

Community Building Development Team

Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 16, 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. Kurt Mabie called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- II. Roll was called and everyone introduced themselves.
Board members present: Kurt Mabie, Tom Mabie, Betty Truesdale, Sue Wolfe, Dale Larson, Nick Andres
Board members absent: Carolee Cole, Sally Howland, and Tom Holloway
Team Members Present: Thad Taylor, Perry Hopkins, John Ensley, Claudia Mabie, Jeff Gust, Amanda Gerhardt, Duane McIntyre, Hal and Vicky Babcock, Julie Wheeler, Mark Laws, Bob Truesdale, Becky Powell, Rose Powell, John Ensley, Donna Clark, Kelli Rose
- III. Dale Larson made a motion to approve the May 19, 2015 minutes as presented. Nick Andres supported. Motion Approved.
- IV. Betty Truesdale, Treasurer presented a brief summary of the accounts.
- V. Dale Larson made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions.
 - J. Trout Implantation Update. Tom Mabie supported. Motion Approved.
- VI. Reports
 - A. Library Building
 1. Capital Campaign - Nick Andres reported the Library Fund Raiser Committee has submitted two requests to DTE and Consumers Power for \$10,000 each. Other options have been discussed. Lexi Coxon will be back in town soon to assist this committee.
 2. Relationship with CBDT and Library Board – Kurt Mabie reported discussion is occurring between the groups with hopes permission will be given for CBDT’s leadership from the Library Board. That meeting is on Monday, June 22. Hal Babcock asked if the CBDT planned to assume operational responsibilities of the library. Mabie responded “no”. Babcock also asked about the overall design of the building. Mabie responded there are currently no intentions of changing the design. Duane Mc Intrye reported soil borings are scheduled to occur within a week. He will inquire about including the entire lot so all projects can be completed from the report. This will be discussed at the Design Committee Meeting. Vicky Babcock asked about getting an agreement from the city. Thad Taylor responded saying all groups wanting to do something on City owned land must sign some documents which the city is now creating. These docs should be ready for final approval at the July Council meeting.
 - B. Amphitheater –
 1. Dale Larsen will be chairing this committee. He reported the board had decided to create an original design which will take a little more time but should be more economical and yet unique for our community and theme. Thad Taylor suggested he and Dale work together in an effort to acquire some possible grants to construction the amphitheater. They will get together soon.
 - C. Natural Spring / Rain Garden / Water Restoration/Sculpture
 1. Sue Wolfe reported having spoken with Nicole (Trout Unlimited) and she is hopeful we will hear about the rain garden grant next month. She was asked to submit more documentation which she has done. Kurt Mabie reported having received an e-mail from Josh stating our grant request for the wet land restoration had been denied. Kurt and Tom will follow up to see what the next step should

be. Tom Mabie will provide some sketches of the proposed sculpture for review. Tom and Claudia Mabie have donated \$10,000 toward the sculpture.

B. Boardwalk/Walking Trail Along Cedar Creek

1. John Ensley explained an official RFP (request for proposal) should be created and submitted to all contractors bidding on this project. His company may be able to create such a document for a fee of approximately \$700 - \$1,000. This will be necessary to proceed with the project. This will be followed up at the Design Committee Meeting.

C. North Country Trail

1. Kurt Mabie reported there was a meeting with DNR, North Country Trail, and CBDT Committee last week. They continue to pursue bringing the trail through Cedar Springs and making CS a Trail Town. Since the North Country Trail does not like to use a “motorized trail such as the White Pine Trail” there may be City owned property. Due to some new members still getting updated the process may go a little slow for awhile.
2. Mabie also reported on the Trail Day Celebration with approximately 125 people attending. Carolee Cole and Amy Andersen were thanked for their leadership on this very successful event.

D. City Council

1. Kurt Mabie thanked Than and City Council for a positive working relationship and all the wonderful support. All four CBDT requests passed unanimously at the June council meeting. A more detailed agreement will be presented for consideration at the July Council Meeting. Mabie reported he is expecting the land swap is continuing. Taylor has received documents he will be review in the next few days. This too will be presented to council for consideration in July.

H. Design Committee

1. Sue Wolfe explained the new procedures and committees being considered for all building projects. The Design Committee will review them and then the board will review at July meeting. Amanda Gerhardt asked about input from John Ensley. Wolfe explained he has given the board a great deal of information which is being used. All are invited to the Design Committee meeting tomorrow.

I. White Pine Trail

1. Mabie asked if Mark Laws and Bob Truesdale might take over leadership on this project since Nick Andres is now involved with the Library Fund Raising Committee.

J. Trout Implantation Update

1. Sue Wolfe reported having received an e-mail from Dr. Luttenton. They have been waiting for some of the equipment to arrive. It is all here now so he is expecting the process will be done next week. We have asked to be informed of the date and time.

V. No questions or comments from the June Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

VII. Other Old Business

A. None

VIII. New Business

A. None.

Next Team Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6 pm at Hilltop School Board Room

Adjournment: 6:40 p.m.

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