

BCMGA Annual Committee Report

Committee: Greenhouse Year: 2023

*Number of Active Members: 9 Number of Public Contacts: _____

*Number of volunteer hours (estimates are fine): 10

Purpose of Committee:

Our focus is to locate land and build a greenhouse for the purpose of education and propagation of plants for sale.

Goals for the year:

Continue to search for viable site location/land

Events/Activities:

Greenhouse Committee Activities 2023

February 20 - Paula Lupcho, Fred Prah, Nancy Tovar met with Sam Duffy, new owner of Susan's Greenhouse to discuss possibility of moving /repurposing the greenhouse.

March 17 - Received a quote for a new greenhouse of the same size as Susan's from Horticultural Services, a division of Greenhouse Megastore - \$54,785.00. Buying new would be \$27.50/ sq. ft. for materials only. Installation is not included.

Repurposing used greenhouse:

Take down:	\$25,000
Rebuild	\$69,000
Covering, Nexus ext. and for Estimate only:	\$26,100

Includes new vent motor and motor controls for ridge vent

Total	\$120,100
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Doesn't include a new environmental controller or HAF fans. If you add the Bartlett Climate boss and HAF fans it would be \$122,426. Equals \$61.46 per sq. Ft

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March 27 - Fred Pahl and I met via Zoom with Sam Angima and Staci Simonich, Dean and Director of Oregon Agriculture Experiment Station at OSU. We asked for their assistance and advice in finding appropriate land for our greenhouse. I will say that our inquiry was met with no enthusiasm and little assistance. They told us that OSU was going through a "rezoning" of sorts and that they had no control over how the land owned by OSU is used. They also said that OSU leases some land owned by Benton County for about \$1.00/year. Their suggestion was to contact the Benton County Commissioners.

April 6 – received email from Sam Duffy, New owner of Susan's Greenhouse. They have decided to keep the greenhouse for now.

June 12 - Paula wrote a letter on Behalf of BCMGA to Mr. Hereford, Owner of Starker Forests asking for advice on procuring land. I have not heard if there was a reply.

June 27 - Fred, Paula and I wrote a letter to the Benton County Commissioners on behalf of BCMGA, seeking advice and counsel to attain land for greenhouse. We received replies, but with no offer of assistance.

July 28 - Fred Pahl met with Jesssica McDonald, Executive Director of Greenbelt Land Trust. She gave Fred a list of contacts: Tomi Douglas, the new Director of Benton County Natural Areas, Parks and Events; Growing Ancestral Roots, a group looking for similar property; and Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District; Private land owners near the fairgrounds.

Sep 21 - Tomi Douglas, the new Director, Natural Areas, Parks & Events replied to an inquiry by Pala Lupcho:

"I wanted to let you know that I have your letter with your needs spelled out (thank you) and while I have been on the hunt for available lands for several other NAPE projects over the last few months (Fairgrounds, campground spaces, land remnants, etc.) I have also been looking for available and accessible space for your group. I am so passionate about your mission, and so many people I know and love have benefitted from your programs (my two favorite aunts were both Master Gardeners!) so personally I want you to know I'm here to help, and on the lookout."

How have your goals and events met the educational mission of BCMGA?

This is an ad hoc committee and does not interact with the public for educational purposes.

Has your committee had opportunities to meet the needs of underserved populations?

No

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How might your committee extend events/activities to underserved populations in the future?

Once we identify a site and build the facility, we will be able to use the greenhouse for educational purposes. This could include the underserved populations.

Other information you would like to share that is unique to your committee: