

# Community Building Development Team

## Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 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. Call to order
- II. Roll call – Introductions
- III. Approval of minutes from August 18, 2015 Team Meeting – Change agenda to minutes. Dale, Louise, Approved
- IV. Treasurer’s Update – Betty gave the overview. See Attached
- V. Review and Approval of Agenda –
- VI. Assign Who/What/Where/When Recorder
- VII. Reports
  - A. Library Building
    1. Capital Campaign Committee – Launch Party - \$25,210 in cash, \$38,950 in pledges. \$64,140 total was raised. Next Capital Campaign Committee will be September 24 at 9:00 a.m. at Cedar Springs Tool Engineering.
    2. Presentations to City and Planning Commission – Tony presented for the library. We are unsure about the zoning. Suggestions have been given to the Planning Commission and to City Council regarding possible options for zoning. Jesse Morgan found a court ruling that states that city ordinances don’t have to be followed when building their own municipal buildings. Jesse has developed all the verbiage in order to create another zoning area called community use. There was general discussion regarding the current zoning in the city, current concerns with that zoning and possible resolutions. Amanda and Donna will collect data from local libraries and parks and recreation departments regarding how their parks and municipal buildings including libraries are zoned. The city council has assigned Pamela and Dan to develop a committee that will pursue grants available to municipalities. We will invite them to the Capital Campaign committee.
    3. Presentation of three elevations that are under consideration. Duane presented. Still has to be approved by the Library Board. The first elevation received a lot of comments that it was too municipal so Duane did two additional elevations that brought in a bit more pizzazz. Question regarding whether it would be possible to get prices on all three. Probably not as it would be costly to obtain three different bids.
  - B. Amphitheater –
    1. HRC has been produced drawings that John Ensley passed around.
    2. We should have relatively complete drawings from the architects within the next month or so.
  - C. Natural Spring / Rain Garden / Beautification –
    1. Perry Hopkins reported he hopes the City will donate the \$2,000 they promised toward the grant even if we don’t win the grant.

- 2. Josh Zuiderveen and Nichol DeMol are applying for the grant again this year.
  - D. Walking Trail/Boardwalk Along Cedar Creek – Waiting for zoning decisions to be made.
  - E. North Country Trail –
    - 1. Americ Inn choosing to locate in Cedar Springs would be great support for hikers.
    - 2. Suggestion that Cherry Street be extended to White Creek as this would benefit the trail as well.
  - F. Rain Barrel Workshop Overview – There were 22 participants. It went well.
  - G. Veteran’s Memorial Park – Tabled in Rose Powell’s absence.
  - H. Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc.
    - 1. John Ensley expressed HRC’s thanks to the CBDT for bringing them on board.
    - 2. John stated he has not seen this much excitement on a project since he’s been working for projects like this. HRC is excited and proud of what we are doing.
  - I. The Board has agreed to participate in the DEQ 319 Matching Grant wetland restoration proposal through Trout Unlimited again this year. The commitment is to a \$20,000 match if we win the grant.
  - J. Property Acquisition
    - 1. 157 Main St. was purchased for \$10,000. \$3,000 in back taxes is owed.
    - 2. Two companies will be giving bids for demolition.
    - 3. Duane will connect Nick with his DTE and Consumers contacts to get the utilities disconnected.
  - K. City Council
    - 1. Land Swap is complete.
    - 2. Update from City Council Meeting – Forming a committee to plan getting the fire barn moved.
    - 3. Land Use Document – The City Attorney produced a document that was passed by City Council.
  - L. Design Committee – Dennis Benoit, Jesse Morgan and John Ensley met with the Design Committee and will continue work on sketches and architectural work for the community building, but we cannot get started until the zoning issues are resolved.
- VIII. Review/Questions from September 8 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, August 27 Special Meeting Minutes, August 18 Special Meeting Minutes, July 21 Special Meeting Minutes – None
- IX. Review of Meeting Responsibilities Assigned:
- A. Duane McIntyre will forward information to Kathy Bremmer for possible guestimating on the three elevations.
  - B. Duane will get consumers energy and DTE information to Nick.
  - C. Nick Andres will get the thermometer and get it ready to use again for the next push.
- IX. Other Old Business –
- A. Kathy Bremmer asked whether the Parks and Rec Board had agreed to take responsibility for scheduling the amphitheater and community building when they are built
  - B. Amanda Gerhardt, Parks and Rec Director has a meeting with City Manager, Thad Taylor. Perhaps it will be on the agenda.
  - C. The Parks and Rec Board wants to have a complete list of the probable responsibilities.
- X. New Business – None

Next Team Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6 pm at Hilltop School Board Room

Adjournment – 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Carolee Cole  
 Secretary