

Community Building Development Team

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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 – 6:05.
- II. Roll call – Introductions –
Board Members Present: Kurt Mabie, Betty Truesdale, Carolee Cole
Board Members Absent: Tom Mabie, Sue Wolfe, Dale Larson, Sally Howland, Nick Andres, Julie Wheeler.
- III. Approval of minutes from January 19, 2016 and February 16 Team Meetings – Lack of Quorum
- IV. Review and Approval of Agenda – Lack of Quorum
- V. Treasurer’s Update – Betty Truesdale – See Attached
- VI. Assign Who/What/Where/When Recorder – Sue Harrison
- VII. Finance Committee – Julie Wheeler – The Finance Committee has had two very productive meetings. They have developed a good understanding of the processes they believe will be most helpful for the board and how they can best work together to facilitate transparency and oversight of all financial matters.
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) –
 1. The CCC agreed to hire the Breton Group for 3 months.
 2. Louise King has agreed to take over as Chairperson of the CCC.
 3. The CCC met with Duane Feldpaush of the Breton Group this morning.
 4. A proposal that can be used as the basis for nearly every type of grant or request for donation is nearly ready for final editing by the Breton Group.
 5. A broad plan for reaching many different small and large entities has been laid out and is ready to be executed.
 - B. Library Building – Duane McIntyre
 1. The Site Plan was approved
 2. The Library Board will be meet with the architect on Monday evening to start the selection process for colors and materials.

3. It is very possible we will be able to start digging in May, 2016.
4. Becky Powell reported that the Library Board is working on the budget. Becky also asked that we perhaps use Cedar Creek to water the lawns and plantings in order to save money on water bills. Duane McIntyre will look into this.
5. Becky will give the budget discussion information from the March 28 Library Board meeting to the Capital Campaign Committee for their March 29 meeting.

C. Amphitheater / Rain Garden / Boardwalk / Sculpture – Jessie Morgan

1. The plan is to submit preliminary plans for the Amphitheater at the May Planning Commission meeting.
2. It looks like the best way to do the walking path/boardwalk will be to put in two paths, one along the library and one on the north side of Cedar Creek.
3. The Sculpture should be installed by Red Flannel Day.

D. North Country Trail – Amy Anderson – The process of obtaining easements is in its beginning phases.

E. Veteran’s Memorial Park and Clock Tower – Rose Powell –

1. There are many ideas and possibilities for this project.
2. Consideration is being given to investigating using the bell from the old Union School.

F. Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. – John Ensley / Jesse Morgan – See Amphitheater above.

G. City Council –

1. City Council is still in the process of hiring a new City Manager. There are 15 applicants at this time.
2. Discussion regarding tax concerns. The Mecosta County Equalization Director, Shilah Kiander, who is from Cedar Springs, will help us through the process and has provided documents and information to help us appeal.

H. Design Committee – Duane McIntyre

Had a lot of discussion regarding the Amphitheater. Consideration was given to doors and windows, materials, etc.

Bob suggested we talk to Peter Secchia regarding treated lumber for the boardwalk. He is well invested in a company that provides this.

Suggestion that it might be possible to have a stage available by Red Flannel Day.

Kurt and Duane will schedule an opportunity to meet with Hi-Grade regarding donation of materials.

IX. Clean up of recently purchased property to the north of Cedar Creek – April 16 John has family members, HRC employees, some Aquinas College employees to come at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 to

do the work. Anyone else is welcome to participate. Lots of help will be needed. Everyone needs to bring water proof boots, chest waders, hip waders, etc.

- X. Review/Questions from March 8, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – None
- XI. Review of Who Does What/Where/When – Reviewed
- XII. Other Old Business – Hal mentioned that the Solon Township parks are going forward and looking to put in a trail that will likely benefit the North County Trail.
- XIII. New Business – Rose brought up the City Wide clean up. She will check into getting it done.
- XIV. Adjournment – 7:00 p.m.

Next Team Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 6 pm at Hilltop School Board Room