

Community Building Development Team

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Amish Warehouse – 141 S. Main St., Cedar Springs

MISSION:

The Community Building Development Team (CBDT) exists to construct 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 19, 2014 Team Meeting. Dale Larson, Tom Mabie, Approved
- IV. Review/Questions from September 15, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. None.
- V. Treasurer's Update Received _____ for the cash account. Building Fund, Fire Barn Account. \$3.90 for post cards.
- VI. Review and Approval of Agenda – Added naming and Proposed Logo Tom Dale Approved
- VII. Presentation:
- VIII. Reports
 - a) Johnson Property –
 - 1) Clarified that there are liens against the property. We are working through them. Long distance communication with some of the family. But they are eager to get it wrapped up and it just may take a bit more time. Kurt Mabie
 - b) Coxon Property – Kurt Mabie / Tom Holloway
 - 1) Verbal agreement with Rob Coxon to purchase property. Access to 5th and Pine St.
 - 2) Tom and Dan George got us connected.
 - 3) Rob was notified that he has to clean the lot up. He's not making money on the deal and doesn't have equipment so we Kurt will do it.

- 4) The price was very low and more or less a gift and we so appreciate it.
 - 5) Josh Zuiderveen will be delineating the wetlands and then they can be approved by the DEQ. So we are eager to get going with that clean up so we can see the lay of the land.
- c) DDA/Trout Unlimited/Walking Trail Along Creek – Perry Hopkins
- 1) Rain Garden by Fountain. Nichol DeMol, Chris MacFarland, Tom Mabie, Perry, and another person from Trout Unlimited met this morning. They are working together the maybe do a possibility of doing wetlands restoration rather than a rain garden.
 - 2) Perhaps an elevated boardwalk.
 - 3) DNR informed Kurt Mabie that there are monies available from the Governor for trails. Josh Zuiderveen is familiar with obtaining grants for this purpose. Kurt will connect the DDA and Josh and the DNR. Kurt let Perry know that they will get together on it.
 - 4) INVITATION: Rain Barrel Presentation – September 25, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – North Kent Theatre. Thank you for putting events on your Facebook status!
- d) North Country Trail – Confirm participants in the Optimal Location Review process for the Cedar Springs and surrounding area. Tom Noreen and Carolee Cole appointed to the OLR process.
- e) Design Committee – Sue Wolfe – Next Meetings: Hilltop 3rd Floor, Monday, October 13, 11 am (new regular meetings will be the second Monday of month at 11 am)
- 1) Proposed Community Building Design (Draft #1) – Sonia Cronkright gave excellent input. Going with the 19th Century Train Depot theme for the building and other buildings. Sue distributed pictures of the proposed building. Sonia encouraged bringing in Train Cars that could be used for Bed and Breakfast, Learning Centers, etc. Could even have a conductor walking around town. Proposal/First Draft. Keep thinking about it and notice other possibilities in other locations. Amphitheater could be a railroad car with a flatbed. Perry suggested the boardwalk could look like a train track.
 - 2) Meetings changed to second Monday of month at 11:00 a.m.
 - 3) Site Plan Development – Identified all things wanted on the Master Site Plan, but don't feel they can go farther until they know what actually property they will be building on.
 - 4) Want to team with other entities to make sure we cover all the needed things for our community. Hoping to put together a team of people from the Library, CBDT, DDA, etc. Very important that the people that came up with the ideas and did the leg work have value and make sure their thoughts and so forth are validated.

- 5) Want to hear from everyone to get the ideas down and get get feed back from all the groups. Money was raised in 2006 – 7 to do things. We want to make sure we don't walk on any of that. The library stated they don't feel any emotional commitment to the amphitheater. They are happy for this group to make this happen. They have enough to do with the building without this.
 - 6) Thad suggested knowing where we want to put it when Kathy and Tom make the presentation.
 - 7) Probably the best location for the ampitheater will be far Northwest corner.
 - 8) Get together DDA, Chamber, Library, City Council, Parks and Rec. and CBDT. Sue would like to get them together. Perry – DDA, Sally – Chamber, Library – Kathy, Sue – CBDT, Parks and Rec – Amanda, Rose representing the Community. Suggestion that we send each of them a personal invitation to participate. This will be a committee that will meet only occasionally when needed to streamline and make sure everyone is on the same page.
- f) Library Building – Board Members Present
- 1) They have accepted the plan presented. Hip roof. They can't move forward until the DEQ gives them the green light.
 - 2) Kurt assured them as soon as they are ready we will be ready
 - 3) Question regarding whether we will be paying for the DEQ site work. Yes.
- g) City Council – Board Members Present – Emergency meeting on Thursday regarding the vacation of the alley to the Brewery.
- h) Website Development – Carolee Cole – Feed me stuff. I'll write it up. But lots of stuff.
- i) Fish Race – Fred Gunnell / Kurt Mabie Tabled – There is a lot of information that is negative
- 1) Flowing wells can be a significant part of our site plan in terms of branding us and creating a cool sound of flowing water.
 - 2) Be thinking about it. What are other communities doing? Heard there are two flowing wells on the property North of the Creek and East of the Trail.
 - 3) Idea for little boats to ----- Lincoln Logs. Museum is thinking about doing some sort of presentation with the flowing well near the museum.
 - 4) Perry made comments about the flowing well.
 - 5) Two railroads crossed. We need to incorporate that.
 - 6) Suggestion to combine wells and get a larger one.

- 7) Suggestion to get wells to go higher and drip down. Could be complicated Need a differential.
- j) Public Relations – Sue Wolfe
- 1) Unity Service Presence Report – Many cards were passed out at the service. Lots of questions asked. Will have new cards printed with logo
 - 2) Red Flannel Day Presence – Saturday, October 4 – We need a Chairperson and several Team Members who can develop and/or staff a presentation board or other type of presentation on Red Flannel Day. Becky Powell will be the chairperson Could build a train to go through the parade with the banner. Mark will take care of the registration with the Red Flannel Committee for parade entry.
 - 3) Postcard Distribution
- k) Amphitheater – Tom Holloway and Kathy Bremmer have asked to be put on the October agenda with the city for a presentation. They will be preparing the presentation.
- l) Fund Raising – Josh Zuiderveen has connections to possible money Might want to construct the elevated walkway across the wetland right away.
- m) Amanda let us know that we need to submit requests for money through the Parks and Rec because they are the ones who have the Master Plan. DNR takes requests for money in a fairly small window. Perry will work through Amanda to get things done.
- n) Other Old Business
- 1) Fire Barn – Dale Larson has met with Jeff Gust and Marty _____ to discuss Proposing that the building go next to the old library and the library be used for office space.
We keep working! This is something that worked itself out. We didn't get slowed down by can't or negativity and it works itself out.

IX. New Business

- X. Proposed Logo – Suggestion to put MI on the logo. Thinking there isn't enough room.
- XI. Thinking it will be too busy with the addition of
- XII. Dale moved to approve. Sally Second. To approve the logo as presented. Approved.
- XIII. Naming of Area – Sue We have Riggle Park, Morley Park, etc. Wants to name this area. We are looking for ideas for what to call the area. Town Square, or other. Possible a Clock Tower. And the name that keeps coming up is the Holton's. Sue suggested that the team that is getting together be the ones to consider this. Claudia reminded us that the Red Flannel Committee had offered that we could name it the Red Flannel Town Square or other using Red Flannel. Tom Mabie said his feeling is that we do recognize Mike and Alice Holton. They put a lot of money into moving the foundry. Only be right to recognize them. The group will do it. Suggestion to do it

Mike and Alice Holton with their first names since we know them as Mike and Alice. Let's not forget the people who have given so much to get us where we are. We're going back in history with the historical tone, This fits. The library is going to have a wall that is recognizing people who have done so much for the community. People who are still here with us have refused using their names, although there are more opportunities to name buildings, walls, etc. Get the ideas together and keep them ready for people to give money toward and get a memorial name tag on each thing. A tree, a bench, etc. Give them the opportunity to choose. Likes the idea of incorporating the names of the Railroad lines somewhere.

Nick gave us permission to clean up along the white pine trail. We are doing it. Right of way for the trail is 100 feet wide. If we purchase it, it will be within 4 – 5 feet of the trail. So gives us excellent opportunities for set backs.

Lions Club is already doing stuff with the White Pine Trail.

We are going to request an article in the newspaper regarding all the businesses who are fixing up their businesses.

Suggestion to have a sign on the Johnson property once it is cleaned up. Give people an opportunity to connect to our website with a QR code and list ways they can give money.

Patricia Troost is developing a Feets and Seats with North Kent Services.

December 16 at the Christmas decorating time will be the final

This Thursday at 11:30 Algoma Township Hall – Identity Theft and Mail Fraud Presentation.

Next Team Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 6 pm at Amish Warehouse, Main St.

Adjournment