

Brownsville Co-op Minutes

December 3, 2007

Present: Steve Brenner, Cheryl Haworth, Patti Linn, Gian Mercurio, Willow Coberly,
Rick Layman, Anne Stein, Julie Fitzgerald, Gretchen Clark-Scannell

Minutes: no minutes available

Financial Report None as Margy not there

Committee Reports:

Farmers Market Anne Stein

Vendor committees: 4 committees formed

Guidelines - work finished, voting in progress

Market Management job description – job finished, voting next month

Logistics – still in progress

Marketing – will begin after the New Year

the hope is to get the work and voting done by January 15 for the 1st two committees,
and Logistics done by Feb 15

Co-op Community Booths

Anne asked that a co-op work group be formed to work on issues unique to our booth
made up of Trish Knight, Marilyn Peterson, other volunteers and vendors

Shopping Bags – Gretchen Scannell

materials will cost about \$5, Carla is looking into cost of high quality ‘iron-ons’ which would
allow the full color logo to be used. Jane MacQueen can do a line drawing also.

Buyers Club Steve Brenner

We continue to meet the minimums, but hope to get the restaurants ordering too,
which will increase the discount.

Community Gardens JD not there

Food store

Building report - Willow Coberly / Rick Layman

They finally now have the building permits. They are ready to pour the interior foundation.

They will then work on the ground floor, the second floor and the roof. The goal is to have
that much complete in four months by the end of March. They will then work on the details
including Randy’s kitchen and the finish work on the store which should be ready to open
some time this summer.

Food Store equipment donations Steve

We now have a 20’ produce case and a freezer case. Rick et al will get the register stands from

1st alternative this week.

Brainstorm session – How should we be using the store space?

Décor will be rustic ‘ Country General Store’

1200’ open space for store

bathroom

storage & office space in back

handicapped accessible entrance through Randy’s

electricity on separate meter / we would *like* photovoltaic roof

– it might be possible with new tax credits etc.

Furnishings we now have:

15 shopping carts

shelves with standards

more shelves w/o standards

20’ produce case

freezer case

wooden bulk storage bin

pot bellied stove (Willow)

register stands (still to be picked up)

Furnishings we need:

cash register

credit card equipment & phone (cell or land)

generator (need for refrigeration)

If we start full time, we will need at least one paid employee

Julie volunteered to track down potential volunteer use / limits

What we would like to sell:

local produce: fruits and vegetables

honey

bread

free range eggs

dairy: organic, goat, soy (we need not compete with Lochmead)

cheese, especially artisanal

Maybe (depending on space)

local art and crafts

books

good regional wines

We also discussed doing a survey of Co-op members 1st and then perhaps others