

**Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2021**

In attendance: Palmer Pearson, Wilson Hess, Prentice Grassi, Steve Bennett, David Bridges, Dylan Turner (via Zoom). Absent: Lissa Widoff

Steve opened the meeting by requesting that we elect a Chair and Secretary for the group. No one present stepped up for the role of Chair. Steve said he would ask Lissa whether she would be willing and we decided to table the subject for the time being. Prentice suggested that the role of Secretary be shared, with someone agreeing at the beginning of each meeting to take notes and produce minutes.

Next there was a discussion of the role of the CDAC. Dave proposed that the purpose of developing the Skidgel lot not be limited to the "economic betterment" of the town. After some discussion, the group agreed that the language should also include "community and environmental" benefits.

Prentice agreed to draft an initial mission statement for the group to help clarify these goals.

Next, the group discussed ways to engage the rest of the community in the process. We agreed that a survey of townspeople could help generate ideas as well as spread the word about the initiative. Wilson cited the success of the Western Waldo County Broadband Coalition in gathering useful data via an online survey.

Palmer agreed to draft such a survey to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Next Steve reviewed the status of the boundary survey. He described the plan (approved at a recent Town Meeting) to purchase a couple adjacent lots. This will expand the property as well as simplify the boundary questions.

Next Steve went over some of the complexities of creating a Town Charter. He will continue to pursue this effort, with the understanding that creating a Charter will not be the purview of this group.

Steve asked whether this group should stick with the Skidgel lot or expand our view to other development ideas in town. Wilson suggested we not "close the door" on other projects, but generally stay focused on the Skidgel lot. All generally agreed. Dave mentioned that there really should be an Economic Development Committee per the Comprehensive Plan.

Wilson asked if KVCOG should have a supportive role to play in this process.

At the next meeting, the group plans to review the mission statement, the survey draft and hold a general brainstorming session to generate ideas for the site.

The next meeting is set for the first Wednesday in November (11/3) at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Prentice Grassi