

## Community Building Development Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Location: Solon Center Wesleyan Church

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

Tom Mabie	Claudia Mabie	Keith	
Bob Truesdale	Tom Holloway	Kurt Mabie	
Betty Truesdale	Sue Wolfe	Becky Powell	Carolee Cole

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by Kurt Mabie.

- A. Parameters for moving forward were suggested and discussed.
  - a. Develop a process with care, attempting to include everyone
  - b. Establish a vision.
  - c. Plant seeds of ideas and allow community members to wrap their mind around a vision.
  - d. All ideas are welcome
  - e. We must be very patient and avoid creating any barriers.
  - f. This needs to truly be a community project.
- B. Questions
  - a. Can the Community Center be built on the same lot as the library?
    - 1. The library owns the corner lot.
    - 2. The City owns the rest of the property all the way to the creek and beyond.
  - b. Can we move the fire barn?
- C. A brainstorming question elicited the following ideas:
  - a. Be the anchor of the community
  - b. Incorporate the linear park
  - c. Combine a Community Building and Library building
  - d. Share space in ways that allow different parts of the building to be secured from other parts allowing the building to be used without a lot of security concerns.
  - e. Meet all the different needs of our kids, families, seniors, groups etc. Don't be hemmed in by traditional ideas of what a library is or what a community building is.
  - f. Have a coffee shop.
  - g. Individual rooms with keyed entry for reading privately, music practice rooms, etc.
  - h. Treat the library as a media center.
  - i. Build an amphitheatre into the design.
  - j. Incorporate the artesian well/spring.
  - k. Move the fire barn. There is some interest in moving it to the site of the old community building and using the current library as office space.
  - l. Consider the 3 Mile project, the Caledonia Library, Wyoming Library, Kentwood Library, etc.
  - m. Performance or presentation rooms.
  - n. Zip lines
  - o. Paint Ball/Lazer Tag area.
  - p. Wading pool near the creek
  - q. Welcoming/gateway to the other downtown areas.
  - r. Multi-Level
  - s. Involve the DNR – trout habitat
  - t. Virtual school marriage with CSPS
  - u. Provide bike security opportunities for White Pine Trail users

- v. Investigate cost to build a new fire barn to meet the larger space requirements for a fire barn. (Our current price of \$130,000 keeps the internal structural components and buys new steel, insulation, etc.)
  - w. Multi-purpose room
  - x. Cultural activities
  - y. Social opportunities
  - z. Educational opportunities
- D. Steps to take before our next meeting:
- a. Bob Truesdale and Tom Mabie will continue to research the process of moving the firebarn.
  - b. Sue Wolfe will contact Sonia Cronkright and Jerry Homminga regarding their possible involvement.
  - c. Team members will begin a conversation with his/her friends in the community planting seeds of interest and collecting questions and concerns that are expressed during these conversations.
    - 1. Ideas for what to include in these conversations:
      - 1. Want to create a community gathering center/town focal point, that we can all use for our personal and community activities.
      - 2. This building/space would serve large or small gatherings, outdoor or indoor activities.
      - 3. We hope we can create space so you can choose to have gatherings here in Cedar rather than having to leave town or use a tent, risking the weather, etc.
- E. We are working on a vision statement and phrases that allow for great marketing.
- a. “Cedar Springs Community Center – A Place to Build Memories”
  - b. “Enhancing “Community” in the community of Cedar Springs”
  - c. Supporting “Community in the Community of Greater Cedar Springs
  - d. A Community Building for the Community of Greater Cedar Springs
  - e. Enriching the Community of Greater Cedar Springs
  - f. I support the Cedar Springs Community Building – Ask Me Why!?

The meeting was closed at 7:40.

Next meeting: July 16, Tuesday, 5:30 – 7:30, Solon Wesleyan Church