

# Community Building Development Team Meeting

## Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday – October 7, 2014

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: Cedar Springs Manufacturing

Attendees: Kurt Mabie, Betty Truesdale, Carolee Cole, Sue Wolfe, Dale Larson  
Sally Howland, Nick Andres, Tom Holloway

Absent: Tom Mabie on vacation in the South of France

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 a.m. by Kurt Mabie.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Added Parks and Recreation Update. Motion by Dale Larson, second by Tom Holloway. Agenda approved with change.
- III. Approval of September 15, 2014 Team Meeting Minutes: Motion by Dale Larson, second by Nick Andres. Minutes approved as presented.
- IV. Treasurers Report: See Attached. Motion by Nick Andres, second by Tom Holloway to approve payment for banners and other costs for Red Flannel Day. Motion passed.
- V. Johnson Property
  - A. The liens against the Johnson property are being resolved.
  - B. Leon Stout has done so much work to get the liens removed, etc.
  - C. Sue will write a Thank You Note to him.
  - D. We need to begin to consider foot bridges to cross the Creek as it will be necessary to obtain permits from the DNR as well as the City. Nick Andres will touch base with the DNR as to the right person and necessary steps to obtain permission so we can be ready.
- VI. Coxon Property – The Coxon property is in the process of being cleaned up.
- VII. Other Possible Land Acquisitions – Short discussion of other pieced of land that may be available.
- VIII. Parks and Rec Update:
  - A. Kathy Bremmer and Tom Holloway attended the Parks and Rec Board Meeting and presented what the CBDT is doing and in what ways we are hoping to partner with them.
  - B. It was clear from the scheduling problems they are having that they need a gymnasium.
  - C. They were enthusiastic and on board.
- IX. North Country Trail Update: We heard we could be named a trail town on the NCT if we ask.
- X. Library Building Update: Will be updated at the Team Meeting.
- XI. Design Committee Update: Will develop the site plan at the next meeting.
- XII. Amphitheater: Tom Holloway and Kathy Bremmer will present the concept for an amphitheater to City Council on October 9.

- XIII. DDA/Trout Unlimited/Walking Trail Along Creek
- A. The bill for installation of the Rain Garden at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Streets was received and was paid by CS Engineering – Sue Wolfe will write a thank you note to CS Engineering.
  - B. Joth Zuiderveen has access to a possible grant to do the Rain Garden by the spring behind the fire barn, but it would mean waiting to start the project till next fall.
  - C. Agreed we should develop the plan for the Rain Garden now, but not plan to do it until the grant can be obtained.
  - D. Motion made by Nick Andres, second by Tom Mabie to provide necessary funds to Trout Unlimited to design the Rain Garden so it is ready to install when the grant is obtained.
  - E. Reminder that we will need City approval for this Rain Garden.
- XIV. City Council Update: Kurt reminded us not to get caught up in controversial issues and concerns that are the city's responsibility.
- XV. Time Line Development: The Library is the next project to move forward then further plans can start to drop into place.
- XVI. Goals / Strategies – Kurt will be back on the 27<sup>th</sup> and then we'll get together.
- XVII. Website Update:
- A. Stacy will be done with Art Prize on Friday and then we'll move forward quickly.
  - B. Reminder that we need to develop topics we want on the website and then create the copy.
- XVIII. Red Flannel Day:
- A. Went beautifully! Great float. Distributed 1,000 cards before halfway through parade route.
  - B. Becky Powell expressed willingness to spearhead Red Flannel Day again next year.
  - C. Need at least 3000 cards to pass out next year.
  - D. Need at least 6 – 8 people to walk in the parade and distribute cards. Want to focus more on getting cards to adults who stand behind kids along the route.
- XVII. Naming of Area and Designing the presentation :
- A. Keep focused on planting seeds.
  - B. Sue will get city council and library group together to work on this.
- XVIII. Fire Barn: Pretty close on pricing. Will give an update at the Team Meeting.
- XIX. Holton's: Dale talked to them and they are willing for their name to be used and Chris is willing to participate in the committee.
- XX. Grants / Fundraising – Will Come as we get closer.
- XXI. New Business:
- A. There was consensus that we are almost ready for a second round of visits to community groups. We need to have the library plans as well as our site plans from the design committee ready to go.
  - B. Josh Zuiderveen is working on developing the North Park Area into wetlands.
    1. He says it will hold 900,000 gallons of water.
    2. He will need money to obtain approvals for the necessary wetland delineation. Motion by Sally Howland, second by Dale Larson to provide funds needed for wetland delineation.
    3. Reminder that this project will need to be approved by the City.
  - C. Sally Howland suggested that that the North Park Trailer Park could be made into a camp ground. The Trailer Park can't put in larger trailers because of the size of the water and sewer facilities. There has also been conversation regarding turning it into a memory care elderly community.

- D. Discussion regarding Chamber of Commerce. What is the value? Sally says City Hall is on board. Sally will move the Chamber forward with questions and with suggestions.

XXII. Agenda and Plan Development for the October 21 Team Meeting:

- A. Kurt will ask Josh Zuiderveen to present regarding all facets of what he has been doing.
- B. Cathy Bremmer will give a report on the amphitheater in Tom Holloway's absence.
- C. Nick Andres agreed to facilitate/chair the meeting.

Adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Next meeting is November 11, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolee Cole  
Secretary