

**Community Building Development Team
Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 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
Dave Cairy	Shawn Kiphart	Sue Wolfe	Becky Powell	Kim Burge
Tom Holloway	Claudia Mabie	Jeff Gust	Amy Johnson	Duane McIntyre
Deb McIntyre				

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Kurt Mabie.
- II. Roll Call: Present: Kurt Mabie Absent: Sonya Cronkright
Tom Mabie Shannon Cooper
Betty Truesdale
Carolee Cole
Sue Wolfe
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Minutes were approved with correction of the date of last meeting.
- IV. Treasures Report
 - a. 1023 is a document that gives us the right to receive money from any foundation. Filing fee is \$700. Money for filing fee has been donated. Moved by Claudia Mabie, Second by Becky Powell to approve application for 1023. Motion Approved
 - b. There was a \$300 cost to draft and complete the By Laws. Moved by Claudia Mabie, Second by Becky Powell to approve expense. Motion Approved
- V. Open Issues
 - a. Articles of Incorporation – Moved Seconded and Approved.
 - b. Bylaws – First draft of the bylaws was distributed to board members. It was agreed that bylaws can be adopted via e-mail vote, telephone vote, etc. by a majority of the board members.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Web Site – Keith Hall – Absent
 - b. Trout Unlimited – Kurt Mabie has a meeting tomorrow morning with Trout Unlimited. More information will be available at the next meeting.
 - c. Land Sketches – Bob Truesdale provided drawings of what he has been able to find so far. Will be further developed and presented next month.
 - d. Meeting with Mayor Fankhouser – Kurt Mabie had a good conversation with Mayor Fankhouser. Lots of questions continue but answers are being pursued. Questions are part of the process and will make the final product the best that it can be.
 1. Visit to Kroc Center/3 Mile Project/The Dock – 9 people visited these three venues. These three projects are all amazing in their own way. The people we talked with were so helpful. We appreciated their time and information. All three are privately owned and faith-based. The Kroc Center is everything that we would like to be able to provide though on a much bigger scale. The 3 Mile Project serves only kids in middle school or makes the facility available for groups to rent. The Dock provides an after-school program to middle and high school students.

2. We would like to visit some community centers that are publicly owned and glean information on how they are run, who they serve, financial challenges and benefits, etc.
- e. Kurt has also been meeting with a person related to the North Country and White Pine Trails that may have a connection to grants. etc. While this might not benefit the development of the community building, it has the potential to benefit the community in general.

VII. Further Refinement of the Foot Print

- a. Discussion of who we hope to serve: Pre-birth to Death. Hope to promote the schools and promote businesses in the community.
- b. Discussion of what types of activities and opportunities will draw people.
 1. Students at CSPS said weight and fitness equipment.
 2. There seems to be consensus by community members that a gymnasium and a large reception type hall are the top needs in the community currently.
- c. Questions have been asked by community members regarding whether the community center would bring competition to local business.
 1. Anything that brings people downtown increases business for everyone.
 2. Business owners/representatives present agreed that a coffee shop dedicated to providing a coffee experience does not see McDonalds as competition even though McDonalds sells coffee. It was expressed that the fitness centers in Cedar Springs that provide a fitness experience would not be threatened by the Community Building providing a gymnasium for community use that included some aerobic exercise and weight machines. The experience is just not similar enough to be considered competition.
- d. There was opinion expressed that we not duplicate facilities with the new library building and other facilities in town.
- e. Next step is to have it drawn up.
- f. Duane McIntyre has been working with the library on a drawing. He and Kurt will meet and begin drawing up some plans and see how they fit with the land available.

VIII. New Business

- a. Plans for further site visits – Byron Center, Charlotte – Let Kurt know if you want to go.
- b. Other buildings in the area that already provide opportunities - Tabled
- c. Article for the Post – Kurt and Sue will discuss
- d. DDA – Kurt will set up.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15.

Next meeting is February 18 at 5:30 at Solon Wesleyan Church.

Respectfully Submitted
Carolee Cole
Secretary