

The Greenhouse Project Action Group Meeting

4/30/20

Phone Conference Meeting 2:30-3:45 PM

Participants dialed (425)436-6326; Access Code 299827

1. In Attendance—Karen Abowd, Millie Karol, Jon Ruiter, Josh Bahn, JoAnne Skelly, June James, Cheryl Rotter, Robin Graber, Will Pierz, Arnold Carbone, Vicki Crabb, Steve Sanchez, Mark Korinek, Cory King, Jo Kilpatrick, Lucy Joyce,
2. Treasurer's Report was given by Vick Crabb. Bank Balances--\$79,934.43/operating; \$76,243.84/CTH; \$49,380.29/savings; \$52,195.87/classroom. Pledged concert funds not yet received but invoiced—F. Hulka/Western Surgical (\$10K), Waste Management (\$2,250) and RISE (\$2,500) for a total of \$14,750. \$62,000 in total pledged monies for the concert despite cancellation. April donations to the outdoor classroom fund were \$685 from the event at Gather and \$100 from Go Fund Me. CCSD got the Pennington Grant on behalf of TGP so total funds available for construction of office and outdoor classroom total \$77,195. Transfers per Jon Steele's approval of quarterly expenses from CTH to the operating fund \$12,292.26. PPP loan approved for \$18,500 devoted 75% to salaries and 25% to lease and utilities. Karen reported that SW Gas Payroll Donation program had chosen TGP as one of the non-profits their employees would donate to in 2021 from a designated payroll deduction. Stacy Woodbury/SW Gas would send out a letter outlining the details.
3. Flower basket installation details were discussed. 80 baskets would be hung. 79 were sponsored and one hung for TGP. Jon Ruiter and Cheryl had established all sign locations and Jon had descriptions of where they are located. Cheryl and Jon will work on sign install in May. Jon will finalize install sheet that goes to Casinelli.
4. Outdoor Classroom SUP approved and Mark Korinek had attended the Planning Commission meeting. He would be meeting with Mark Rotter in about a week about construction schedule. Karen said a Ground Breaking needed to planned. The funding for the entire project was now in place. Josh Bahn would advise which donors do not want recognition.
5. Plant Sale was discussed at length. One more tent with sides was needed and it was decided that TGP would purchase that tent from Costco and Cheryl would pick it up. This way tent and cones would be in place prior to the NOON dry run through on May 8. Jon would notify all volunteers to attend. 12 more volunteers needed for May 9 and 5 more for during the week packing of orders. KOLO would be promoting the Phone-a-thon for the Plant Sale on the newscast this evening and Friday morning newscasts. Cory would have the inventory to Jon Friday so he could develop a spread sheet to subtract inventory from as orders are taken. Cory would be present at call in to answer questions.
6. Regarding the website, Facebook and posting Arnold would do some posting pre-plant sale on Facebook. Cory would take collective photo of the quality of the plant material and post. Cory asked Mark Korinek if CCSD could link to TGP on their website and Mark agreed to check on. Cory had calls of folks connecting TGP with CHS and trying to locate our website through the schools.
7. Jon and Karen met prior to the action group meeting. Additional items he mentioned were that the Farmers Market application had been submitted along with proof of insurance. He stated

that the market would feature AG producers only. Market would start June 6. Cory was waiting for TGP Producers Certificate to submit with application but expected it in the mail soon. He outlined KOLO's upcoming promos. They would include a June 1 for flower basket install, the outdoor classroom groundbreaking, the Foothill classes, and the Serenity Trail improvements. Jon mentioned the CCSD lease was being finalized for May 14 CCSD Board meeting approval.

8. Cory gave the greenhouse manager's update. He said he is a bit nervous about the Farmers market and the social distancing but the app was submitted for June, July and August for every Saturday. He and Will would rotate their attendance. He needs volunteers and he has gloves and hand sanitizer but all need to supply masks. Arnold asked if anyone had connections with a distillery for hand sanitizer and Steve Sanchez volunteered to check with Frey Ranch and Bently. 1663's produce was donated from Green central this month and 450#'s for the year to date. AmeriCorps Doressa and Trisha and a volunteer had gotten all the petunia baskets planted in 2 days!!! Kudos were extended on their tremendous effort. Plants remaining from plant sale would either be donated to community gardens or put into TGP production for donation. 2 out of 4 weekly volunteers were back on track at the GC site and with AmeriCorps starting in May staffing is much better. Pump needs replacing on the swamp cooler so Cory is dealing with that as well. Volunteer days may go to Friday and Saturday. Thank you to Lucy and Trisha who planted perennials at GC.
9. Will provided the assistant manager's update. 21-22 trees were planted on the hill above Foothill garden and on the Serenity Stroll. Lucy had made some great suggestions on plant material but Will said those guidelines since this is a leadership project were followed somewhat but without the variety. The perennial fruit bearing crops look promising. 15#'s salad greens donated to the senior center. Aphid pressure better than last year. Shade cloth is on and greens will be the primary focus in the hoop house this season. The virtual class on tomatoes Cory would speak to on Friday at 11AM and it would be streamed on Facebook Live. The worm bin was in place also.
10. Under other issues Arnold offered washable masks that wife Rusty was making. Cory asked for 6.
11. The next meeting would be Thursday May 28 at 2:30 in the Cooperative Extension Northgate Lane meeting room unless virus protocol dictates another phone in meeting.
12. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.