

Willa,

I have a dream that has been expanding by the day, and I think I am just the person who can organize this dream.

It all began when I began using the Boundary County Library MIT Fab Lab to experiment building footbed type cants for my ski boots. Director Craig Anderson got very excited with my project because it was the first one that was prototyping something that could be manufactured. I have been helping him promote the Fab Lab and he has given me free reign to develop my footbeds. When I got a footbed that was unique and really helped my skiing, I started to think about buying a 3D Printer; then about getting a place downtown where people could share my printer and other types of printers; then me sitting down there doing my Geography and History Project; then me being able to talk with business owners that came through about my Business Modeling business; then how wonderful for Bonners Ferry if that ever got off the ground; then how I could introduce people to the Saints etc.

Many people are learning how to use the seven different types of 3D printers in the Library, making beautiful things in many different materials, all for free. But, they can't produce them professionally.

I believe the best way to do that is to have a central location for those machines with people there directing their use and product shipment. Just like my business modeling business, all the design work is done at home and home could be anywhere in the world.

So, I began looking around town for the right empty building. At first, I was a little disappointed because even though there were many empty spaces there were no small ones that would attract attention. Then my dream changed. There was a huge space right on main street next to the rail road, large enough to fit my dream no matter how big it got.

Currently, my dream is to plan that space the same way you and Jim planned your home; with a small structure to start with that will fit within the larger structure or structures later on to hold the production facility. I already have a good person on hand with experience in this type of modern production with contacts with others who also have this experience. I will need help with the Architecture and Financing.

Willa, do you know any one who would want to help me?

Love,

Brother Bob