

Greenhouse/Flower Basket Minutes February 26, 2010

In Attendance: Jo Kilpatrick, Angela Bullentini, Mark Lopiccolo, Jo Anne Skelly, Janette Bloom, Kimberly Greenman, Karen Abowd

1. Karen provided an update on the Flower Basket Program:
 - a. 44 baskets have been paid for with 6 pledges remaining to be paid for a total of 50 baskets. 12 more are available for sponsorship. The program has taken in \$9,025 with \$1,575 yet to be received from pledges. Total cost on the baskets is \$4,871. Balance of the monies to go to Parks and Rec to pay for the watering. NV Perennials has the baskets planted and growing in their heated greenhouse.

2. Greenhouse Project updates were given by action group members.
 - a. Karen reported that plans had been submitted that morning for Special Use Permit approval. She stated that at the completeness review on Tues of that same week very little else was required to be provided to the Planning Dept besides the original submittals. Final hearing would be March 31.
 - b. Janette reported on TGP application for a CDBG grant. She stated we were turned down but that she and Karen were appealing that decision to the BOS per the advice of Walt Sullivan who had approached Karen and wanted to make her aware we had the right of appeal since his feeling was TGP fits the criteria of the CDBG grant. In our appeal as different from going in front of the CDBG board we now have a grant match donor. \$105,000 was requested but any amount was welcome.
 - c. Karen reported that 2 grants had been submitted on Thurs Feb 25 thanks to the hard work of Jenny Scanland. One was a Community Support Services grant for \$40,000 and the other was a CC Community Youth grant for \$25,000.
 - d. Jenny had submitted a RTP grant for us but Karen was unsure of the amount.
 - e. Jenny and Karen were continuing to work on a Healthy Nv grant. Parts 1 & 2 had been submitted but with the Governors cutbacks, though the app had made the first cut we were told we had to revise our proposal and budget.
 - f. JoAnne Skelly stated she would begin work March 1 on a Learn and Serve grant app for TGP. Deadline for that one is March 9.
 - g. JoAnne also reported that The High Tunnels grant required your land to be already cultivated with \$6,000 earned from growing on that plot so TGP did not qualify.

3. Karen discussed the progress of the Business Plan. She and Janette had received a preliminary draft for approval from Kathy Halbardier and had made a few adjustments to the plan. Karen had received the financials from Ben and provided additional info to Kathy so that that section could be finalized. Ben Steele was working on 501(c)(3) with hope of completion by July1. Karen stated that the goal

was to pick up the finalized Business Plan from Kathy at the March 3 meeting with Kathy, she and Janette.

4. Karen brought up the Certified Food Certificate mentioned by the Health Dept that would be a part of our operating permit and it was agreed it is too soon to fill out as food to be certified must be in the ground.
5. JoAnne lending her expertise asked if we had checked into applying for ARRA Funds a Federal funding source and asked if we knew Genie Azad. Karen said she knew her and would contact her about info on applying for these funds pertaining to alternative energy systems.
6. Karen spoke about upcoming fundraiser efforts. She stated that John Procaccini was booking the Sons of Chaplain for TGP July concert and silent auction. It would be on a Thurs night and Janette asked if Karen could request it not be on July 8 due to a previous commitment. Karen mentioned she had been working on a guest chef dinner and art show. A celebrity chef had not yet been secured and several suggestions were being pursued. Jo Kilpatrick suggested we video the chefs in the kitchen for that event and sell the video with proceeds to go to TGP.
7. Other business was discussed;
 - a. Logo contest over March 8 with prejudging on March 11 and final judging on March 16 at CCCC meeting. Judges would be Miya Mackenzie of MacWest Marketing, Mike Nelson of GrafX8 and Jeff Nicholson of Great Basin Art Gallery. Mark Lopiccolo requested that winner's logo go on an enlarged version of the check given to the winner as a prize since the CCCC meetings are televised. Mark offered to create the enlarged check replica.
 - b. Karen reported that Noble Studios (Jarrod Lopiccolo) would begin work on our website pro bono once we had a logo.
 - c. Karen commented she would email Bryce about SUP process and update him for the LOI. Mark said he would approach Ron of Northern NV Title for the title report.
 - d. Janette mentioned that we would need a board member from the school district and asked for suggestions, Karen suggested Michele Lewis from CHS and Kimberly Greenman suggested Peggy Sweetland and Karen also said that Mark Korinek was contacting Rich Stokes on a suggestion as well.
 - e. Mark Lopiccolo made the observation that there are no weeds growing on the plot of land for TGP and suggested we have a soil test run for \$1,500. He felt with the bus yard so close it would be wise. JoAnne Skelly suggested Karen contact Mark Korinek who is head of facilities for the school district to find out what product/herbicide has been used and dates of application. Karen said she would that day.
8. Next meeting announced for March 26/noon/CC Library

Meeting adjourned @ 1:00