

**Community Garden Council Meeting  
Meeting Notes (7:00pm Feb 16, 2016)**

Regrets: Jason, Greg, Lorraine Lauren

Present: Anthony, Eva, Shane, Tammy, Carol

Guest: Nicola

**I. Meeting called to order** by Anthony.

**II. Approval of last meeting's minutes.** Minutes were approved

**Action:** Carol to send to Lauren to post

**a. Update potential volunteer** . Carol met Lindsay, a retired teacher. She is interested in hands-on volunteering. Carol sent an introductory e-mail to Adam at the Working Centre.

**b. Update re: Green Thumb workshop.** Shane/Eva/Jill and Carol attended the workshop. We felt it was a well organized event and learned from the different organizations at the event. Carol provided an overview of the Community Garden Council and set-up the display.

**III. Business**

**a. News: City of Kitchener:** City staff have recommended permanent in-ground water taps for Queen's Green, May Place, Willow Greens, and Victoria Hills. Several gardens sent delegates to the council meeting. Willow Green declined the water tap but asked for operating cost money to pay for water to both of their gardens.

Members of the garden council were pleased to hear of the support the City is providing for these Kitchener gardens.

**b. Facebook update:** Minae has set –up the Facebook page. All gardens are welcome to send friend requests. The link to the site is <https://www.facebook.com/WaterlooCommunityGardens>  
Carol was unsure if Minae knew about the meeting tonight.

**Action:** Anthony to add Minae to the meeting notification

**c. Website update and issues:** Minae reviewed the website while setting up the facebook account and she has found several missing and confusing items.

**Action:** Members to review website at April meeting. Carol to book equipment.

**d. Event: KW Multicultural** CG introduction, Feb 26 (KPL Main), Mar 9 (McCormick). Yoke from the KWMC sent an invitation to 2 gardening events; February 26 and Mar 9. She is looking for someone to talk about balcony – container gardening on Mar 9. Carol sent the request to Bill KW Horticultural Society but he was unable to go.

Tammy expressed interest

**Action:** Carol to contact Yoke for more information.

**e. Event: KW Horticultural Society**, Feb 26, Jason was unable to attend tonight but states he plans to follow through with this speaking engagement.

**f. Event: Cambridge City Green: Foodscaping, Cambridge City Hall**, Mar 30 6-9pm. Tammy provided an overview of the evening. Cambridge gardens were invited to attend/bring displays. Eva/Shane expressed interest in taking the CGC display

**g. Event: Seedy Saturday Feb 20:** Shane and Eva have registered and have the display.

**h. New garden interest in Stanley Park.** Carol has been in touch with Dennis. He has been working with the Stanley Park Association to start a garden in that community. Carol has provided him with a start-up guide and sample budget from Heather at Gzowski Park.

#### **IV. Recurring business**

**a. Financial Report** Lorraine was unable to attend but states the balance is at \$478.84

**V. Food Forests: Guest: Nicola** is from the Forest Hill area and is interested in starting a food forest movement built on the seven generation concept of First Nation Peoples. She has talked to people in the community and has interest in school/community gardens. She is also exploring the idea of making it a Regional idea. She will need volunteer stewards to tend the gardens and volunteers to plant and care for the trees until they become self-sustaining. She has contact with Susan – Urban Agriculture member of the WR Foodsystem Roundtable. Member of the garden council were very interested and in support of the idea. Suggestions were to:

- a.** Contact Regional Planner like Chris Gosselin
- b.** Use an “adopt a trail model” where people could permaculture plants and remove invasive species

#### **VI. Calendar**

**a.** Next meeting Mar 15th (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues). Carol sends regrets.

#### **VII. Adjournment**