

Greenhouse Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2009

Meeting Time : 12:00-1:00 @ the CC Library

In Attendance: Mark Korinek, Cameron McCoy, JoAnne Skelly, Janette Bloom, Mark Lopiccolo, Karen Abowd, Ralph Marrone

1. Cameron McCoy was introduced as a CHS senior doing his senior project on the Greenhouse Project
2. Flower Baskets
 - a. Ralph Marrone gave a report on the flower baskets which has been posted on TGP minutes site.
 - b. Karen reported that she has begun the NDOT permit process for next year and has emailed Scott Fahrenbruch the info required from Parks and Rec for the permit application.
 - c. Karen spoke about the flower basket sponsorship program for next year and said the campaign would begin the end of Oct and run to the end of Dec. She explained that the baskets would be \$200 and that the majority of that cost was the heat for the greenhouse at Nevada's Own Perenials as the baskets would be planted by them in February so as to be full and fully cascading. There would again be 91 baskets and Karen suggested if everyone present sold 8 - 10 our sponsorship goal and monies would be almost met. Karen also stated that she had emailed Roger Moellendorf about hiring the waterers if we paid for the positions. Mark Korinek asked how many hours daily it took and Ralph stated about 5 hours. Karen also said that once the funds were raised she was going to ask RDA to repay the Nugget for last years watering costs as they had promised to pay for that cost until their funding was frozen. The Nugget was kind enough to hire the positions and pay the workers with the understanding they would be paid back. Janette asked what bank account would be used for the sponsorships and Karen said she would check as last year it went through the Carson City Downtown Consortium account.
3. Greenhouse issues:
 - a. Karen revealed that the site for the greenhouse being worked toward was the Anderson Ranch and specifically the 1/2 acre of land just west of the Mountain Street Trailhead. A site plan was passed around.
 - b. Karen reported that she had attended an open space meeting at the end of September at which the Colard family represented by George Szabo(architect) and Mark Palmer (land planning/engineer) presented a master plan for all the Anderson Ranch property of which the greenhouse would be a part. Karen stated that Kim Colard has been an educator involved in outreach all her life and felt that TGP fit the agricultural

history of the property and liked the civic engagement of the project. Karen also reported that open space gave the go ahead for the City to work with the family to fine tune the master plan so that the future of the property could be established for their family trust and that the process have a more urgent timeline.

- c. Karen reported she had met with Jennifer Pruitt of the planning dept. Jennifer felt TGP needed answers and direction from them so suggested the project go before a major plan review. If 10 copies of the MPR application could be turned in by Oct 6 at noon TGP could go for review on Oct 20 @ 2:00. Karen worked with Mark Palmer to meet that deadline and the applications were turned in. Mark Lopiccolo asked to be present at the major plan review and Karen stated she, Laura Fitzsimmons, Mark Palmer and Cameron McCoy would also be present. Karen stated that this meeting would let them know if we can move forward with this site. Karen also read and email from Mark Palmer to Kim Colard and Karen stating that rezoning for the greenhouse component could be harmful to the overall project and that a special use permit would be the more desirable way to proceed.
- d. Karen discussed Mark O'Farrell's offer of a collaboration on property behind the Hot Springs for the retail aspect of TGP. Karen said she told Mark that depending on the results of the MPR this property could be a primary or secondary site for TGP.
- e. Ralph suggested an art contest for TGP logo and Karen thought it should be run past the CCCC for approval as well as for the guidelines. She also suggested that Cameron take this on as part of his senior project and with approval contact WNC and CHS art departments. \$100 cash prize would be awarded the winner and the CCCC would determine who would jury the entries. Karen said she would contact Peter Barton about putting this on the Nov CCCC agenda. Mark Korinek suggested Cameron touch base with Steve Reynolds of Sign Pro to get some direction on layout for the contest.
- f. JoAnne Skelly reported that Bonnie Parnell was happy to be a part of this action group to further it's educational component. She will work with JoAnne on that aspect and JoAnne will continue to pursue the protocol for the education program.
- g. Mark Lopiccolo contacted Teresa at the Health Dept and reported on his findings. A \$50 Producer's Certificate would be needed for us to grow our veggies, herbs, flowers etc and Mark was told that the Health Dept can only inspect during growing times. Mark said the permit is simple to fill out and the Dept of Agriculture provides a list of produce common names for listing on the permit app. Mark said there is not a food handling issue and that Teresa checked extensively to make sure. he said she would also work with us for our ultimate goal of organic certification.
- h. Janette gave a treasurers report. This document will be included separately in these minutes. Janette also discussed that she and Karen had met with the Ron Wood Foundation and set up guidelines for running TGP finances

through them until our non-profit status is complete. We can move forward with the non-profit status once TGP location is secure.

- i. Janette reported on progress with our Board of Directors. The BOD would meet Monday Oct 12 @ 3:30 @ Abowd and Rose Financial Group. Board members would Doug Stewart of St Teresa's Youth Ministry, Eric Abowd, Laura Fitzsimmons, Kathy Halbardier ex- officio, and Mark Lopiccolo. Janette and Karen would resign and have to be re-elected by the board.
 - j. Karen reported she had contacted RSVP through Janice Ayres about a secretary but had not heard back yet. Regarding funding Karen reported that Laura Fitzsimmons has pledged another \$50,000 in the near future. JoAnne said she would give Janette some grant apps for her review. Producers are an important component of those apps so it was suggested by the action group that Nevada's Own Perennials, Hungry Mother Organics and Churchill Butte Organics be included. Janette reported that the Gerlach greenhouse project recommended strongly that TGP grow cut flowers as a source of revenue for sustainability.
 - k. Karen reported she would meet with Tom Clark on the roll out campaign for the greenhouse location and flower basket sponsorships. Karen will contact all the action group members regarding the sponsorship campaign forms and where to access.
4. Next meeting was announced as Fri Nov 6 @ noon @ the CC Library.
 5. Workshop announced at Lattin Farms Nov 13-14 on hoop houses. JoAnne and Karen said they would attend.