

**Community Building Development Team
Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2013

Location: Solon Center Wesleyan Church

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.

Attendees:

Tom Mabie	Bob Truesdale	Betty Truesdale	Kurt Mabie	Carolee Cole
Donna Clark	Kathy Bremmer	Shawn Kiphart	Becky Powell	Duane McIntyre
Deb McIntyre	Keith Hall	Mark Laws	Jeff Gust	Sally Howland
Betty Hoffman	Amanda Gerhardt			

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Kurt Mabie.

II. Officers Present: Kurt Mabie Absent: Sonya Cronkright
Tom Mabie Shannon Cooper
Betty Truesdale Sue Wolfe
Carolee Cole

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasures Report presented by Betty Truesdale –

- a. There is \$3,051.55 in the Cash Account for expenses.
- b. There is \$350,008.09 in the Building Fund Account.
- c. There is \$102,500.00 in the Fir Barn Account.
- d. Total in all accounts is \$452,259.09.
- e. There were two donations totaling \$2,000 made this month.
- f. Expenses for the 1023 filing fee, and the accountant's fee for the 990 and 1023, will be approved at a subsequent meeting. There were changes to the filing costs and there were costs incurred for the accountant's work that are not all clear at this time.
- g. There is additional documentation available upon request and attached to the permanent record of these minutes.
- h. Moved by Carolee, seconded by Betty to approve the treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved.

V. Open Issues

- a. By-Laws were approved via e-mail, phone and a special meeting of the officers at Kurt Mabie's home on January 27, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
- b. It was suggested at the January 27 special meeting that the four officers be assigned 2 year terms beginning in 2013 and to be completed on December 31, 2014.
- c. It was suggested that the three trustees be assigned 1 year terms beginning in 2013 and completed on December 31, 2013.
- d. It was moved by Betty and seconded by Tom to adopt these two suggestions. Motion Passed.

- e. According to the by-laws, terms can be extended until a successor is elected. The current trustees terms are extended for that purpose until their seats have been filled. Three trustees will be chosen at the next meeting. Persons who are interested in serving as trustee on the board should submit a letter of interest to the Secretary via e-mail between now and the next meeting. The by-laws allow for successive terms, so current trustees will be welcome to submit letters of interest.

VI. Reports

a. Web Site –

1. Keith Hall will ask his contact, Mark Curtis, to submit a bid and idea for a website.
2. Mark Laws will ask a contact he has to also submit a bid and idea.
3. Any other interested parties should contact a board member with a bid and idea.
4. Discussion of logo.
 - a) Everyone will be thinking about ideas for what content and concepts should be included in a logo.
 - b) It might be necessary to form a committee for this purpose. We will address this at the next meeting.
5. Discussion of a name for the website.
 - a) Consideration should be given to whether we want the website to continue with the same name after the website is serving the completed and operational building.
 - b) Costs are up to \$30.00 a year to own the domain name.
 - c) We want to own both an .org and a .com.
 - d) Shawn Kiphart will find out what domain names are available and will bring suggestions next month.

b. DDA –

1. DDA members noted that the DDA has very little funding.
2. There is significant money available for special projects through grants to orgs like the DDA
3. If Trout Unlimited decides to use our site as a showcase piece there could be significant grants available.
4. Kurt asked DDA members if there are foot traffic patterns/trails through the city that have already been determined by the DDA long range plan.
5. Kurt asked DDA members to make their wish list known so we can team with them to help them bring some of those dreams to fruition.
6. What the Library is doing and what we are doing should be included in the vision for Cedar Springs.
7. Amanda Gerhardt believes that Parks and Rec has to be in on any grants that come through the DNR and DEQ.
8. Sally and Shawn will get the special meeting rescheduled with DDA as Kurt will be out of town on the previously scheduled meeting date.

c. Trout Unlimited – Meeting being scheduled for 1st or 2nd week in March. More information will be available next meeting.

d. Land Sketches –

1. Duane McIntyre shared a drawing that shows where buildings could go, where the well is located.
2. He was able to get a lot of info from the Byron Township Library.
3. Question as to whether the community room, as connected to the Library, would be allowed to serve alcohol.
4. Question regarding whether it would be possible for the Library and the Community Building to be built together with joint funds.
 - a) It has been reported that we cannot comingle those funds.
 - b) We will investigate and gain deeper understanding.
5. Question regarding operational costs of the building.
 - a) Building can be rented.

- b) Our plan has always been to raise enough of a foundation to run the building for several years.
- e. The following topics were raised: a skate park, land on the other side of the creek, a gym, classrooms, a pool, a fish hatchery.
- f. City Council – Kurt met with Mark Fankhouser and requested that 2 or 3 people from city, library and our group meet to discuss the whole project. Has not heard back yet. Will re-request.
- g. Suggestion to have a booth at community night. April 17. Must be registered by March 25.
- h. Amanda Gerhardt will be added as an administrator of the Face book Page.
- i. Invitation extended to move our meetings to the Amish Store in town. Invitation accepted.
- j. Suggestion to move our meetings to 6:00. Agreeable to everyone.

VII. New Business - None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00

Next meeting: March 18, 2014 at 6:00 at the Amish Store in Cedar Springs.

Respectfully Submitted
Carolee Cole
Secretary