

Community Building Development Team
Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Location: Solon Center Wesleyan Church

Attendees:

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| Tom Mabie | Bob Truesdale | Betty Truesdale | Tom Holloway | Kurt Mabie |
| Mark Laws | Sue Wolfe | Carolee Cole | Donna Clark | Craig Owens |

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 by Kurt Mabie.

Fire Barn

- Tom Mabie reported that the fire barn will have to be brought up to code if it is moved. They are in the process of determining what impact and cost that will have on the moving of the building.
- Concern expressed that we perhaps should not be involved into the design of the firebarn as there will be costs that we may not want to get involved in.
- To our knowledge there is not any opposition on the City Council on moving the building, though there could be opposition if there is significant cost.
- Reminder that our only interest in the fire barn is to get it out of the way so we can move forward.
- Our focus on delving into the details of getting the building moved is to remove an obstacle but with consideration for making it a good experience for the city.
- It also would demonstrate to the community that something is happening if the building was physically moved making room for something new.

City of Cedar Springs Feedback

- Comment that as we move forward there will be adversity.
- Try not to alienate these folks.
- Keep it conversational.
- Seek information. Maybe they have a good idea or an insight that will make it work better.

Community Building Designs

- EnGedi looked at designs for what the Community Building would entail.
- They looked at a design that the Parks and Rec board put together in 2001 and 2002.
- We will review the survey information that was done 3 years ago by EnGedi and the Parks and Rec design.
- Comment that we need to start with a needs assessment before getting into design.

Needs Assessment

- The Library Board has not done a needs assessment.
- The Library Building Committee sent their agenda back to the Library Board and asked for a needs assessment.
- The Building Committee has some interest in a joint venture. So they are not moving forward with building plans until the needs assessment are done.
- We will get a needs assessment together by the next meeting.

Existing Community Building/Library Facilities

- We may want to visit any examples – Donna suggested Mustang, OK has a great example of a joint building.
- We will begin to develop a possible list.
- Suggestion we talk to the Grand Haven community building group.

Community Building Development Team Goals and Objectives

- We are designing our vision statement to align with the vision statement for the City of Cedar Springs.
- We see ourselves as a catalyst for springboarding this part of the City's vision forward.

Break at 6:05 to enjoy the pizza provided by Pastor Holloway. Thank You, Tom!!

- Discussion and review of vision statements of other entities in the community.
- Proposed Vision Statement will be emailed to members and then discussed and finalized at our next meeting:

Library Board Feedback

- Discussion regarding library board composition and probable changes in the near future.

Membership additions

- Sue talked to Sonia Cronkright. She sounds excited. We are going to get her email address and get her into the loop.
- Danielle Phillips is a possibility for either Library Board or our group.
- Craig Owns talked with the Chamber President, Shawn Kiphart (they are considering taking over Skinner Field) They are going to start attending our meetings.

Next Steps:

- Get something moving by October.
- Needs Assessment from EnGedi/Community Building
- Kurt will attend City Council
- Tom and Mayor will get further information on Fire Barn
- Kurt is going to meet with Earla and Christine
- Donna will contact Lance for questions relating to who does own libraries in the area. She will also ask him if there are any community and library building joint facilities.

Additional thoughts and comments.

- Suggestion that we go in pairs to speak with community groups and members.
- We are missing a couple of generations, those who are 20's to 30's.
- Lance is working on much of this and will be sharing it with us.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Solon Wesleyan Church.
Please contact Carolee Cole at caroleecole@gmail.com if you cannot make it.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Fire Barn Costs
- City of Cedar Springs Feedback
- Community Building Designs
- Existing Community Building/Library Facilities
- Community Building Development Team Goals and Objectives
- Library Board Feedback
- Membership Additions
- What's the next step?

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Carolee Cole