

**Community Building Development Team
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: Cedar Springs Manufacturing

VISION STATEMENT

The Community Building Development Team exists to construct a building and space where the many clubs, governmental entities, educational organizations, community organizations and residents of the greater Cedar Springs community can gather for cultural, educational, recreational, commercial and family/community events. Because this vision enhances the mission and goals of these many entities, we hope to collaborate with them to design, raise the funds and construct this space. It is our goal, as reflected in the vision statements of many other community entities, that the space will retain our small-town character, incorporate natural features, link neighborhoods, enhance characteristics that already define our community and make it easy for families, youth, senior citizens, organizations and all community members to gather, celebrate and serve each other.

- I. Call to order: The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Kurt Mabie.
- II. Roll Call: Present: Kurt Mabie Absent: Sonya Cronkright
 Tom Mabie Shannon Cooper
 Carolee Cole
 Sue Wolfe
 Betty Truesdale
- III. A motion was made by Carolee Cole and seconded by Tom Mabie to approve Sue Wolfe for a two-year term ending on December 31, 2015. Motion carried.
- IV. The DDA has a plan to run a foot path along the creek from Main St. to 17 Mile. If the Johnson property can be obtained, it would provide the opportunity to provide such a path from Main St. to Riggle Park.
- V. Josh, from Trout Unlimited is meeting with Thad Taylor, Cedar Springs City Manager, to talk about the habitat along the creek.
- VI. Trout Unlimited is starting a Rain Garden project on the corner of Fifth and Cherry on the property of CS Manufacturing. This will be an encouragement to the community as we move forward with plans.
- VII. The hopeful owners of a new brewery to be built at the corner of Maple and Main have presented a beautiful plan to the Planning Commission. They are planning to buy more land in order to provide adequate parking, etc.
- VIII. It is our understanding that the decision to move the site of the new library building from Main Street back closer to the trail is because the land on Main Street is wetter. If it is true that the only thing standing in the way of the library building on Main St. is the cost of the preparation of the building site due to the lowness of the land, we would like to further discuss offering the needed money to prepare the land. It has been suggested by City personnel that the land along Main St could be sold for the building of new businesses. We would much rather see the integrity and safety of Cedar Creek protected and the land along the creek be preserved as a green space, open and available to Cedar Springs residents to enjoy the natural beauty and habitat. It would be our strong hope that the land along Main St., between Cherry St. and Cedar Creek not be sold, but provide a beautiful park area as an entrance to the downtown area from the trail, with the spring, creek and White Pine Trail highlighted and developed, rather than a bunch of buildings blocking the view and ease of movement in that area.
- IX. Reminder that we had four main goals when we discussed the footprint of what we hoped to help build and support being built. Our goals were to support the building of a new library, build a community building, build a gymnasium, and build, help build or support building smaller meeting areas (classrooms).

- X. Holton's are working to wrap up the estate. Kathy Holton-Raudenbush is meeting with Thad Taylor this week to discuss what the city is planning for the future.
- XI. Reminder that our overall view has to be constantly focused on what is best for Cedar Springs.
- XII. We see this group's purpose as developing, supporting and funding ideas for the betterment of Cedar Springs and then passing them off, with a plan for financial solvency, to the appropriate entity that can then take responsibility for their day-to-day use.
- XIII. Reminder that the fire barn needs to be moved. We believe the other things that are happening with the Brewery, the Library, etc. will bring pressure to bear on moving the fire barn. There was discussion regarding the money that has been donated to move it. Suggestion to make the offer available through the end of 2014.
- XIV. Sue reported that Mayor Mark Fankhouser agreed to ask City Council members to if they would be agreeable to a meeting with the CBDT.
- XV. It might not be time to request a meeting with the Library Board. We will continue to attend their meetings and try to understand what their goals are.
- XVI. Decision that the order of business in the large monthly team meetings will include a discussion time following a motion and second so others, who are not on the Board of Directors, can give input. Discussion regarding how Board of Director's meetings differ from larger team meetings. Consensus that the purpose of the larger team meetings is to report out on what has been happening for the past month and obtain input regarding plans for the coming month.
- XVII. Agenda items for March 18, 2014 meeting:
 - A. Duane McIntyre – report on Library Building and Committee intentions.
 - B. Update on the Brewery – David Ringler
 - C. Update on Trout Unlimited meeting – Kurt
 - D. Request volunteers to serve on a committee to begin discussion on what elements need to be included in the Gymnasium
 - E. Community Night – Discuss who might be able to provide coverage of a booth; development of a booth.
 - F. Board member approval for two open seats.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Carolee Cole
Secretary