residents but the business community as well. Once again, DNK's design abilities and real concern for all involved created a successful project.

I would highly recommend DNK for any project that needs to keep stakeholders satisfied and to stay within budget. They are a great group to work with and will take all the time necessary to insure a successful project. If you have questions, please feel free to call me anytime at (513) 352-4942.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Koopman, PE Supervising Engineer City of Cincinnati





