

Community Building Development Team

Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Cedar Springs Public Schools Board Room, Hilltop School, Cedar Springs

MISSION:

The Community Building Development Team (CBDT) exists to advance the construction of 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.

- I. 5:00 pm – North Country Trail team members Chuck Vannette, Mark Weaver, Chris Loudenslager, and Luke Jordan gave a presentation on the NCT options if running through our town and/or area. They hope to have an answer from the DNR within a few months. They presented two possible options on location. He asked the CBDT to document 10 stops in town and get this information to him. These stops should include historic, informative, and/or special events that are held in our downtown area.
- II. 6:17 pm Kurt Mabie called the meeting to order
- III. Roll was called and everyone introduced themselves.
Board members present: Kurt Mabie, Tom Mabie, Betty Truesdale, Sue Wolfe, Nick Andres
Board members absent: Carolee Cole, Dale Larson, Sally Howland
Team Members Present: Thad Taylor, Perry Hopkins, John Ensley, Vicky and Hal Babcock, Jeff Gust, Amanda Gerhardt, Duane McIntyre, Hal and Vicky Babcock, Rose Powell, John Ensley, Donna Clark, Louise King, and Fred Gunnell
- IV. Tom Mabie made a motion to approve the July 14, 2015 Team Minutes as presented. Nick Andres supported. Motion Approved.
- V. Betty Truesdale, Treasurer presented a brief summary of the accounts and noting we had secured an additional \$100,000.00 in donations over the last month.
- VI. Tom Mabie made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions.
- VII. Tom Mabie made a motion to accept, with regrets, Tom Holloway's letter of resignation regarding his seat on the CBDT Board. Tom has moved out of state. Kurt extended an invitation to all interested community members to submit a Letter of Interest to Carolee Cole at CaroleeCole@gmail.com not later than Tuesday, July 28, 2015.
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Library Building
 1. Capital Campaign - Nick Andres reported the committee has set a goal of raising \$500,000 by Christmas. An operational budget for the new library is being worked on. The committee is currently focusing on construction costs only. Perry Hopkins mentioned the CTA students are looking for community projects to work on.
 2. Relationship with CBDT and Library Board – Vicky Babcock and Nick Andres reported the Library board has requested assistance from the CBDT in raising the needed funds.
 3. Grants – Donna reported not yet receiving word about the two grants of \$6,000 each that were requested.
 - B. Amphitheater –
 1. Dale Larsen is working on a design.
 - C. Natural Spring / Rain Garden / Water Restoration/Sculpture
 1. Tom Mabie announced the CBDT did not receive the either grant so the projects will continue to move forward with funding from the CBDT. The next step for approval includes a preliminary site plan review for all the CBDT projects by the planning commission. This meeting will be August 13, 2015. The rain gardens continue to be an important piece in protecting Cedar Creek.

B. Boardwalk/Walking Trail Along Cedar Creek

1. Duane and Kurt are working with Andrus Architect and DEQ for water run-off from the library. This must be addressed prior to starting the boardwalk. It will be important to get the applications filed with the city in advance for the planning commission to consider our request.

C. Rain Barrel Workshop – Perry Hopkins has been working with Trout Unlimited so that Cedar Springs could host a Rain Barrel Workshop. Someone from the CBDT will transport the barrels which will only mean a minimal cost of approximately \$30 to the participants for the materials in making a rain barrel. Rain barrels are critical in our community due to the natural springs and large amount of water run-off. All area residents are encouraged to contact Perry and sign up in advance for this program. The CBDT will sponsor the event at no cost other than transporting the barrels. The event will be held at Morley Park on Friday, September 11 at 6 pm.

D. City Council

1. Thad Taylor reported all the city has prepared all necessary documents and Kurt just needs to sign them. Attorney Tom Cronkright Jr. reviewed the documents for us and thought everything looked good.

H. Design Committee

1. Nothing to report as the July meeting was cancel. The August 12 meeting is set at 10 am.

V. Louise King noted an error in the July Board of Directors Meeting Minutes stating the grant amounts to be \$5,000 when it should have been \$6,000. The Board should address this correction at their August meeting.

IX. Other Old Business

- A. None

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- A. None.

Next Team Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6 pm at Hilltop School Board Room

Adjournment: 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wolfe
Acting Secretary in the absence of Carolee Cole