



BRUNNER FARMHOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
2 NOV 2009

Meeting Summary

Meeting called to order and Roll Call taken at 6:35 pm

Present: Sherill Bunetta, Peggy Atkinson, Mark Brunner, Ben Cooper, Diana Hastings, David Lewis

Others in attendance: Kevin Standbridge, staff

Unable to attend: Todd Poole

Note: Todd will be out for the next 3 meetings as he is in Fire Fighter Training.

Agenda Minutes

The minutes from October 5, 2009 meeting were approved

The Agenda for this meeting was approved

Old Business

Vinyl pergola – The vendor, Heritage (www.heritagevinylfenceanddeck.com) was asked to have the engineer finish his work and stay under the \$600.00 fee.

Kevin Stansbridge said a building permit will be required, however, the fee will be waived. There was some discussion regarding the criss cross top on the Pergola and whether it will provide adequate shade.

Garden plaques – David Lewis looked at the temporary markers – there are thousands. The committee looked at Xeroxed copies of some of the varieties of temporary garden plaques. David suggested we talk with the Senior Center Wood Working Group. They might be interested in making frames for our use at the Farmhouse. They could be designed and made to meet our specific needs. Joe Weibel was identified as the best person to contact.

ACTION: David will check with the Senior Center. David will also check with the Broomfield Cemetery folks to see some of the plaques they use.

Documentary of the Brunner Farmhouse – The purpose of the documentary is to highlight the Brunner Farmhouse through the people who lived in it. Mark Brunner and his family met with the Discovery Church committee, the producers of the documentary. The foreman who takes care of the Farmhouse was also interviewed. They may also interview some of the Users of the House. The Kozisek family still needs to meet with the producer. During an open discussion it was suggested that the February 10, 2005 Power Point presentation made to the City Council may be of value to the producers. It was also suggested the producers interview the then Broomfield Mayor. This will provide some positive exposure for the City. David Lewis said he has a number of good photos of the Farmhouse in summer with flowers blooming. These may be useful to the producers.

Website Update – Mark Brunner had several suggestions for improving the Brunner Farmhouse website. They were:

1. Add the names of the Advisory Committee members
2. Highlight the History Brochure
3. Add a Volunteer Flyer
4. Add acknowledgements to the volunteers that have helped the Farmhouse to date
5. Add Links to upcoming events at the Farmhouse
6. Delete the renovation link
7. Add Links to non profits web sites that use the Farmhouse; links that work both ways. In return they would have to provide links back to the Farmhouse. Kevin Standbridge said there may be problems

listing and linking the Farmhouse users websites, as the City doesn't want to appear to endorse them.

8. David Lewis said he had a number of photos of the Farmhouse in summer that could be used on the website.

Brunner Farmhouse Brochure -- Sherill showed us the new brochure, with a summer picture of the Farmhouse on the front. All agreed it was very nice and more copies will be made.

Holiday Flyer to Farmhouse Users – The Committee reviewed the draft. We decided not to include the toy collection, rather to focus on FISH needs. The deadline will be changed to 15 DEC 2009. Sherill will make the corrections and distribute the flyer.

Monthly Business

1. **House Requests** -- No new requests were received.

2. **Grounds/Gardens** -- It was stated that Diane Wilson's presentation to the City Council shows the silo is inside the Community Garden area. Kevin Standbridge doesn't think that is accurate. No funds have been allocated for the garden. Mark Brunner reminded the group that the trees around the Farmhouse need to be watered over the winter season.

3. **Action List** – The committee reviewed the list and took the following action.

#15 - close the rose part of the action

#28 – a reminder to winterize the gardens will be sent out by Sherill

#45 – closed

#46 - David will continue to review

#47 – closed

#48 – on going

#49 – closed

New Business

1. **Holiday Decorations** – Several members of the Advisory Committee joined Sherill Bunetta in setting up a Christmas tree in the front room and decorating the inside of the windows. Boxes were placed around the tree to collect donated gifts that will be given to the Broomfield FISH program. It was stated at the last meeting that the City will decorate the outside of the farmhouse in lights for the holidays. The City is using LED lights which should reduce energy costs.
2. **Fund Raiser for the Farm House** – David Lewis suggested we sponsor a Calendar as a fundraiser for the Farmhouse. This would also raise awareness of the Farmhouse. We could enlist the aid of local High School Photography Clubs and local citizens to provide appropriate photos. The calendar could list national holidays as well as events planned by Broomfield and the Farmhouse.

ACTION: David Lewis was asked to look into the cost required as well as how long it would take to put one together. David was asked to bring a sample calendar to the next meeting.

3. We also discussed the success of the Depot Museum Cook book project.

Next Meeting Schedule: Monday, 7 DEC 2009 – 6:30pm at the Brunner Farmhouse

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

Approval by: _____

Sherill Bunetta

Chair