

Community Building Development Team

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 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. Kurt Mabie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll was called and everyone introduced themselves.
Board members present: Kurt Mabie, Tom Mabie, Betty Truesdale, Carolee Cole, Sue Wolfe, Dale Larson, Sally Howland, Nick Andres
Board members absent: Tom Holloway
- III. Dale Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2015 Team Meeting as presented. Sally Howland supported. Approved
- IV. Betty Truesdale, Treasurer reported that \$603,855.70 was transferred to a Money Market account and that there is a total of \$638,698.75 in all accounts.
 - A. Rob Coxon donated \$22,500 in the form of property.
 - B. The CBDT paid a remaining \$15,500 for the Coxon property.
 - C. The board promised a maximum of \$2,228 to the Eagle Scout, Kevin Galloway for the pavilion he plans to build in Morley Park. The exact figures will be included in the April treasurers report.
- V. Nick Andres made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions. 1. Add members to the Capital Campaign team will be added under Capital Campaign. 2. Disaster relief building lions club – Potential for Federal Grants will be added under Capital Campaign. 3. Rough sketch of site plan will be added under Library Building. Dale Larson supported. Approved
- VI. Reports
 - A. Johnson Property – On hold until the land can be donated in December.
 - B. Coxon Property –
 1. The closing is complete. Leon Stout charged only half of his usual fee. Tom Cronkright charged only \$1 for his fee. Rob and Jody Coxon donated \$22,500 in land value.
 2. The land will be cleared and the Creek made more visible as soon as the weather allows.
 - C. Library Building –
 1. Duane McIntyre showed the first draft of a site plan.
 2. Plans can now be made to go back to city groups with a second presentation.
 3. Vickie Babcock requested that copies of the site plan, etc. not be posted until the library board has had a chance to look at it.
 - D. Amphitheater – City Manager, Thad Taylor connected Tom H. to some great ideas for design and an opportunity for raising money.
 - E. Natural Spring / Rain Garden / Beautification –
 1. A layout and drawing of the spring and rain garden needs to be produced and presented to city council.
 2. Steve Anderson will be back in April to show what he's come up with for the sculpture (dragon flies).

3. Josh Zuiderveen, Nicole DeMol and Doug Gordon will be invited to our next officers meeting so a solid plan can be agreed upon and drawn up.
- F. Walking Trail Along Creek –
1. John Ensley of Hubble Roth & Clark, Inc. Consulting Engineers said his only concerns are with the entrances to the board walk and to roads.
 2. He will put an estimate together when he has a copy of the site plan.
 3. Question concerning what material the boardwalk would be built of. Probably lumber or composite lumber because of some areas being raised.
 4. Question concerning whether the boardwalk will be for walking only or will include bikes. The original DDA proposal did not address this. If it's only a walking trail it can be narrower. Suggestion to do a walking trail and a separate bike trail.
 5. Suggestion that parking be included in the site plans going forward with accounting of the city's plans for parking. Kurt Mabie encouraged Sally Howland to keep this in mind at DDA and Chamber of Commerce meetings.
- G. Fire Barn – John Ensley may also be able to help us draw the plans for the fire barn.
1. Materials from the current fire barn cannot be used for the new fire barn.
 2. There are still many unknowns associated with this project. Solon is continuing with the consolidation study so it's possible the City and Solon could consolidate. We need to be preparing for whatever decision may be made.
 3. The fire department is taking everything into consideration and is working with Jeff Gust and Dale Larson to achieve the best design for their needs.
- H. North Country Trail –
1. Presentations to the City Council and to the Solon Township Board were both very well received.
 2. Chuck Vanette, President of the West Michigan NCT provided a sample memo of understanding that is being edited for Cedar Springs and Solon Township.
 3. Amy Anderson and Kurt Mabie will attend a Solon Township meeting for Parks and Trails.
 4. City Council has expressed interest in becoming a trail town.
- I. City Council – No report
- J. Design Committee – Tabled. The current focus is on raising the funds and getting the library built. With the site plan now available the committee will meet as soon as is feasible.
- K. Public Relations – Sue Wolfe has written several articles that have been run in the newspapers recently. They are getting a lot of attention, are being posted on our Facebook site and have generated a lot of excitement.
- L. Capital Campaign Committee –
1. Nick Andres reported they are identifying grant possibilities.
 2. Dave Ringler volunteered to connect Nick to a fundraising group he has worked with.
 3. We need more people to join the Capital Campaign Committee so we can broaden the types of fund raising we can pursue.
 4. Vickie Babcock will have a conversation with the library board to clarify what their hopes are for fund raising so we can continue to evolve how the group will operate.
 5. The Lions Club has expressed interest in the community building being designed and developed as a disaster relief center. This may make public dollars available through grants.
 6. It was also mentioned that it is possible that buildings such as the fire barn might be required to be available for shelter. Bill Reminga said he will get an email to a contact he has with FEMA to see whether they might play a role.
 7. Lexie Coxon asked whether there will be a sign board going up soon to let the community know the current plans. Duane McIntyre will address this.
 8. Nick is the CBDT communication connection for grants and other opportunities for fund raising.
- M. Review/Questions from March 10, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – None.

- VII. Other Old Business
 - A. The \$60,000 study of trout this summer usually done in the Au Sable river will be started in May.
 - B. Dave Ringler announced that the brewery will be going up very soon and will be open by Red Flannel Day.
 - C. A reminder was made regarding how excellent the Master Plan is and all were encouraged to read it. We have requested that City Hall provide a joint meeting of all interested groups in Cedar Springs to review the Master Plan in preparation for its 5 year required review at as early a date as is possible.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Louise King announced she has raffle tickets for a quilt for sale. This is a fund raiser sponsored by the friends of the library to raise money for the library building project.
 - B. Discussion regarding what links should be included on the CBDT website. General consensus that it should be either just the city or just the city and a few orgs that serve the city and the citizens.

Next Team Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 6 pm at Hilltop School Board Room

Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carolee Cole
Secretary