

Greenhouse/Basket Meeting Minutes
Mar 27, 2009

In attendance: Karen Abowd, Ann and Joe McCarthy, Robin Williamson, Dale and Gary Lyon, Ralph and Linda Marrone, Dale Hildebrand, Joann Skelly, David Ruf, Scott Fahrenbruch, Vern Krahn, Jennifer Pruitt, Jim and Terri Ford, Janette Bloom, Daron Uverturf, Fred Mitchell

1) Flower Baskets;

-Dale Hildebrand provided a rough list of plants to be ordered by Greenhouse Garden Center to include Geraniums, Super Petunias, Morning Glories etc.

-Dale reported that we will likely be able to utilize the old UNR greenhouse for our baskets and planting will occur after the master gardeners of Reno hold their plant sale. So the end of the third week in May planting of our baskets to begin and will be ready for hanging June 1.

-Dale asked David to drop ship flowers to the greenhouse and said that 8 41/2" pots fill the the 18" basket selected. Dale felt the self watering baskets work well and David agreed. David said an additional plastic liner would not help water retention because birds poke at the coir matt and puncture the plastic.

-Soil was discussed at length and Dale said she would use the best soil for water retention and that meets the approved weight of 40# for the baskets wet and planted.

-Karen and Linda are going to flower show in Salinas April 2,3,4 and will bring back any free flowers. Dale suggested 1 flat/2 baskets and to call her and she will pick up what that bring back and hold them in her greenhouse until CC baskets are ready for planting.

-Master gardeners from Reno and Carson will do the planting.

-Flower order to be placed by end of April to beginning of May

-Finished baskets to be delivered to Parks and Rec yard and Scott said Parks and Rec will hang brackets and baskets. NDOT approved Parks and Rec to hang baskets on 16 of their designated poles. Baskets and brackets to be ordered as soon as engineered drawing approved by NDOT is received by Hooks and Lattice the manufacturer hopefully in this next week as lead time is 2 weeks. Karen has spoken to Russ Law of NDOT about the urgency of finalizing the permit and and approved drawing process.

-Karen said in the interest of keeping cost down, we would use the 40 green pots existing on Curry St and 40 new wrought iron/coir self watering pots on Carson St and William St. Karen was told Kenny Frasier would know the wherabouts of the 40 green pots so they could be given to Dale for planting.

-Joe reported that the baskets would be paid for through a combined fund raising effort of the CCDC and the Library to pay back monies fronted by a member of the CCDC to get the project under way. Sponsorships of the baskets @ \$250/ea from the downtown businesses will also be solicited. Karen pointed out that the cost includes basket, bracket, flowers and a paid position for someone to water.

-Parks and Rec asked that the hiring of that position will go through them so funding for the position should be funneled to them. Ralph inquired about volunteers for that position but Vern said that would be unreliable help. Vern also suggested buying a few extra baskets to be planted by Greenhouse to replace any baskets that might have

problems.

-Dave from Greenhouse will provide Karen a soil and flower cost

2)Greenhouse

-Karen reported that the BOS had given the nod of endorsement for the greenhouse project

-2 greenhouse structures reviewed by Terry Reinhart of Lopiccollo Const by 2 different manufacturers. Jennifer Pruitt felt as did Dave, Joann and Dale that the structures would be site specific and Jennifer asked that Karen contact her once a location is decided upon to choose the best structure for the site. Terry estimated costs including structure and necessary interior mechanics, site work, concrete, electrical and mechanical work to range between \$50,500-\$58,000. Karen mentioned adding \$16,000 for security fencing for an acre of land. Daron suggested a slightly sub-terranean structure for heat retention and burms to block wind. It was suggested by Gary Lyon that we explore some supplemental design criteria and he was to check into some organizations that offered input.

-Karen reported on location possibilities as Stewart is not an option because the State wants historic structures only. Open space contacted specifically Steve Hartman. Steve feels open space is a problem in terms of water and power. Suggests Gleason School on Telegraph. Boys and Girls Club was Mentioned by Gary Andreas. Karen to contact Hal Hansen CPO for Boys and Girls Club who is enthusiastic about the idea. CHS/Michele Lewis has expressed interest and Karen has a meeting next week with Cheri Glockner of Carosn Tahoe Hospital to review their interest. Silver Saddle Ranch was mentioned as well.

-Karen reported that Linda Guernsey donated a 7' x 12' greenhouse for the cause that needed to be picked up in Wellington. Jim Ford offered to pick it up and Joe and Ann McCarthy offered to store it on their property until we have a location for the big greenhouse.

-Karen reported that Larry Werner is checking into insurance issues and costs for the CCGP.

-Joe said that work on the business plan would begin next Tues with a meeting with Cathie Hombartie and Karen read a first draft of the executive summary that Linda Deacy and she had been working on for comment. Joann Skelly was concerned about using organic for our produce description but David Ruf felt that for a project like this we need to strive for that certification.

-Karen reported on a conversation with Rob Hooper from NNDA and a Japanese growth model he will talk to her and Mark OFarell about next week

3) Next meeting scheduled for April 17 @ noon @ CC Library. Meeting adjourned @ 1:00.