

COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL OF WATERLOO REGION

Minutes

Date:	September 8th, 2009	Location:	99 Regina, Waterloo, Room. 308
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm		
Present:	Angelina, Anthony, Candace, Carol, Greg, Maureen		
Regrets:	Jason, Lorraine		
Guests:	Andrea B.		
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 DCC Diggable Communities Collaborative		

No.	Item/Discussion	Action/Date
1.0	<p>2.0 Minutes:</p> <p>2.1 Review: Corrections and approval for web posting. DC should be added to the list of abbreviations as DCC to represent the Diggable Communities Collaborative.</p> <p>* 3.2 DC should read DCC</p> <p>* 4.0 Lorraine is spelled with 2 "r" s</p> <p>Agenda Review & Additions :</p> <p>1.1 Order of items on Agenda and timelines – Greg requested time to address his policy papers and notice of resignation. Greg addressed the meeting and shared the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ He has been working towards CG's in Regional Policy. He took on work to see what was available; visiting gardens, gaining input from gardeners, etc., ■ While he was away Candace met with Waterloo planners. Greg felt this was premature as CGC has not settled on a policy position. He also felt that developers can pre-empt action plans if they hear about them. Greg wrote up notes that he gave to Carol to distribute to Council which Carol did by e-mail and at the meeting. Greg has offered to help solidify the CGC position paper (time allowing) and if that is what the Council wants. Greg left the meeting at this point. <p>Candace addressed the council. Her points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Candace stated that she felt there was miscommunication. She had contacted Rhonda Larsh, our contact at the City of Waterloo, about a piece of land for the design charrette and also to let her know about the upcoming policy workshop. ■ Rhonda asked her to attend a meeting with city planners to discuss supports needed by community gardens Candace tried to contact Greg to see if he would be interested in attending but was not able to reach him. When not being able to reach him she went ahead with the opportunity (under the direction from the Diggable Collaborative to work with the cities on their Official Plans). The decision was made to proceed with the meeting since the city is already releasing draft sections of their plan, so it would be good to get involved before it is too late. It was suggested that since Greg was not available to see if other garden coordinators in Waterloo would be interested, so with one volunteer coordinator the planned meeting went ahead. ■ She stated she is sorry there were hurt feelings but there was no intent to disregard anyone's work or to proceed unilaterally. ■ Discussion followed. CGC has no policy on voluntary resignations, CGC values Greg's work and experience. CGC recognizes the need for a position 	<p style="text-align: center;">Approved</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group in favour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Candace will follow up with Greg and discuss this issue over the phone. She will also ask him if he would still like to be a member of Council or be an outside consultant, or go ahead with his resignation.</p>

	<p>on policy and would like Greg to remain if he chooses to.</p> <p>1.2 Ice breaker - none</p>	
2.0	<p>Minutes:</p> <p><u>2.2 Business from</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adopt Amended Terms of reference: Copies of the revised TOR were distributed. Maureen suggests changing the word funds manager to funds administrator and to correct spelling of the word administrator. CGC asked for more time to review the TOR and will be willing to amend/vote by e-mail ■ AGM; Date: November 10th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Theme: Movie night @ Library? Angelina has contacted the Library with regards to showing the movie “The Garden” for the AGM. The Library does not have screening rights to show this movie. They can order it in for November but we would have to pay screening rights (\$295.00), auditorium rental (\$75), sound system (\$ 35) and the projector (\$100) totaling about \$503.00. The Library is willing to partner with us for a monthly theme on gardening (April) whereby we would only have to pay the screening rights (\$295.00). Concerned was voiced about committing to Saturdays for the month of April. A motion made that CGC will partner with the Library for one Saturday in April and will pay the screening rights. All were in favor. ■ November Theme: Want a less formal “meet & greet”, Theme of “Local Food: cooking/tasting night. ■ Promotion: Subcommittee needed to plan further details – Candace, Angelina, Carol and Maureen volunteered 	<p>CGC members to send revisions to Carol. CGC to vote via e-mail by September 18th.</p> <p>Angelina will contact the Library and indicate interest for April and will look into the time commitment expected.</p> <p>Carol to contact Sean @ Seven Shores</p> <p>Subcommittee to meet</p>
3.0	<p><u>New Business:</u></p> <p>3.1 Group facilitation update – October meeting – D’Arcy: D-Arcy has been meeting with members over the summer. Has yet to meet with Anthony and Greg. D’Arcy requests a full meeting to reveal her findings and help the group move forward. CGC decided to use our regular October meeting for D’Arcy’s feedback and to add another less formal meeting on the 20th or the 27th. Site TBA</p> <p>3.2 Nominations slate for upcoming year; resignations and recommitments Angelina will not be recommitting for another year as she will be returning to school. We will need another Diggable liaison person. Other members are asked to think about their recommitments. A nominations sub-committee is suggested. An e-mail should be sent out to the CG network. Other sites to promote are the Volunteer Action Centres.</p> <p>3.3 Facebook Photo contest – judge entries: Volunteer judges are needed. Maureen volunteered. Suggestions were to ask Jason.</p> <p>3.4 Rethink Waterloo October 17th David Susuki will be there. Cost \$50.00. One free ticket will be available. Put call out to network for volunteers. Check with Diggables for promotional budget.</p>	<p>Candace to post on website</p> <p>Maureen to judge entries. Candace to ask Jason.</p> <p>Candace to check and promote.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Reports:</u></p> <p>4.1 Financial – Lorraine: YNCU Balance:</p> <p>4.2 Diggable Collaborative: Questions re: update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Policy workshop – September 19th CGC members encourage to attend. Should be really good. Posters have been mailed out to network. Subcommittee members are following up with a call. ■ Design Charrette – October 3rd Six sites are interested. Criteria set for choosing the sites – must meet planning design challenge and size, ability to leverage/implement, inclusivity/diversity and have energy/interest to participate. We do have undeveloped green space on 	<p>Defer Lorraine not present.</p> <p>CGC to notify Candace if planning to attend the workshop or the design charrette</p>

	<p>Regional land as one of the sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Healthy Community Foundation (HCF) Funding Opportunity for partnership with Sustain Ontario – to help with advancement of ethnic outreach, design charrette and policy development. Earlier Public Health did not have the resources required to submit a HCF proposal on its own. Sustain On had written a proposal for the provincial stream of funds. Its South-western partner pulled out last minute – required a partner from this area. Public Health (on behalf of Diggables) agreed. The proposal will create provincial policy toolkits (urban agriculture) and our role will be to continue with our priorities of ethnic outreach, design charrette and local policy development. A provincial road show will take place and our community will likely be one of the sites. It will bring in \$7,000.00 locally 	
6.0	<u>Information Sharing</u> Greg and Candace both recommend Animal Vegetable Miracle by Barbera King Solver	
8.0	<u>Next Meeting; October 13th, 7 pm D’Arcy to facilitate October 20 or 27th for regular CGC business – details TBA</u>	