

Greenhouse/Flower Basket Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2010

In Attendance: Mark Lopiccolo, Janette Bloom, Tamie Davidson, Pam Graber, Jenny Scanland, JoAnne Skelly, Kimberly Greenman, Karen Abowd

1) Flower Baskets

-Karen reported that the final count on the flower baskets was 48...\$6,000 was paid to Parks and Rec to hire the position...\$3,166 was paid to NV's Own Perennials (balance on the flower baskets), and that \$70 was left in the flower basket account for signage of which we only needed 9. Karen was going to get a quote from Vital Signs on the 9 signs and Tara would provide the artwork. Tamie said that she and her son Blake would be doing the watering of the baskets.

-Karen stated she had visited NV's Own Perennials and that though we had fewer baskets they would require 4 trailers to transport because they were so huge. Mark L said he would contact John Anderson and Tammie said she could provide a trailer as well and Mark would use his trailer. Karen said David at Greenhouse Garden Center would let us use his...we just need a driver. It was decided that the baskets would hang in the trailers and be zip-tied to the poles. Karen asked for 48... 15 gal squat pots so the baskets could sit on them when offloaded from the trailers next to pole locations as it would take a bit for Parks and Rec to get them all hung. It was decided that the transporters would leave for NV's Own Perennials on June 1 at 7AM and that would put us back in Carson about 10:30 or 11:00. Karen said she would coordinate with Scott Fahrenbruch.

-Karen asked everyone to vote on raleyreach.com/voting for our flower basket program as we could win \$7,500. Mark L suggested that we talk to Jarrod to facebook his contacts to get the word out. May 12 is the last day and daily voting is needed to win. It was suggested that Mark Korineck be contacted at CHS to get word in the newsletter for folks to vote or to contact Jennifer Tartan.

2) Greenhouse Project

-Karen reported that we had our Special Use Permit and read Mark Rotter's email which stated that Mark R would do the legals for Bryce as soon as Mark L. gets him the title reports. Rebecca from his office (Manhard Consulting) would do the plans. He would let us know the timeline sometime next week. We need only come up with the money. Mark L. said the title report was waiting on a legal description from Mark R. Karen said she would send Mark R an email and cc Mark L.

-JoAnne reminded the group about Mark Korineck from the school district advising us

on any chemicals that had been used on the site as soil tests are chemical specific. Tamie said she will ask Craig Witt from Full Circle Compost to do the soil test.

-Karen reported that TGP had received a \$29,000 CDBG grant and a \$9,000 Community Youth Services

Grant and that with Laura Fitzsimmons grant match that put us at \$76,000. Jenny said she wanted to be involved in all meetings and paperwork for grant recording purposes. Karen said we did not get the Healthy NV grant. Janette felt that this grant was not used to dealing with a capital improvement project. We still had a Rec Trails grant pending that we would not hear about until the fall. Janette stated that Kathy Halbardier had some USDA grant opportunities and tried to conference call her but did not reach her and would pursue that option.

-Janette that we had received \$400 from Tahoe Ridge Winery and had \$15,000 in the bank..so all said and done we had \$91,698. Kimberly suggested a pumpkin patch in the future as a possible revenue source.

-Karen mentioned she had met with Dr. Carol Lucey and Carol Lange @ WNC who were very receptive to our project and had read our business plan. It was their hope to provide AP credit to students participating in TGP.

-Karen said she would contact Larry Rackley to take over the green energy components of the greenhouse.

-Karen asked JoAnne to take over the crop research aspect and she said she would start making contact with Ron Wood as a resource. Mark L stated when we began planting he wanted to be present for the Health Inspector. Kimberly suggested we have a cooking component to show kids how to prepare what is grown. Karen thought the Culinary program might work and Jenny suggested that her church could coordinate cooking classes when school is not in session.

-Fundraisers

Karen said that our first fundraiser would be July 14/Wed...a concert/silent auction with Sons of Champlain as the band. Karen said that she, Jenny and Janette were meeting with Noble Studios that afternoon for TGP website and that a ticket purchasing component would be a part of that site. Jenny volunteered to interface with Laycie Corley on the poster and to coordinate with John Procaccini of the Brewery Arts on the details. Karen said she would contact John as well to expedite the process. It was agreed by the group to pay Laycie \$50 to create the poster, Mark L volunteered his plotter for their use.

Karen thought a poster larger than 8 1/2 x 11 was needed. Pam agreed to store the auction items and to work on the publicity for the Chair-ity aspect of the silent auction. Jenny agreed to coordinate the auction sheets and Karen said she would help in that effort and send the sheets to Jenny. Tamie volunteered

to do the thank you letters for the auction. Karen said she would contact the businesses for participation in the event. Jenny wants to know how many volunteers from her church we would need the day of the event. Karen said that would be determined by next month.

3) Other business

It was suggested that we talk to Jarrod of Noble Studios about a brochure for the Farmers Market about TGP to help forward donations to the project. Karen said she would bring that up at the website meeting.

4) Next meeting due to Memorial Weekend was determined to be Thurs/ May 27 @ noon @ Adeles.

Meeting adjourned.