

# Meeting Minutes from Aug 26

## Greenhouse/Flower Basket Meeting

In attendance:

Pam Graber, Mark Korinek, Angela Bullentini, JoAnne Skelly, Dan Kaffer, Mark Lopiccolo, Karen Abowd

### 1) Flower Basket sponsorship program:

-Karen said that The Downtown Consortium and The Greenhouse Project were going to split the \$750 cost of putting a banner over Carson St that would announce the last week of the Flower Basket Sponsorship program. She was able to secure the week of Dec 20.

-Karen also asked for everyone to think about who would take over the Flower Basket program as it was time to pass the torch. The footprint for the program had been established and tasks included, submitting the NDOT permit which is the same year to year, coordinating with Parks and Rec on hiring, funds for waterers, and basket hanging, and getting basket sponsors/signage.

### 2) Greenhouse Project:

-Karen reported that the next fundraiser would be a Gratitude/Harvest Dinner in Nov and that she was having a meeting that evening about the details and would let everyone know what the date was to be. The hope was that since it would be held at the El Dorado we could raise \$15,000-\$20,000.

-Janette had emailed a financial report as she had a mediation at our meeting time...\$110,000 in grants and donor matches with expenses paid is what we have in the bank.

-Janette also communicated in her email that she was finishing up what Holland/Hart was requiring for our 501-3-c status.

-Karen reported on Jenny Scanland's behalf that Jenny had completed the RTP grant to be submitted by Sept 3 and Karen believed the grant amount applied for was in excess of \$200,000. Funding would not be until Nov so Nov 1 was established as the ground breaking date for the greenhouse.

-Karen stated that Fred Schmidt had made contact with Mary Connelly from Senator Reid's office and was actively pursuing funding through that avenue.

-JoAnne reported on programming and the meeting with she, Michele Lewis and Karen. JoAnne said Michele had been on vacation and then with the first week of school would wait and contact her the following week in her meeting with Ag/Ed folks. Sept 15 @ 2:30 Karen and JoAnne would meet with Michele at CHS to determine the path for programming. Karen commented that Michele felt this was a model program that could go anywhere in the country. JoAnne said she would contact Karen Bianchi, special needs coordinator. Dan Kaffer who would coordinated the CSA program reported that in Oct he would have a seminar with Smith and Smith Farms and wanted as many volunteers at that seminar as they would be helping in that effort. JoAnne said she would say something at the upcoming Master Gardeners class. Dan said that whomever we hire to manage the greenhouse would ultimately be the day to day manager of this. Dan wants to be a part of that Hiring process. Though the CSA would be run by students Dan felt in order for kids to learn skills of sustainability and for the program to have longevity the selection of the right manager was vital.

-Karen asked for volunteers per Kathy Bartosz request from Partnership Carson City to give input at a Sept 8 meeting with Kathy on a kids cookbook that was an integral part of one of the grants Kathy got for TGP. JoAnne and Karen volunteered...Karen pointed out that Kathy had a bilingual intern from WNC who would actually do the work and needed our input only.

-Karen and Mark L spoke about the status of construction per the construction meetings held 8/11/10 and 8/24/10. We needed to raise \$100,000 yet to defray bathroom and site work costs (\$45,000 and \$47,000 respectively) and miscellaneous needs for greenhouse equipment. Karen

said since Nov 1 was groundbreaking the flower baskets would be grown at NV's Own Perennials and had reserved space. Pam wanted to know if they could start them and have the special needs kids finish them out or at least hold that option open. Mark agreed that it might be too optimistic that things would be done in time. Mark L. said he was working on the specs for the plans and was going to submit for a building permit in 2 weeks. Karen reported that we did not have to have the greenhouse with rollup sides so cost of the structure went down to \$27,665. Site plan had been done by Mark Rotter and Darrin Berger and Mark L were working on final structure plans and details. Mark L. said the construction would be phased...site work(2 weeks), greenhouse and heat pump, bathrooms, solar panels. Karen said we were able to use grindings and not paving and Mark K said the school had the grindings on site. Karen reported that Mark Rotter was able to have the City do the line/hydrant with no expense to TGP. Mark K suggested gutters on the greenhouse and concurred with Dan Kaffer that we should do a rain garden in the future. Joanne suggested we have a way to recycle water. Mark I said he would call Mark R about making sure we have a water line out by the outside gardens.

-Karen reported that Fred Schmidt had talked to Hamilton Solar and Mark K was aware of the likely collaboration of Holland/Hart, CHS and Hamilton Solar. Some discussion was had about solar panels on top of a parking structure but Mark L said that would incur more cost. Dan Kaffer said the solar panels could be in a tiered array.

3) Next meeting scheduled for Friday Sept 24 @ noon @ the Library. Meeting adjourned at 1:00.