

**Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021**

In attendance: Palmer Pearson (Zoom), Prentice Grassi, Steve Bennett, David Bridges, Lissa Widoff, Dylan Turner (Zoom)

Steve opened the meeting by giving an update on the committee formed to complete a Town Charter. He reported that the committee requires two more members for a total of nine.

The group then reviewed the proposed mission statement. It was read aloud and approved unanimously. The final version is as follows: "The Purpose of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is to develop the "Skidgel Lot" for the economic, social, and environmental betterment of the Town of Freedom."

Next the group looked over the minutes from the October 6 meeting and approved them as well with little discussion.

Steve then gave an update on the real estate that is adjacent to the Skidgel lot. He stated that the town now has a purchase and sale agreement to buy several smaller parcels that total 3-4 acres. He emphasized that this purchase will end up saving the town considerable money for the surveys that would have been required to clear up the title on the current lot.

Next Palmer went over his first draft of a survey that this group plans to send out with regard to future uses of the Skidgel lot. One question that came up is whether this survey should exclusively go to taxpayers or have a broader reach. After some discussion, we agreed that it would make sense to cast a wide net to get as many ideas on the table as possible.

Lissa agreed to work with Palmer on the survey before the next scheduled meeting in January.

Lastly, the group undertook a brainstorming session regarding possible development ideas. These can be summarized as follows:

- Ag. processing needs? - Maple Syrup depot, Cannery
- Expand Public Works
- Recreational Center
- Town Park/picnic area
- Basketball Court
- Solar Array
- Workout Center
- Dog Park, trails
- Light Manufacturing
- Office and/or Coop space
- Housing
- Elder Housing
- Child Care
- Restaurant

The next meeting is set for the first Wednesday in January, 2022 (1/5/22) at 6PM. It was noted that this will be one day prior to Dave Bridges' birthday! How many candles, Dave?!

Respectfully submitted,
Prentice Grassi