

Community Building Development Team Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Amish Warehouse

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:

Hal Babcock	Vickie Babcock	Amanda Gerhardt	Fred Gunnell
Perry Hopkins	Sally Howland	Mark Laws	Claudia Mabie
Deb McIntyre	Duane McIntyre	Liz Pigorsh	Becky Powell
Bob Truesdale	Lance Werner		

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, Tom Mabie, Betty Truesdale, Carolee Cole
Dale Larson, Sue Wolfe, Shawn Kiphart

III. Approval of May 20, 2014 Team Meeting Minutes: Moved by Carolee Cole and seconded by Tom Mabie to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.

IV. Treasurers Update: Treasurer’s Reports will be approved at the Board of Director’s meetings and updates will be made at these Team Meetings. There were no expenses or income this month.

V. Presentation: Kurt distributed a list of parts and pieces of what the CBDT is working to do and with whom and asked Team Members to add to and complete the list. We then developed a “Mind Map” or visual picture of all the areas we are hoping to impact and see come to fruition. See Attached.

VII. Reports:

A Johnson property

1. Approximately 3 acres.
2. First Phase environmental will be done on Thursday.

B. Trout unlimited

1. Planning a Rain Barrel project.
2. Question on the Board Walk/Linear Park. The DDA is working with Trout Unlimited to accomplish this.

- C. North Country Trail
 - 1. There will be a meeting scheduled in July to present our reasons why the trail should be routed through Cedar Springs.
 - 2. Amanda, Mark, Carolee and Kurt will serve as a committee to create possibilities for the trail route and to reach out to people who might be willing to provide easement or property for purchase along the route.
 - D. Design Committee
 - 1. Duane McIntyre is working on drawings.
 - 3. Next meeting is July 9 at 10:30.
 - 4. Suggestion to get artistic people involved in the master design. To stay with other Cedar Springs buildings, it seems like we would be leaning toward an early 1900's building design.
 - 5. Question – Will that time period draw youth. Noted.
 - 6. Question – What if one of the groups doesn't like the idea of 1920's? Someone else might have a better idea and that would be great.
 - E. Library Building
 - 1. The Library Board voted to put the building on Main Street and to hire an architect.
 - 2. Interviewing architects at this time.
 - 3. The DEQ was there to look at set backs, etc. There will be answers soon.
 - F. City Council
 - 1. The City has been very open to recent developments.
 - 2. Brownfield monies were committed by the City Manager to the cleanup of the Johnson property if it is necessary.
 - G. DEQ assessment of land
 - 1. The DEQ walked on the Johnson property as well as the Library site. Josh Zuiderveen made the comment that the natural rivers act does not apply inside the City Limits. However, we are keeping the set backs conservative.
 - 2. It is a process that will take some time.
 - 3. We did the pre-application site meeting and will receive the list by the end of this week.
 - H. Website Development
 - 1. We have a domain name that has been secured.
 - 2. The website bones will be in place by tomorrow morning.
 - 3. Question regarding whether there is a central community events calendar. This group think it would be well for the CBDT website to contain a central calendar.
 - I. Partnering/Naming with local groups.
 - 1. Want to make sure we keep on our radar how we can partner with and honor community members who have made a difference in our community. Honoring Wall, honoring room, name the Town Square after someone who has influenced the community, etc.
 - 2. Library board members indicated there hasn't been discussion of naming the library to this point.
- VIII. New business – Kurt and Carolee are working on refining the wording for the Mission and Vision and developing goals and strategies.

Next CBDT meeting will be Tuesday, July 15 at 6 pm at the Amish Warehouse.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolee Cole
Secretary