

Community Building Development Team

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 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 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 December 16, 2014 Team Meeting – Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Dale Larson, support from Tom Holloway – Approved
- IV. Treasurer’s Update – Report was distributed to attendees.
 - A. \$17.20 and \$6 was paid out for marketing materials. Interest of \$122.35 was earned. Building Fund Account: \$355,525.73. Cash Account: \$2,238.17. Fire Barn Account: \$130,000.00.
 - B. Question regarding what type of accounts the money is in. Betty will clarify this.
- V. Review and Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Dale Larson, support from Carolee Cole. Approved
- VI. Reports
 - A. Johnson Property
 1. There was a clean-up event on Saturday, January 10, 2015. Approximately 20 guys showed up with five chain saws. There were over 10 guys from the West Michigan Hawks semi-professional football team who showed up! A lot of clearing was accomplished.
 2. Suggestion that we chip the brush rather than burning it since it cannot be burned without moving it.
 3. The land cannot be donated to the CBDT by CS Manufacturing until one year from the date of purchase for tax purposes.
 - B. Coxon Property – We are waiting for an appraisal on the Coxon property.
 - C. Library Building – Rep. Becky Powell, Duane McIntyre and Board Members Present –
 1. Duane McIntyre reported via email that the DEQ won't do any more until we have a site plan and that Robert Andrus is working on the site plan.
 2. Question regarding whether the amphitheater and the walking trail will be included on the site plan. Duane stated via email that they will be included.
 - D. Amphitheater – Tom Holloway – Tom was able to contact Grant, Fremont and one other city regarding several details.
 1. Insurance is only \$100 a year, but the building can't be owned by a separate entity and be on City property and be insured by MML (Michigan Municipal League).
 2. Fremont pays approximately \$1,700 per year for power for a restroom and amphitheater. They have had no problems with graffiti. The area is lighted but there is no security camera.
 3. Every city said it is a huge benefit economically to the city.
 4. Dave Ringler noted that the City of Rockford has a concert happening every week or more throughout the summer, and while those concerts happen people are shopping and buying.
 - E. Natural Spring / Rain Garden / Beautification – Tom Mabie and Historical Society
 1. Tom showed a sketch of a possible sculpture that he and Steve Anderson designed. It would be made of heavy duty stainless steel 3/16 thick so it would not likely be vandalized.
 2. Fred Gunnell reported that the Historical Society has everything they need to put up the plaque. They will wait for the plans for the area to be developed so they can choose the location for the plaque.
 - F. Walking Trail Along Creek – Perry Hopkins and DDA –

1. Behind the current fire barn it is always wet, but not always standing, pond-like water.
2. Patrick and John Ensley came at Perry's invitation. They have spoken with Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., consulting engineers. John A. Ensley noted that Andrus Architecture is their competitor. John's observations are:
 - a. With the number of buildings and necessary parking, there will have to be a retention pond of some type.
 - b. It will be cheaper to have the boardwalk incorporated into the Site Plan including aesthetics and bridges so that the DEQ can give direction on their requirements.
 - c. John E. expressed concern that the pitch into the creek might require a fence which would add a great deal of cost.
 - d. If this portion of the walking trail is used for bicycles to go from the White Pine Trail into town and back, different rules will be levied.
 - e. There might be an economic benefit to making the path multi-use so White Pine Trail users can also be served.
 - f. He suggested getting Andrus involved with all the aspects of the projects.

G. Fire Barn – Dale Larson –

- A. The fire chief has changed his concept of the fire barn.
- B. Dale and Jeff Gust will meet with him soon to get it designed and priced

H. North Country Trail – Carolee Cole – Need to present to Solon Township and City. We will ask to be on the agenda for both in February.

I. City Council – Council Members Present –

1. Rose Powell encouraged us to speak with citizens to encourage the City Manager to attend our meetings.
2. Perry encouraged the team to request the lots next to the Coxon property as others are expressing interest in them.

J. Website Development – Carolee Cole –

1. Carolee asked others to submit suggestions and articles for the website.
2. We need to determine which organizations and/or business' websites can be added.

K. Design Committee – Sue Wolfe – Waiting for Library Site Plan

L. Public Relations – Sue Wolfe –

1. Sue distributed cards and showed the thank you notes.
2. Fred Gunnell gave Sue pictures of the old depot that she passed around.

M. Capital Campaign – Begin identifying group members –

1. Aaron Frostick was suggested.
2. Louise King expressed interest.
3. Tom Mabie expressed interest in he and Claudia participating,
4. Danette Bailey was suggested as well as Lexie Coxon.

N. Review/Questions from January 13, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes –

1. Noted that under XIII. D., the Master plan can be found at the City's website.
2. Question regarding whether the going around to different community groups is what was meant. Yes.
3. Question regarding whether the fact that the Johnson property won't be transitioned to the CBDT will affect the easement of the White Pine Trail. Yes, but not in any big way.

VII. Other Old Business

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Next Team Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2014, 6 pm at Hilltop School Board Room
Adjournment – 7:20

Respectfully Submitted
Carolee Cole
Secretary