

# Community Building Development Team Meeting

## Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 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	Donna Clark	Joann Furhoff	Amanda Gerhardt
Fred Gunnell (7:00)	Keith Hall	Perry Hopkins	Mark Laws	Deb McIntyre
Duane McIntyre	Shirley Neff	Becky Powell	Bob Truesdale	

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Kurt Mabie.
- II. Roll Call - Officers Present: Kurt Mabie, Tom Mabie, Betty Truesdale, Carolee Cole  
Dale Larson, Sue Wolfe, Shawn Kiphart

All Team Members introduced themselves

- III. Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2014 Team meeting and May 13, 2014 Board of Directors meeting. Moved by Sue Wolfe and seconded by Tom Mabie to approve the minutes as presented. Both sets of minutes approved.
- IV. Treasurers Report: Presented to Team Members by Treasurer Betty Truesdale. \$5,000 was donated this month and \$1,815 was spent. Balance in all accounts is \$458,657.16.
- V. Presentation: Nichol DeMol, Project Manager for the Rogue River Home Rivers Initiative presented on treating Cedar Creek and the Rogue River Watershed with strategies that will protect the quality and temperature of the water in Cedar Creek.
  - A. Cedar Creek is a lifeline to the Rogue River. Cedar Creek stays cooler than the Rogue River and provides a place for the fish to take refuge in months when the Rogue River gets warmer.
  - B. Trout Unlimited (TU) wants to work with Cedar Springs officials and residents on restoration of the creek and to control storm water runoff in order to improve water quality.
  - C. As these building projects progress, Trout Unlimited will provide monitoring to help us preserve the creek's quality and optimal temperature.
  - D. They want Cedar Springs officials, business owners and locals, to take ownership and guide them in ways they can support us.
  - E. TU is suggesting installation of rain barrels on houses and businesses in town in order to limit the amount of rainwater runoff. The strategy is to collect rainwater and use it to water lawns and plants when it's dry.

- F. Rain Gardens take native plants with long roots and plant them in a bit of a depression where rain water can collect. Water can then be filtered through the roots to clean, cool and prepare it to move back into the creek.
  - 1. Rain Garden's have been planned and will be installed soon at CS Engineering. Nichol explained that the rain gardens planned for this location will slow water runoff that has collected dirt and other grime and been warmed on the pavement of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and the CS Engineering parking lot, so that when it finally gets into the creek it will be clean and cool.
  - 2. It will take 25 hours or so to complete the garden.
  - 3. Residents are welcome to volunteer to help with planting and upkeep. Contact Nichol DeMol at [ndemol@tu.org](mailto:ndemol@tu.org) if you want to participate.
  - 4. There are several other locations that have been identified as great possibilities for rain gardens along the creek.
- G. Nichol invited our group and those in the Cedar Springs community to participate in a kayak exploration of the Rogue River on June 19 – 21.
- H. Kurt expressed desire to connect Nichol and Josh with the Cedar Springs DDA so they can start working together to obtain funds and get sustainable projects scheduled and happening.
- I. Kurt also announced that the funds have been obtained to support and sustain the Rain Gardens on the CS Engineering property.
- J. Nichol will be doing some press releases to get the word out to the community. Her last press release regarding Cedar Creek and Cedar Springs led to many people expressing interest in volunteering to help out. She also agreed to provide slides and text related to her presentation for our Facebook site.

## VI. Open Issues:

- A. Website.
  - 1. Shawn Kiphart will get it up and running.
  - 2. He asked that we provide a webmaster to keep the site pertinent.
  - 3. Carolee Cole will be the contact person for the website.

## VII. Reports:

- A. Community Night. Tom reported that it went exceptionally well. There was a lot of interest, a lot of questions and a lot of enthusiasm for getting a community building built.
- B. Johnson property.
  - 1. Bid has been made and accepted.
  - 2. We are in the first phase of environmental.
  - 3. We will probably need a second phase environmental. Kurt has talked to the City Manager regarding possible money available through Brownfield for any necessary clean up.
  - 4. There are two parcels. The Northern parcel will be donated. The whole piece is \$80,000.
  - 5. Kurt has a meeting scheduled with Josh from TU, Jeff Edwards, the City Manager and Tom Mabie to develop a working relationship between everyone involved.
  - 6. Mike Johnson is concerned about the possibility that there are problems with environmental issues and doesn't want to get stuck with cleanup if we end up not being able to take care of it.
  - 7. Jeff will be able to provide us with elevations, set backs, soil concerns, etc.
  - 8. This will allow us to create the presentations to the City Council that was requested by Mayor Fankhouser and will help them to get a clear vision of our plans.
  - 9. Question regarding the property to the south of CS manufacturing and whether it might be purchasable. Coxon's and Carnegies have property potentially available that might help support the development of all phases of this project, as we work with the DNR and consider parking needs, etc.
- C. Design Committee –
  - 1. Duane McIntyer distributed a first draft.
  - 2. The committee is considering dividing the drafted building into two different buildings.

3. Next meeting is June 4 at 10:30. Anyone is welcome to attend.
  4. Designing in a skate park, small campground area, etc. Dreaming big!
- D. North Country Trail – Mark has made contact with Andrea Ketchmark and is arranging a meeting with the team that is determining the final trail route.
- E. Library Building Committee –
1. No action was taken by the Board at their last meeting.
  2. Building committee did not meet. They are waiting on an answer from the DEQ on set backs.
  3. Library Board needs to make a decision on where the library building is going. When those decisions are made we will secure an architect for the Community Building and get drawings. The chair of the building committee wants to answer some of those questions before they meet again.
- F. City Council – Kurt spoke to the City Council at the last council meeting.

XII. New Business

- A. The Mission, Vision, Goals, Strategies and Business Plan Development needs to be completed so we can begin work on grant writing, re-presenting to community groups, projected budgets, endowment fund, etc. A committee of the officers will begin this process.
- B. Site Visit – Kurt went with several team members to walk the Johnson property and surrounding area.

Next CBDT meeting will be Tuesday, June 17 at 6 pm at the Amish Warehouse on Main St.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolee Cole  
Secretary