

**Community Garden Council Meeting  
Minutes (7:00pm Aug 16, 2016)**

**Present:** Donna, Anthony, Jason, Shane, Eva, Jill Guest: Leo

- I. **Called to order** by Anthony
- II. **Approval of last meeting's minutes:** Correct spelling Caro to Carol
  - a. **Business from:**
    - i. *Seed Donation:* Carol followed through with Valumart but received no response
    - ii. *Water Tower Garden Opening:* Carol, Greg, Angelina attended. Nice ceremony. Garden looked great. Cambridge Times covered the Water Towers garden opening - city planner forwarded the article to Greg.
    - iii. *Kitchener Chicken Update:* no further news
    - iv. *Waterloo Green Space Update:* Greg connected and stated he is continuing to pursue green space bylaw
    - v. *Gardener Aggression Case:* Council discussed the issue and some members felt it could have been handled with more sensitivity. Called into question of a bigger issue – need for mediation and training.
- III. **Regrets:** Lorraine, Greg
- IV. **Business**
  - a. **Call for Council Members:** New interest in joining council expressed by Davindar and Jenn. They were invited to attend the meeting but invitation sent out late. Existing members should consider their commitment for another term and any interest in a change of their role.  
**Action:** Carol to connect with Davindar and Jenn. Current members to contact Anthony if interested to continue of changing roles.
  - b. **Christ the Savior Church Support** (95 Dunbar St. Waterloo): Leo presented his church's desire to help and support different community programs and they are considering supporting community gardens with funding/volunteer work. Leo requested a volunteer to make a presentation at the church re: community garden needs and any considerations re: volunteers or requirements of the church. Carol asked if the council needed to be a registered charity to receive funds from the church and how much lead time was needed for volunteer involvement. Leo suggested these questions could be addressed at the meeting. Presentation could be given one Sunday in September/October. Volunteer welcome to lunch and could present a slide show post lunch – forward council questions of church prior to the presentation in an e-mail.  
**Action:** Volunteer needed. Carol willing to help with presentation

**c. Garden updates:**

- i. Sandhills no further word (Nutrients for Life funding and educator delayed until fall)
- ii. Thorne View Homes – Cambridge meeting held and plans to start a garden discussed. No further update at present.
- iii. Stanley Park start-up: Dennis has been working with the city over the spring to start a community garden in the Stanley Park area. As of July 19<sup>th</sup>, he has not heard back from the city.
- iv. Meals on Wheels hired Jason for garden start-up in Breslau. This is mostly a “garden to kitchen” project for their meal program. They were originally thinking of making it a community garden as well. The site does not have much land.
- v. Global Youth Network Aboriginal Garden: Rhea wants to start an aboriginal food and healing garden for First Nation’s community but she needs help finding green space. Several suggestions were given re: availability of space: e.g. St Paul’s has a first nations’ program and the University maybe able to host another garden, Jason’s church has a first nation’s connection and maybe willing to help.  
Action: Jason, Jill, Eva and Carol are interested in volunteering. Carol to contact Rhea.
- vi. UW garden: Shane provided an update of the plot and communal gardens. The garden trails have been renewed with woodchips. Fence installed. Communal garden going well. Plot garden difficult as some gardeners have disappeared after planting their crops. Goal is to set-up a mentorship program.
- vii. May Place garden: Lauren provided an update. Garden is going well. They have had a number of new Canadians join.
- viii. Willow Green: Donna provided an update. There are two gardens now with 32 plots – 20 are regular size plots and 12 are larger for more seasoned gardeners. Donna has taken on the inspection role
- ix. Garden events – Queens Greens Community gardens 101 August 20 1 pm @Joseph Schneider Haus. Minae posted the event on facebook but it is short notice to get the word out.  
**Action:** Carol to send out notice by e-mail and to post on the website.

- d. KW Foundation Centre for Community Knowledge** identified Community gardens as an organization that could benefit from having a profile - designed to showcase community programs, spread awareness and connect donors with projects/programs, all we need to do is to complete the online profile. Contact is Lizz DiCesare.

**Action:** Jill is interested in completing the profile. Carol to forward the link.

- e. **CBC Radio Interview Joe Pavia:** A short notice radio interview was requested. Carol completed with Joe – Did it air?

**Action:** members to search CBC website

- f. **Gardens for Healthy Schools:** Carol shared that the report has been approved and maybe shared broadly. Council is interested in being involved as a group and will discuss a strategy next meeting. Carol did share that PH School program is also interested and Carol will meet with them in September. Carol has not heard back from the School Board Superintendent re: next steps.

**Action:** Members to review the report before the next meeting and think about next steps.  
See link

[http://chd.region.waterloo.on.ca/en/partnersProfessionals/resources/CommGardens\\_SSCG\\_JUNE8.pdf](http://chd.region.waterloo.on.ca/en/partnersProfessionals/resources/CommGardens_SSCG_JUNE8.pdf)

- g. **New Garden Council Term-** think about priorities/roles:

- i. Newcomer event
- ii. School garden project – CGC to brainstorm strategies
- iii. Mentorship workshop for coordinators- rotating invite
- iv. Questionnaire to coordinators re: format of connecting

**V. Recurring business**

- a. Financial Report (Lorraine): Defer

**VI. Calendar**

- a. Next meeting Sept 20th (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues)

**VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Anthony at 2030 hrs