

COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL OF WATERLOO REGION

Minutes

Date:	August 4th, 2009	Location:	99 Regina, Waterloo, Room. 308
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm		
Present:	Angelina, Lorraine, Candace, Carol, Greg, Maureen (chair)		
Regrets/Absent:	Jason, Mary Ann, Anthony,		
Guests:	Michelle Z.		
Abbreviations:	CGC = Community Garden Council, OWR = Opportunities Waterloo Region, ROP = Region's Official Plan, TOR= Terms of Reference, CG = Community garden(s), YNCU = Your Neighborhood Credit Union, AGM = Annual General Meeting		

No.	Item/Discussion	Action/Date
1.0	<p><u>Agenda Review & Additions :</u></p> <p>1.1 Order of items on Agenda and timelines</p> <p>1.2 Ice breaker – Angelina created an informative garden cross word puzzle.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Minutes:</u></p> <p>2.1 Review: Corrections and approval for web posting: Check for personal privacy and post on web.</p> <p>2.2 Business from: A request has been made that If an item is deferred due to lack of time that it be placed first on the agenda for next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>■ Garden updates – Garden vandalism and theft</p> <p>Garden vandalism and theft of produce is becoming more of an issue. Gardens affected in the past as well as present include Chandler-Mowat, Victoria Hills and George Lippert. Group brain stormed reasons and interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reasons may include economics, lack of understanding of whom the produce belongs to in a community garden, garden location and design, etc... ○ Prevention/intervention: locate in a visible area, ask neighbours to keep watch, caged motion lights, plant decoy veggies like tomatoes for public to pick, ask police to monitor in their rounds, educate neighborhood about community gardens. <p>New Hamburg (N.H.) garden closed this summer due to water issues. Forest Hills garden has new coordinators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>■ Terms of reference – amendments proposed and will need adoption</p> <p>Angelina and Carol met, reviewed and made suggested revisions for the TOR. Several of the roles were discussed along with behavioral expectations and decision-making models. We discussed the hesitancy of people committing to the chair position.</p> <p>■ Quorum: Questions arose if we met quorum. More than 51% of Council was present. (Note: Mary Ann has indicated she will be resigning from Council due to meeting time conflicts).</p> <p>■ Healthy Community Foundation Funding</p> <p>Public Health is very impressed and pleased with the progress and quality of work Community Garden Council has accomplished to date. As a part of the viability plan, Katherine reviewed the requirements for the Healthy Communities Fund, the volume of work remaining to meet our other funding requirements and the need to stage our work. The recommendation is to submit</p> 	<p>Candace to follow-up with Victoria Hills re: steps taken..</p> <p>Volunteer needed to follow-up with N.H.</p> <p>Carol & Angelina will take input and will send to committee for further review.</p>

	<p>this proposal March 31, 2010. OWR feels the application requires a different model of operation with more community partnerships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City of Kitchener Allotment Garden Closure Candace posted a petition on-line and supported the delegation to City Council. City staff has been asked to look into alternatives re: closure. Four other gardens presented. ■ Posting of Minutes Carol has forwarded May minutes to Anthony and will continue to do so once approved by council. ■ Ethnic poster/bookmark Questions arose re: poster. Clarification was sought. One poster with simple message in English and word “garden” in 10 languages. Translators are available at the Region ■ Cost to keep Web name - \$50.00 per year 	<p>Carol is in progress of securing translations.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p><u>New Business:</u></p> <p>3.1 Committee Training – D’Arcy: Council at last meeting was in support of hiring D’Arcy Farlow for further council training. Purpose is to build a stronger council. D’Arcy has completed a draft questionnaire which Carol forwarded by e-mail. Individual “face to face” consultations were recommended. Some people felt face to face meetings were hard to organize and were ok with e-mail. Discussion followed re: need for consultations and its outcomes.</p> <p>3.2 AGM. Discussion took place re: how to boost attendance this year. Candace had good luck with the visioning sessions. They were on a Saturday; people shared their garden stories, enjoyed meeting other gardeners and had a learning component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Date: A suggestions was forwarded from DC to move the AGM to end of year or to spring to give council the opportunity to benefit from training and time to recruit. Comments were that people liked to keep the AGM as a fall celebration of the gardening season. To move it to spring makes it no longer an annual meeting. September/October AGM’s are hard to recruit, plan and promote due to the summer hiatus. November 10th was suggested. ■ Theme: Make a Trillium celebration and Thank-you to Candace. Have 3 topics for interactive discussion; provide council update and present council slate for office. ■ Promotion <p>3.3 Diggable Communities Update to Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Policy workshop – September 19th - OWR series – September 22, November 24 Greg has been touring the gardens to get a sense of what their needs/impressions are for upcoming advocacy work. ■ Design Charrette – October 3rd Diggables discussed having one garden per city; plus one township. Candace has had 3 gardens indicate an interest; 2 were from Kitchener: Eden’s Gate & Chandler Mowat, 1 from Cambridge; The Giving Garden. Carol also indicated that she had talked to Jon about the police garden being involved. Candace presented the idea of having Council design their ideal garden on available city green space. 	

4.0	<p><u>Reports:</u> 4.1 Financial – Lorraine: YNCU Balance: \$750.85 Carol gave Loraine the invoice from Ernst Trucking. Lorraine arranged signing of cheque with Greg.</p>	
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6.0	<u>Information Sharing / Reports</u>	
8.0	<u>Next Meeting;</u> September 8, 7 pm	