

Metro Greenspace Alliance meeting

6/4/2015

In attendance: Scott Sampson – DMNS, Dana Murphy – Denver Zoo, Jennifer Riley- Chetwynd – Botanic Gardens, Susan Daggett –RMLUI, Jime Petterson – TPL (Was it Tim instead?), Tina Martinez – Boys & Girls Club

Resources:

Inspire Initiative RFP (released 6/3/15) <http://www.goco.org/inspire>

<http://www.goco.org/sites/default/files/2015%20Inspire%20Initiative%20RFP%20introduction.pdf>

This is the RFP that Lise Aangeenburg for the “community hubs” that was discussed at the last meeting.

- Level 1: \$100K for up to 5 community hubs; Level 2: for up to 10 additional hubs who are not quite as organized – longer grant period, less money (\$25-75K)
- Due August 26
- \$25M over next 5 years – still plan on eventually having \$50 M from GOCO once an issue with a GOCO board member is resolved.
- Those that get planning grants will receive \$1M to \$5M for implementation.

- This is NOT the money that is earmarked for MGA – we will be pursuing a planning grant. Awaiting updated RFP that no longer requires a government partner. \$100K. Not sure about likelihood for implementation grants. Team isn't worried about raising additional funds for this project.

- June 11 Outdoors Summit: <http://theoutdoorssummit.com/>
 - Major launch of the initiative
 - There will be speakers in the morning including the Governor, Ken Salazar as well as Scott Samson, Juan Martinez, Gabe Klein and Heather Tallis. There will be breakout sessions in the morning and then again in the afternoon. There is a VIP event in the evening. Not sure how invitations are being distributed for that. It is being held at the Davita Marketplace and Kent Thiry, DaVita CEO is speaking as well.

- Discussion of other partners who need to be around the table to create the proposal for the MGA planning grant. Definitely going to ask Live Well Colorado-Shepherd Neville and Arsenal – David Lucas.
- This is meant to be inclusive not exclusive alliance but don't want too many around the table in the development of the planning grant.
- GOCO *may* put language in implementation grants that the hubs need to work with MGA
- Vision/mission/goals/values
 - Overarching healthy places, healthy people?
 - Create and connect greenspace and trails – discussion of the need for these to be ecologically healthy spaces that provide habitat
 - Connecting people to the spaces
 - Discussion of metrics that can be used for determining success (Susan Daggit to distribute)

- How do we roll in the idea of urban agriculture – maybe as a way of connecting people to nature but not necessarily a healthy ecosystem
- **Next Meeting –**
 - Bring grant writer from DMNS who has some time to work on this. Can Jen H from DZ help?
 - Outline the proposal so Development can dig in
 - Friday June 12 8:30-10:30 am at DBG