

Greenhouse Flower Basket Minutes January 29, 2010

In Attendance: Karen Abowd, JoAnne Skelly, Mark Lopiccolo, Mark Korinek

1. Mtg commenced at 12:00 PM
2. Karen Abowd reported on the flower basket campaign status to date. She stated that we are committed to 45 flower baskets thus far and a secondary campaign was being run through the month of February. At present the campaign had paid Nv's Own Perennials \$1,705 on 12/28/09 to get the flowers started in his heated greenhouse. Money for pledged baskets would be invoiced and as of this date \$4,871.00 had been received.
 - a. Flower basket sponsorship forms were handed out
 - b. Karen stated that we had received the NDOT permit for 2010.
3. The status of the Greenhouse Project was reviewed.
 - a. Karen stated that TGP needed to get a website and facebook page setup for donation opportunities etc. Mark Lopiccolo said his son Jerrod from Noble Studios volunteered his services. Karen said she would contact him.
 - b. Karen reported that during the month of Dec 2009 a LOI agreement was entered into with the school district to place the greenhouse at CHS. The school reserved the right to designate the parcel. The terms of the lease was an under \$5,000 lease.
 - c. Karen reported that she and TGP benefactor Laura Fitzsimmons met the engineer Mark Rotter, Rich Stokes (Superintendent of schools), Mark Korinek (Director of Operations for the School District) to walk the site the school had chosen on 1/29/10 @ 7:30 AM. The parcel was not in the agricultural 10 acre parcel but the cost of extending the utilities to the ag parcel made the parcel behind the soccer field and tennis court the more desired location. All present at that meeting were in agreement and Mark Rotter was to work forward on the flood plain issue and submit the application for SUP and MPR by mid- February. Bryce Balstead from Holland and Hart could then get a title report run and ensure there are no intractable easements.
 - d. Karen reported that she and Janette had met with Ben Steele on the financials and Kathy Halbardier for the business plan in December but neither the financials or the business plan were finalized. Karen hoped this process would be completed in February.
 - e. Karen reported that Janette had applied for a CDBG grant and that she and Janette would be making a presentation to the review board at 4:35. She also stated that Joyce Buckingham of Ron Wood was a tremendous help in providing resource info for filling out the forms for the CDBG grant.
 - f. JoAnne Skelly volunteered to explore the viability of applying for the High Tunnels grant for a hoop house for the cut flowers.
 - g. The Fund for Healthy Nevada and the Children's Trust Fund grants Karen was going to Check with Joyce Buckingham on.
 - h. The Learn and Serve Grant with a March 9 deadline was thought to be TGP best opportunity for grant \$. Jo Anne Skelly pointed out that in this app we could stress that kids would be learning possible industry skills; that this is a forward thinking program with state of the art operating procedures.
 - i. Karen reported she had received the curriculum from the school district known as the Agriculture and Natural Resource Science Standards.

- j. Karen asked if JoAnne could look into policies and procedures standards for the greenhouse.
- k. Karen reported that the greenhouse logo contest was underway. it had been approved by CCCC in Dec. Contest deadline was March 8 with a judges preview March 11 and final jurying on March 16 of the entries at the CCCC meeting. The judges would be Miya Mackenzie, Jeff Nicholson and Mike Nelson.
- l. Karen stated that TGP needed a school representative for its board. Mark Korinek volunteered to check with Rich Stokes. He stated that Michele Lewis who is in charge of Career and Tech Ed and a Dean at CHS might be a good candidate or Susan Keema who is the Associate Superintendent of Educational Services. Mark said that Michele would be great in her connections with WNC.
- m. Karen thanked Mark Lopiccolo for getting a letter of commitment from BAWN to build the greenhouse.
- n. TGP Board Meeting was announced for 1:30 1/29/10
- o. The next meeting date for the action group 2/26/10
- p. Meeting was adjourned @ 12:45