

Community Building Development Team

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 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 – 7:06
- II. Introductions
- III. Dale Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2016 Team Meeting – Louise King second. Approved.
- IV. Treasurer’s Update – Sue Mabie – See Attached.
 - A. Kurt Mabie noted that we are saving approximately 42% with High Grade Materials
 - B. The CBDT is writing the checks to High Grade.
- V. Presentation – The Verdin Company, Bells and Clocks – Rose introduced our guest, Patrick Dochenetz from the Verdin Company.
 - A. Mr. Dochenetz stated that the bell has a 10 year warranty. The electrical/electronic components have a five year warranty.
 - B. The company offers a program where the bell is cast and the 30 foot tower erected in a two day event on site, in town. The cost of this bell tower is \$250,000.
 - C. They help with community awareness and media events as it relates to fund raising.
 - D. Cedar Springs would be the first community in Michigan to have one of these types of bell towers.
- VI. Assign Who/What/Where/When Recorder – Amanda Gerhardt
- VII. Reports
 - A. Capital Campaign Committee – Louise King – Discussion concerning Duane Weed producing a video
 1. John Ensley, Kurt Mabie, Louise King and Carolee Cole will be attending the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition meeting on Thursday evening.
 2. Matt Vandebundte did an article for the Grand Rapids Press that was published this past Sunday. Kurt noted that getting articles published in the paper helps with fund raising.
 3. Letters of Support are still needed. Email to caroleecole@gmail.com, kmabie55@gmail.com, or clouise186@gmail.com.
 - a. Question regarding how the letters should be written and what fund raising opportunities need to be targeted at the moment.
 - b. Right now, the DNR grant and the Frey Foundation are the two currently being pursued.
 - c. Carolee will email a sample letter to the email list and request letters from those on the email list.
 - d. See the attached list of entities from whom we will solicit letters.
 - B. Finance Committee – Julie Wheeler – Tabled.
 - C. Library Building – Duane McIntyre – All is going according to schedule with a minimum of significant challenges.
 - D. Amphitheater / Rain Garden / Boardwalk / Sculpture – John Ensley / Jesse Morgan –

1. Community Garden Club would be a logical choice to participate with the rain gardens. They do need more members to be able to serve all the needs of the community.
 2. A walking path around the rain garden is being considered so as to provide good visual of the sculpture and access for upkeep.
 3. The rain gardens will need maintenance and we need to identify who will take care of that ahead of time. Amanda Gerhardt suggested creating a class through Parks and Rec that would address these needs.
 4. The amphitheater is moving forward slowly. The primary focus at this time is to replace the culvert (built in 1867) with a bridge which will solve the entire flood plain concern for the area.
 5. Jesse Morgan stated he can meet with Duane McIntyre to mark out the pathway that will go behind the library. It will not take a lot of effort or time.
 6. The Sculpture is installed and looks great.
 7. Chris Powell stated that everyone he has talked with in the community agrees that the amphitheater is a great idea. There have been concerns about other projects, but the amphitheater is well supported.
- E. North Country Trail – Amy Anderson / Mark Laws – Things are moving forward.
- F. Veteran’s Memorial Park and Clock Tower – Rose Powell – Question regarding the cost. The entire package costs \$250,000. The lowest possible cost for this particular tower is \$210,000.
- G. City Council – Council Members – Rose reported that she attended a MML meeting regarding fixing the streets and improving the visual look of the businesses even if they are closed.
- H. Design Committee – Sue Wolfe – Meeting was cancelled.

VIII. Other Business

- A. Transfer of CDBT owned Land to City of Cedar Springs – In progress. Each piece will be transferred individually and will likely happen within the next 14 days.
- B. Bolthouse Farms Land – the CDBT Board agreed to accept the land donation. The current buyer is still interested.
- C. DNR Grant – Josh Zuiderveen stated that he will be able to put more money from the grant into the rain gardens near the library rather than into North Park.
- D. Review/Questions from September 13, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – None.
- E. Review of Who Does What/Where/When

IX. Other Old Business

X. New Business –

- A. Perry asked about what should happen with the electric bill. Will be referred back to the CDBT board of directors.
- B. Discussion regarding Red Flannel Day opportunities. We are planning to have a booth near the new library site.

XI. Adjournment – 7:46 p.m.

Next Team Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 6 pm at Hilltop School Board Room