

Hi, All You “Flower Power Participants!”

See below this report to be considered as Flower Power’s “non-traditional minutes.” This is a DRAFT and I would very much appreciate (by/ before our next meeting on Jan. 6th) any corrections, and also your input re: going forward, e.g. about this format, et al. (*)

This information was gathered during our meeting on Nov. 9, 2021, 12 noon at the Hotel Floyd (with a fabulous lunch catered by Jean Woods, Tara Orlando and the Asylum Seekers, plus yummy desserts by Grayson’s Cocoa Mia, and the Bread Basket; also at a meeting on Nov. 17, 2021, with Jean, Ian, Ellie & Nicole Hersch. (See below, about Nicole, near the bottom.)

(*) = Rather than traditional “minutes” from the November 9 meeting, as you will see, this document will also report on any known progress/ steps taken since the meeting on Nov. 9 ... and up until today’s date, Dec. 14, 2021. The focus will be on **“WHO”** ...agreed to be responsible for which task/s; **“WHAT”** they agreed to be responsible for; and **“by WHEN.”**

We’re hoping this will help you to SCAN for **YOUR name-in-bold & underlined:**

Who _____ **What &...** _____ **(bracketed) <<<by When>>>**

*****Kathleen Legg:**1.) As Co-secretary, Kathleen to help create action-oriented “minutes” (i.e. by taking notes during each meeting and then sending her notes to Ellie). If Kathleen knows she can not attend any given meeting date, she will line up someone to sub for her. During each Meeting (beginning on Jan. 6 till Nov., 2022), Kathleen will send her notes to Ellie e.g. by/ before the **end of the following week.**

2.) Kathleen will research possible Grant funding through the Tourism Dept., Chamber of C./ ___?; <<< Kathleen will start now & report progress at the Jan. 6th Mtg. >>>

*****Ellie Roe:** 1.) As Co-secretary, Ellie will add to Kathleen’s notes as needed and then send the Meeting Summary to each attendee/ each core member as soon as it is ready **by/ before the next meeting;** Ellie will also distribute a hard copy to each attendee at the next meeting. >>>

2.) Ellie will update (as needed) the Directory to send by email; <<< Ellie will also distribute hard copies at the next meeting. >>>

3.) With input from others, Ellie will determine with Jean Woods a date for each meeting. Meetings will typically be on a Tuesday/ Thursday, at 12 noon. If available and weather permitting, Meetings will at the Hotel Floyd; if not, Jean Woods will be our Zoom host, **so DO check your email the morning of the meeting.**

4.) As soon as possible following each meeting, Ellie will e-mail everyone confirming the specific date, place & time for the NEXT meeting:

***** CONFIRMING: Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, HIGH-NOON,, at Hotel Floyd (weather permitting), and Jean has offered to provide Lunch! (Plz RSVP)*****

5.) Ellie will assist Jean with lunch arrangements for each meeting: e.g. place the order for food & beverage, pick-up, set-up, clean-up...or in her absence, Ellie will arrange for someone (Joy G? / Kathleen?/ ___?) to help Jean with these tasks.

6.) Ellie will invite most everyone who is listed on the Directory to each meeting, and will also request an RSVP from each recipient;

7.) Ellie will send an email with a reminder 3-5 days before each Meeting. (e.g. send a reminder on Dec. 30-Jan. 2, 2022 re: the Meeting on Jan. 6th.)

8.) Ellie asked and Jane Cundiff said she is happy to invite Ian Caton (and include Jean Woods) to make a Flower Power presentation at a Wild Gardeners’ Gathering (at the Library) during the one of the winter month’s; Ian & Jane Cundiff are currently working to

set up a specific date. Ellie will invite and encourage all Flower Power participants to attend.

9.) Ellie did send to Joann Verostko by email, the titles of books submitted by Joy Gardner, Ian Caton, and also Barbara Pleasant's request that Joann contact her about books Barbara is willing to donate. Hopefully Joann will order plant and garden books for distribution by the Library by/ before this Spring.

10.) If Joann wants her to, Ellie will send another request for additional book titles from other local plant experts e.g. Jane Cundiff, Alex Tuchman, Fred First; Liz Mears, Michael Williams, Dennis Ross/ _____?

11.) Ellie will contact Liz Mears re: the plan for additional plants and gardens at the FCArts;

12.) Ellie will work with Kayla & Ian (and possibly contact the businesses located nearest to each of the planters?) to facilitate having the Town planters look more decorative (e.g. input from Charlie Brouwer/ Ian/ Joy) and also have the planters and plants installed and ready for Spring 2022;

13.) If needed Ellie will set up a Zoom meeting re: choosing plants & the planters within the Town Limits. The meeting would include Kayla, Ian, Joy, Barbara Pleasant, and Ellie, plus Jean Woods as Zoom Host.)

14.) Ellie will contact the new Young Life Director (yet to be hired in April/ ___?), about Young Life teens helping with Flower Power projects during Project Floyd Day in 2022. <<< Ellie will report progress at Jan. 6th Mtg. >>>

*****Joy Gardner:** 1.) Joy to work with Citizens and Ian Caton to come up with a plan for putting plants (possibly near the drainage ditch, and/ or on its banks/ elsewhere at Citizens <<< Joy to start now & report progress at next meeting on Jan. 6, 2022. >>>

*****Kayla Cox:** 1.) Kayla to work with Ian Caton and Ellie (e.g. should Ellie contact Charlie Brouwer?) to come up with a plan for designing/ purchasing more decorative Town Planters;
2.) Together, the 3 of them will determine which plants would do best for the current Town Planters; also the proper depth for meet watering challenges during 2022: also the team will help to choose plants which could be rotated into the planters during late Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter (e.g. miniature Xmas trees decorated with snowflake ornaments?)
<<< Kayla, Ian & Ellie to start now & report progress at the meeting on Jan. 6th, 2022.>>>

*****Kamala:** 1.) Kamala to work with Alex Tuchman (and Ian Caton?) re: a plan, a cost estimate, and the recommended plants for the Wall Residences (near the corner of C'burg Pike & Rt. 221), &/ or the Hotel Floyd; <<< Kamala to start now & report progress at Jan. 6th Mtg. >>>
2.) Kamala to report on the situation for "beautifying" the School House Fabric retaining wall (at the corner of Penn Avenue and Rt. 8.)

*****Liz Mears:** 1.) Liz to provide input re: the plan for a pollinator/ natives planting space at Floyd Center for the Arts. <<< Liz or Ellie to report progress at Jan. 6th Mtg. >>>

*****Joann Verostko:** 1.) Joann to determine a budget and a schedule for having additional book titles at the Library (e.g. those recommended by Ian & Joy) by Spring 2022;
2.) Joann to contact Barbara Pleasant re: the donation of gardening books from her collection for the Library to distribute;<<Joann to start now & report progress on Jan. 6th>>

*****Jessica Cromer:** 1.) Jessica to contact Brittany Quesenberry re: use of H.S. interns on suitable Flower Power projects;
2.) Jessica to contact Ross Snead and share photos sent from Joy Gardner showing an example of what his wood class students could possibly construct for

Flower Power projects (e.g. wooden posts for hanging planters at the 4 entrances to Town, Rt. 8 & 221; &/or benches; &/or garden trellises)?

3.) Jessica to contact Doug Thompson with photos sent from Joy Gardner showing an example of what his welding students might possibly construct, e.g. metal hangers for the hanging planters?;

4.) Jessica to contact Aven Tanner re: pottery students to possibly make decorative concrete stepping stones for Flower Power gardens; <<< Jessica will start now & report progress re: #1, 2, 3, & 4 at Jan. 6th Mtg. >>>

*****Ian Caton:** 1.) Ian to visit each location and then prepare a design plan and make recommendations of possible plants for Citizens, the Town Planters, The Church of Christ, and the Main St. Bldg.

2.) Ian to meet individually with Jean Woods, Joy Gardner, Kayla & Ellie (possibly on Zoom?) to make decisions and help place orders for plants;

3.) Ian to notify Ellie re: the date he will be making a presentation at the Library to the Wild Gardeners, so that Ellie can also invite and encourage all of the F.P. participants to attend. <<< Ian to begin now & Report progress at Jan. 6th Mtg. >>>

*****Nicole Hersch, Community Designer with NRV Regional Commission:**

<<< Jean, Ian & Ellie met with Nicole on Nov. 17, 2021. >>>

1.) Nicole will continue to work with the Town Manager, Partnership for Floyd's Liz Warriner, and Head Librarian Joann Verostko re: possible signage etc. for "Story Book Walks" along the Park-to-Library Trail;

2.) Nicole to search for possible grant monies that might be available to support the Flower Power Initiative (e.g. grant monies for possible signage? Also copies of the informational booklets by the VA Outdoors Foundation's informational booklets?; Grants from: the NR Chapter of VA Native Plant Society?/ Master Gardeners?/ Internships through the FCHS?/ ____?; Nicole will report details about any suitable grants to Jean Woods, the Town manager, and Jane Cundiff (partnershipforfloyd@gmail.com); ***also Nicole to contact Jane Cundiff re: PFF to provide a "non-profit" designation for the Flower Power Initiative?***

3.) Nicole to send to Ellie recommendations for additional titles of books (for the Library to order if we haven't already included those titles.) << Nicole to begin now & Report progress re: the above at Jan. 6th Mtg. >>>

*****Jean Woods:** 1.) Jean did contact the Church of Christ Minister, Mitchell Floyd, and received an enthusiastic response about John & Jean providing financial support (along with input from Ian Caton), so as to put in a natives/ pollinator garden on Church property (across from Citizens) <<<Jean to report progress at the Jan. 6th Mtg. >>>

2.) Jean to contact the June Bug Center, Crenshaw Lighting, and the Village Green owner Woody Crenshaw re: their participation in the Flower Power Initiative and possible installations on their property; Jean to also invite them to the January 6th meeting;

<<< Jean will start now and report progress at January Mtg. >>>

3.) As owners of the 613 East Main St. Bldg., John & Jean Woods will help to design & have installed planter boxes, a pollinator garden and/or a mural on their building next to the Floyd Express Mart; <<<Jean to start now & report progress at Jan. Mtg. >>>

4.) Jean to work with Nicole to pursue grant funding from... e.g. Plant VA Natives; NR Chapter of VA Native Plants Society, and other funding agents;

<<< Jean to start now & report progress at Jan. 6th Meeting. >>>

5.) Jean to email copies of Flower Power's Mission Statement to new participants & provide hard copies at each meeting.