

MINUTES FOR THE 11/18/10 GREENHOUSE/FLOWER BASKET MEETING

1. In attendance...Janette Bloom, Mark Lopiccolo, Jenny Scanland, Jo Kilpatrick, Angela Bullentini, Michele Lewis, JoAnne Skelly, and Karen Abowd

2. Flower Basket Sponsorship update...

-Karen expressed concern that she had been approached by several of last years sponsors who had not been contacted yet. JoAnne said she would contact Andrea and see what was going on and said Michaela was out of town. Karen said she had emailed everyone on the list and to date had received only one sponsor from with no money. Because of the need to reserve space in NV's Own Perennials greenhouse Dan McClure needs a reasonable count by mid-Dec and final numbers by end of Dec. Deposit check must be sent in Jan. Karen expressed that it was urgent for the volunteers to move forward on this. Karen gave JoAnne a letter for the volunteers to distribute to help push the effort.

3. Greenhouse Project update...

-Mark L. gave a construction status. Said Janette was getting a third bid for the greenhouse to satisfy HUD. Mark would supply a list of subs for job signage and thought a 4 x 8 ft sign was plenty. It was decided that subs be listed and CDBG, Rec trails, PartnershipCC, Laura Fitzsimmons. Janette felt that on this sign the CC Nugget should not be listed as their contributions had not yet commenced. Mark was waiting for electrical and mechanical from Darrin Berger and would submit plans for permit the Wed before Thanksgiving. Jenny was in need of plans for Steve Yates/HUD and Mark said he would call him. Mark noticed there were no hose bibs on the plans and no electrical clock on the outside and felt there should be 3 clocks. Mark had met with Hamilton Solar on the site and lined them out as to our needs. Mark would meet with matt Miller on the ground source heat pump. He said not to order yet until the pump was decided upon and the specific needs it required.

-JoAnne said Tamara could not make the meeting but would look into NV Works program for the kids involved in the CSA. Jenny also mentioned the Vista program as a possible funding source for youth summer wages.

-Karen mentioned that the Carson Nugget wanted to help out so was donating the services of their publicity person Kerri Garcia (kerri.garcia@att.net) to help with our groundbreaking publicity for Dec 3 at noon. She would also provide a collateral package for ongoing philanthropic giving so as to creat a donation structure. She would also work with Tara on a web media blitz and man the press tables. Jo Kilpatrick would send out the evites and had been provided a list. It was decided that Karen and Jenny would speak. Michele would get the megaphone and see about shovels from WNC. If she did not have any Jenny would get some through forestry. 7 shovels was the goal and would be shared. Those

taking part would be the Mayor, Laura Fitzsimmons, Richard Stokes, Kathy Bartosz, Joyce Buckingham, Karen, Marks Lopiccolo and Rotter, Jenny Scanalnd, Janette Bloom, JoAnne Skelly

-Karen said we had a new action group member..Kristen Martyka

-Jenny reported that she had conversed with AmeriCorps for a fulltime 40hr/week college student. They would pay workmans comp and insurance and our match would be \$12,000. This would be through The Dept of the interior and the Great Basin Institute. The student would be working on their masters and have background in horticulture, ag and greenhouse certification. Mark wanted to know who would check up on this student and Jenny said she would have oversight. This would fulfill the HUD requirement for ½ time person. Michele said Mr. Stokes does not want to hire a full time person but has an ag certified teacher to teach the 2 required classes already at the high school. Michele would also teach the night classes. Plant science would be taught during the day and ag science at night. This would allow for further grant opportunities. There is also a teacher in place to help the special needs students. Michel said this partnership would be in place until the educational funding scenario improves. JoAnne pointed out that a green industry worker if they have an ag degree will have had greenhouse classes and there is no greenhouse certification in NV.

-Karen mentioned the Tribute Dinner was selling tickets rapidly now for Sunday's event. Jenny and Janette volunteered to help with set up. Jenny also volunteered to help finish the flower arrangements with Karen after the meeting that Pam Graber and JoAnne Skelly had gotten almost completed.

-JoAnne gave an update on the cookbook and said the girls that were supposed to finish it needed her to come up with a format and it seemed as though JoAnne would have to organize the effort and direct them which initially was not the plan.

-Karen mentioned that this action group would become an advisory board the TGPBoard and she needed someone to take charge. Angela expressed some interest and Jenny said she would once the grants were closed.

3. Next meeting set for Dec 30 at Noon at Laura Fitzsimmons Office on the corner of Division and Spear St.

4. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.