

Community Garden Council Meeting August 18, 2015

Meeting Notes (7:00pm Aug 18, 2015)

Present: Jill, Anthony, Greg, Lauren, Jeremy, Carol, Joel (visiting student)
 Absent: Jason, Eva, Shane, Lorraine

- I. Called to order by Anthony.
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes. Minutes approved
Action: Carol to forward June minutes to Lauren for posting.
- III. Visitor business (Welcome Joel!)
- IV. Business
 - a. Website survey; winner: Ayr CG: Joel presented the highlights of the website survey. Report will be forwarded once final copy approved. The community garden in Ayr won the gift certificate from Home Depot!
Action: Jill to take to the garden coordinator in Ayr. Carol to forward the contact information.
 - b. CGC Waiver Form: Form approved.
Action: Jill to send to Lauren for posting on the website.
 - c. School Scan Report: Carol circulated the highlights of the report and its recommendations. Draft will be sent to Lila Reid, School Board Superintendent to review for sensitivities before finalized. **Action:** Carol will circulate copies once the report is officially approved.
 - d. Sponsorship Partners (Lauren, Jill, Anthony, Carol)

CGC Action	Potential partner	Response	Notes
Lauren	The Working Centre	TWC has not taken on an initiative like this before – will look into it	TWC had a geographic boundaries?
Lauren/Jill	House of Friendship		They are Regional. They have Community nutrition workers that coordinated gardens. They have gardens at residential sites.
Jill	Grand River Conservation Authority		
Anthony	Sustain Waterloo		
Carol	Cambridge Self Help	message left	

	Foodbank		
	Waterloo Foodbank	Talked to Kim Broughall. The agency does not have the bandwidth to take this on but will provide staff support – Katie McDuff	Carol to talked to Katie to determine role
	Social planning council - Cambridge		
	Social planning council - Waterloo	Talked to Trudy Beaulne Fits with KW SPC mandate. They have the physical space, hosting capabilities for meeting, incorporated registered charity, physical space for staff and partnership coordinating abilities	They would require a partnership agreement that define scope of partnership and parametres. SPCKW had geographic boundaries?
	List of lawyers Gill forwarded	Not contacted yet	
	Lutherwood?		

Action: All members to complete their contacts

- e. News: Preston Water Tower Damage/Regional Council/Grand Opening (Carol): Accessible garden hard surface pathway damaged during Home Depot build of garden shed which is not covered under the Wright's guarantee. Some of the patios stones to underlay the shed were broken. Shed does not align with hard surface pathway. Tool shed door installation needs to be fixed. Sandy is contacting Home Depot to see what they can do to fix the damage.
Garden opening will be delayed until fall. There will be Regional report of the project in October.
Action: Carol to send pictures of the damage. Jill will pass on to her contact to see if they can help

- f. News: Food System Roundtable, City of Kitchener, advocating for relaxed water rules: Greg advocated for wider urban agriculture policies. City has decided to review the ban on chickens. Greg also asked the city to base decisions in a fair and equitable manner by not letting one complainant speak louder than the masses as did happen in Waterloo. Greg did not have a chance to speak to the water issues.

- g. News: Kitchener CG process review (Carol) Yvonne from the city is working on a city process review and is willing to meet with council members to create one excellent resource. Volunteers are welcome to attend the meeting. Members present declined to attend due to work conflicts.
Action: Carol to meet with Yvonne. If other council members are interested – contact Carol.
- h. Summer Event: Yoga in the Community Garden, Gzowski Park, Sunday, Aug 30, 6pm (Jill) Jill has most things arranged. She is trying to contact Lorraine in order to pay the yoga instructor but has not been able to reach her. Jill would appreciate the support of council members at the event.
Action: All members attend if possible. Lorraine to write a cheque for the Yoga instructor. **Carol** to include in the newsletter
- i. Event: Harvest Feast, 22 Willow St., Waterloo, Sept 13 @ 5pm (Anthony) Emily is coordinating the event. Anthony has been in touch - CGC will support the event. **Carol** to include in the newsletter
Action: Anthony will man the display. Jill will create a vertical growing system for an interactive component of the display.
- V. Recurring business - defer
 - a. Financial Report (Lorraine)
- VI. Calendar
 - a. Next meeting Sept 15th (3rd Tues)
- VII. Adjournment