

City, Cando, Backcountry Super Cubs

Construction Project

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Several times work was shut down over the problems, giving contractors time to fix the issues. Perhaps it was a mistake by the City and CANDO that the project kept limping along on promises to “fix and repair”. However to put this in the correct perspective of the ongoing project, you need to know there were deadlines for completion and Backcountry Super Cubs was wanting to get their business moved into the building in a timely manner. It is easy to say “that didn’t matter”, however it was part of the pressure under which CANDO and the City were operating. Adams Building Contractors had penalties they were facing if they didn’t meet deadlines. They wanted to push forward and CANDO and the City wanted the project done according to plans. Everyone wanted the project to progress, however there were problems.

From the City’s perspective, Adams Building Contractors seemed to delay corrective action; and in fairness to Adams Building contractors there were problems and frustrations that interfered with their progress. At times the plans were not interpreted the same by everyone involved. Adams Building Contractors obviously wanted to build with as little cost as they could, and Backcountry Super Cubs did not want a building that would not serve its needs. These conflicts and changes are inevitable in any project. Changes are expensive and cause frustration for all. All of this was part of the atmosphere of the project at the time.

This procedure continued to delay and frustrate everyone involved. Adams Building Contractors ended up in the penalty phase and was losing money. While some corrections were completed, there were things on the list that needed correcting.

Unfortunately at some point “promises” were accepted for “corrective action” and a Temporary Occupancy Certificate was issued by the City and the final payment was made. The building was not completed to specifications and no further leverage existed to get compliance. CANDO has been trying its best to get Adams Building Contractors to negotiate a settlement. CANDO used legal action at its expense. The City and Backcountry Super Cubs are back into the picture because Backcountry Super Cubs feel they didn’t get what was agreed upon and the City and CANDO continue working together on the project.

At this point we can all turn and point fingers and blame everyone else, however that will not solve the problem that is reality. CANDO and the City recently met to see what can be done to

stop the “financial bleeding” and finish the project. We are all attempting to work together to find a solution that will end this unfortunate situation.

The City offered CANDO an option that we felt could solve the problem, however CANDO does not agree with that solution at this time. So far CANDO has not offered a solution in return. At this point we still have the ongoing discussion involving the City, CANDO, Backcountry Super Cubs and Adams Building Contractors. The City is willing and ready to sit down with CANDO and continue to work on this issue to finalize this project so that CANDO and the City can get on with other important business.