

## Community Building Development Team

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Location: Cedar Springs UM Church

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

Tom Mabie	Claudia Mabie	Craig Owens	Donna Clark
Bob Truesdale	Don Mabie	Tom Holloway	Kurt Mabie
Betty Truesdale	Sue Wolfe	Becky Powell	Carolee Cole

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

There was no agenda except to discuss the amended Resolution.

- A. There was a short discussion of how the New Library Building Fundraising Committee came into existence.
- B. Representatives of En Gedi expressed that it is not their goal to own a building.
  - a. They prefer to have access to a facility that will meet their needs through a contract.
  - b. They were excited about partnering with the library because the library has always talked as if they would build a community/library building.
  - c. En Gedi intends to form a contract with whichever building owner they work with, that will be collaborative to the extent that they will have significant input into the use of a building and the format of the building so that it consistently and effectively meets their needs
  - d. The Resolution, in its amended form does not grant this contractual respect and collaboration to En Gedi, so they do not intend to approve the amended Resolution.
- C. There is concern that the Library Board acted illegally when they went into closed session to amend the Resolution.
  - a. We cannot defend, using the Open Meetings Act, the closed session for the purpose of amending a resolution.
  - b. We believe this renders the amended Resolution null and void and we will not vote to approve or disapprove it due to this irregularity in process.
- D. Kurt Mabie suggested we organize a committee separate from the library, whose purpose will be to develop a plan for and raise the money to build a community building. Everyone agreed that it would be the hope of the committee that the Library Board would eventually join with us and that the building built will be a library/community building.
  - a. This group cannot go forward with the Library Board in its present state, as the Library Board is unwilling to include the community group, En Gedi, in their plans in a meaningful way. Assumedly this spirit would extend to other community groups who need the space a community building can provide.
  - b. The library still has not convened a Building Committee and still has no vision for what the building will consist of, who it will serve, etc. Month after month passes with no decision or even a meeting to start the process of making a decision.
  - c. The community has not yet been invited to participate in anything other than fund-raising for the new library building. There has been no solicitation of opinion from the community, from financial stake holders, or from influential stake holders in the community; and to the contrary community members and all stake holders have been excluded or at least distanced by the spirit of the governance of the Library Board.
- E. Therefore the New Library Fund Raising Committee is dissolved and in its place the Community Building Development Team is established with the distinct and passionate hope and belief that there will someday be a library/community building.

- F. It was decided that Kurt Mabie will approach Thad Taylor, Cedar Spring City Manager, to be placed on the agenda of the City Council at its June 13, 2013 meeting, or if it is not possible for June, then at its July 11, City Council Meeting.
  - a. Kurt Mabie will prepare a presentation to the City Council of the general goals and intent of this new community team.
  - b. Sue Wolfe will be introducing the City Council to the En Gedi mission and purpose during the public comments section of the June 13 meeting.
- G. It was suggested that Kurt Mabie be Chairperson of the Community Building Development Team and he agreed to ponder it.

Future Meetings will enthusiastically be held on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Solon Center Wesleyan Church.

Adjournment: 6:55 p.m.