

Brownsville Co-op Minutes – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Present: Cheryl, Don Ware, Steve, Gian, Mandy, Randy, Willow, Rick, Patty, Tavis and Dennis

Reviewed and corrected minutes

Questionnaire results - Steve will present at next meeting

Discussed Vision (already voted on)

1. Non-competitive
2. Open Membership
3. Local before organic
4. Espouse principals of Co-op
5. Brownsville, surrounding community will be as sustainable as possible

Committee reports:

Options

1. Buyers Club - Steve went to Eugene Growers Market.

Produce is available on thursdays.

Discount of 15% is available for working 1/2 per household per order.

probably not workable for brownsville situation

Orientations on tuesdays, someone will go

2. Dealing directly with United Natural Foods

\$500/min order along established routes [note \$1000 min order for Brownsville s.b.]

3. Consolidated Buying model

Shopping by a few for many

4. Organically Grown Co., Corvallis

\$100 min order

Organic vegies, fruits, dried fruits

Discussion of pivate business vs. Co-op -Where are the lines drawn?

Is there a way to combine the two models?

“Buyers Club is larval form of Co-op”/

Discussion followed concepts of hiring buyers or volunteering at Eugene Growers Market.

Continue discussion of options next meeting. Sonja/Danee at next meeting.

Discussion of Kathleen’s suggestion

1. Market of Choice replacing Dari Mart = many years down the road
2. Coop doesn’t want to pursue this route now.

This Summer:

Farmers Market in Randy’s parking lot

Building progress: volunteers at first, hired labor now.

Discussion of building being privately owned and using volunteer labor.

No asbestos now, volunteer opportunities at building.

Merritt Schilling wiling to help with structural stuff/steel to reinforce roof.

Steve will ask his civil engineer brother if he can help

Concrete floor is now being broken up

Need building re-model plan

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Rick: Build 1st floor, ceiling out of wood.

Rick will get with Randy and Merritt to discuss floor construction.

Will need volunteers to help

Merritt needs materials list

By Sept of 2006, will have space on ground floor plus reinforced floor, ceilings, 2nd floor, and re-roofed roof.

Working space - need to resolve any permitting issues or historical building remodel issues. Someone will talk to city now. Re-convene Historical Review Board. They have some clout with County (comprehensive plan).

Gian will keep in touch with Rick on progress with building.

Farmers Market:

parking lot needs to be available to Randy 1 weekend a month.

rest of the time the Market can use it.

Cheryl - p.r. on this, to have crops ready

Newspaper article - Patty

Flyers

Community Gardens

Eric and Carla Gerber have volunteered space for community gardens

Flyers for growers - 20 copies (2 weeks after newspaper article)

Later flyers for consumers

Legal Entity:

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Pass out copies of articles of organization and By-laws for First Alternative's Coop.

Communications:

Phone tree - gian will reorganize.

Steve - looking into delivery to seniors; grants available - perhaps a partnership with meals on wheels