

Community Building Development Team Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday – August 19, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Amish Warehouse

Mission: The Community Building Development Team (CBDT) exists to construct buildings and spaces where the greater Cedar Springs community can gather for cultural, educational, recreational, commercial and family/community events.

Vision: The Vision of the Community Building Development Team (CBDT) is to retain the small-town character of Cedar Springs, incorporate natural features, link neighborhoods and people, 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.

Attendees:

Hal Babcock	Vickie Babcock	Jerry Baar	Patsy Baar	David Bloomquist
Kathy Bremmer	Dan Clark	Donna Clark	Jack Clark	Fred Gunnell
Jeff Gust	Perry Hopkins	Claudia Mabie	Deb McIntyre	Duane McIntyre
Rose Powell	Dave Ringler	Patricia Troost	Bob Truesdale	

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Kurt Mabie. All Team Members introduced themselves
- II. Roll Call - Officers Present: Kurt Mabie, Betty Truesdale, Carolee Cole, Sally Howland, Dale Larson, Sue Wolfe, Tom Mabie, Nick Andres, Tom Holloway
Officers Absent: None
- III. Approval of July 15, 2014 Team Meeting Minutes: Moved by Sue, seconded by Tom to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.
- IV. Questions on July 8, 2014 Board of Director's meeting minutes by team members: None
- V. Treasurers Update: \$485,284.26 is the total in the Building Fund Account. \$714.70 is the total in the cash account. New money received: \$27,750.00 which represents the remainder of the \$130,000.00 for the Fire Barn Fund. Money Spent \$487.50 to Creative Solutions for the website.
- VI. New Board Member Discussion:
 - A. Decision by Board of Director's to increase the number of Directors to 9
 - B. Board members approved were Tom Holloway, Sally Howland, Nick Andres
- VII. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tom Mabie, Dale Larson Second. Agenda Approved.
- VIII. Announced schedule changes to Board of Directors Meeting for August and September. This does not affect Team Meetings. See Agenda for details.

IX. Presentation: Time Lines

A. Library:

1. There will be a Library Board meeting on the second of September at 7:00 at the library to see the Site Plan and start working on a concept drawing.
2. The DEQ will be working on identifying the wetlands and then will do soil borings on the property.
3. The CBDT is eager to determine time lines for site development for the library building so we can be prepared with the money and fundraising activities as well as any other needed preparations. They can't set their timeline until the DEQ gives them information.

B. The retaining wall, rain garden, creek boardwalk and other site preparation and creek development plans all need to be working together as they are all dependent on and supportive of each other.

C. A determination of wetland designations is being sorted through.

D. We have a ratio of more than 40 percent building footprint than land area.

1. This will not meet ordinances and laws so we will need more land.
2. Tom Holloway will approach Rob Coxon regarding the purchase of his land.

E. Sue Wolfe suggested reading the Parade Magazine article from the August 17, Sunday Press. Great ideas for revitalizing down town areas are included in the article.

X. Reports:

A. Johnson Property

1. Leon Stout and Cedar Springs Manufacturing are finishing up the purchase of the Johnson Property.
2. There is a lot of trash, tires, old foundation, etc. on the Johnson property. It will be our goal to get it cleaned up so it is visibly different and more beautiful as we go into the fall and into Red Flannel Day.
3. Kurt showed a picture of the Johnson property. The North lot will be donated to the CBDT by Cedar Springs Manufacturing.
4. Nick Andres will contact the White Pine Trail Association to make sure we are legal in terms of taking out trees, foundations around creek, etc.

B. DDA/Trout Unlimited –

1. Perry Hopkins extended an invitation to a Presentation at the Kent Theater on September 24 (subsequently changed to September 25) at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Rain Garden looks beautiful. Garden Club is getting involved.

C. North Country Trail – Tom Noreen is willing to serve on the Optimal Location Review team for Cedar Springs with another person.

D. Design Team

1. Design committee is meeting tomorrow.
2. Will look at whether the two buildings will fit on the property or whether we need to buy more land. It is believed we will need to buy more, but the committee will make a clear determination.
3. Will work on a master site plan.

E. Library Building – Kurt Mabie asked the library board members to try to get clear on their next steps at their next meeting so we can plan forward in terms of site preparation fund raising, etc.

F. City Council

1. City Council meeting is being moved to this Thursday, August 21.
2. Patricia Troost is willing to comment on getting a rain garden planted near the flowing well to prepare for the library being built.

G. Website Development

1. Website will be ready in 3 – 4 weeks.
2. Dave Ringler is willing to keep it up for us until we find someone else. We have a few other people who have expressed an interest for a fee if it becomes necessary.

H. Public Relations

1. Unity Service: A marketing piece will be passed out at the Unity Service on August 24. Any extras will be distributed to community groups.
2. Red Flannel Day
 - a. Kurt Mabie extended an invitation to the Library and to the Brewery to put up a joint bill board with information on all three projects for Red Flannel Day.
 - b. Discussion regarding an Information Station for Red Flannel Day.
 - c. Questions regarding where the Clown Band will be performing. Rose Powell thought they would be in the parade and performing in the Grand Lodge. Question regarding whether they could perform on our site.
 - d. There is a Lip Dub scheduled for Red Flannel Day. The organizers are hoping to create the largest lip dub ever. They are hoping to start at the flowing well and go through town.
 - e. Question regarding whether we should have a temporary stage, even a hay wagon, available. The Red Flannel Committee had told Solon Wesleyan they couldn't use city property for an event they wanted to sponsor.

I. Amphitheater – Tom Holloway presented a power point of possible amphitheater options.

1. Several pictures were shown but ultimately it has to fit with the design of all the buildings and the whole area.
2. Tom is considering how the amphitheater can most broadly serve the community and what options will need to be available to use it for many different purposes.
 - a. Where does the sun set? Which way will it face? How much electricity to we need? Face the Trail? Away from the Trail?
 - b. Should it be accessible for other uses, such as showing a movie?
3. Tom will email the power point to everyone.
4. Tom suggested looking at the Goe center in Grand Rapids. It's another possibility for a design.
5. Duane McIntyre suggested getting Robert Andres involved.
6. Kurt Mabie asked Tom Holloway to prepare a presentation for City Council regarding the amphitheater so City Council can begin to consider how it impacts them and what they need from us to obtain needed approvals, etc.
7. Sue Wolfe suggested getting Sonya Cronkright involved. Sonya has a contact who is willing to give us help with the design of the entire area.

XI. New Business

- A. Fred Gunnell agreed to contact the DNR and do some research regarding whether a fish race could be built in Cedar Springs.
- B. Jack Clark shared the efforts of the Historical Society to have the flowing well declared a historic site. It could not be proven that the well has been there long enough so the request was denied. So, while it won't be an official historic site, signs are being made to designate the well a historic site. Jack shared how he used to go to the Gun Tavern with his grandfather and a flowing well kept the chocolate beer cold. There are several flowing wells in the area. Getting a Cedar Tree is the hardest problem. They want someone to help them design an emblem that looks like a cedar tree.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Next meeting is September 16, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolee Cole
Secretary