

	<p>made them from recycled plastic bottles. Samples were circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brochure & Display: Carol thanked everyone for their input. The display and brochures were ready for the spring event. Candace has the display. <p>iii) WPL Off the Shelf – Jason to follow.</p>	<p>* Candace/Carol to bring items to next meeting. * Jason will contact Waterloo Public Library.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Reports:</p> <p>3.1 Financial – Lorraine : YNCU Balance: \$610.83</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 3 Compost orders: Carol gave 2 cheques from gardens for compost to Lorraine. Amount \$80.00 each. University of Waterloo garden to submit cheque. Brian Ernst to bill CGC yet. ■ Gift certificates: Lorraine used her own money to purchase the gifts and needs to be reimbursed. Difficulties re: issuing cheques with current account discussed. <p>3.2 Diggable Collaborative: Candace distributed an update report: Cambridge visioning session, community garden fest, ROP, HRDC summer student, Heart & Stroke Funding application, communication materials; plus items she will be working on.</p> <p>Collaborative partners’ roles/responsibilities/decision making: Carol distributed a chart outlining where different elements of our work fit, e.g., CGC vision/mission, Cheryl Dow’s research, Trillium objectives, garden visioning priorities, etc.,.</p> <p>The group discussed achievements with Trillium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Website and URL in place (Together for Health) including updates, files, mapping of gardens. Need to activate the listservs ■ Region of Waterloo Public Meeting re: ROP. CGC presented. Report well received. ROP is in its second draft and has community gardens supported in the plan. ■ Raising the profile of Community Gardens – media coverage, 2 mayors and Regional Chair, Ken Seiling, attending Garden Fest, profile with City of Kitchener and its grant. Candace has been asked to speak to her article she submitted to Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition at its launch. ■ A full time person, Candace, hired and helping to advance CGC work. e.g., needs & asset assessment, visioning sessions, etc., ■ Spring event a huge success helped build partnerships, 12 gardening workshops with 10-20 different people in attendance, 45 volunteers came forward, additional funding/sponsorship secured (York Nursery and Home Depot), (garden coordinators recognized), North American renown key note, Jim Diers, a new list of people to contact. ■ Secured different sources of funding – Together for Health, City of Kitchener, and Heart & Stroke funding proposal. ■ Waterloo Community Blooms @ University of Waterloo ■ AGM – tour of Peace & Carrots Garden ■ Waterloo Bike Tour ■ Increased CGC membership ■ Facilitated training with Council <p>The Group discussed Diggable Communities Collaborative</p>	<p>* Jason to forward a cheque to Lorraine. * Carol to check with Brian Ernst re: invoice. * Lorraine to get cheques from YNCU and will have Jason/Greg to co-sign.</p> <p>Please note Candace & Jason will both be at events May 26th and will need to coordinate promotional items.</p> <p>Candace has listserv on her to do list.</p> <p>Need to do 6 presentations to municipal councils</p> <p>Need to send out thank-you cards. Subcommittee to follow and debrief next week.</p> <p>Need to have another</p>

<p>roles/responsibilities/decision making. The Collaborative consists of Mary, on behalf of OWR, Katherine, Public Health, Carol and Candace are staff, Angelina, for CGC.</p> <p>Questions arose as to why we are using the name “Diggable Communities Collaborative (DCC)? It was suggested that we should pick DCC or WRCG and stick with it, to promote branding. Jason replied that by having two separate entities we create more of a public impression. Mary points out that the grant was to strengthen and promote the council. The split weakens that. Charity: DCC is the CGC face for funding and legalities. DCC supports and sponsors the WRCGC.</p> <p>1. OWR: Mary discussed OWR’s role: OWR is committed to people having healthy food, and see CG's as instrumental to that. Further there are other benefits, crime reduction, community development, etc. OWR is taking responsibility for staffing. Mary oversees Candace's work, she sees that Candace is meeting the terms and conditions of the grant.</p> <p>2. Public Health: Katherine described that Public Health views community gardens as one strategy to increase access to affordable food. PH provides staff through Carol and administrative support to CGC i.e. proposal writing, print & mailings, PH staff have been a part of an internal committee working on the Regional Official Plan , etc.,</p> <p>3. CGC: Angelina remarked that she does not feel that she represents the opinions of the council at the Collaborative meetings. The council does not tell her what we need to tell the Collaborative. Anthony stated that it's okay to work independently as long as we all work towards the same goals. We trust one another to move ahead, and that we have one another's best interests at heart. Charity asked if it was the intent to have OWR and DCC that would take the lead in decision- making. Katherine replied that by collectively signing the contract, a lot of decisions have already been made, e.g. work plans, how money can be spent, Candace's role, etc. In terms of decision making we agree to agree with the funder's decisions. For example, what can we get done with the time we have left? Angelina asked for this to be tabled. No one voted to address the issues now, four voted to table and move along. The council was heavily in support of the idea that we need to be more involved in the progress in meeting the Trillium Grant Agreement, as well as what to do when the funding runs out.</p> <p>3.3 Cambridge Garden Network Session Candace/Carol 5 people attended the meeting. There was some new garden interest. The meeting was productive. The Cambridge gardens are currently short on gardeners. Carol pointed out that it takes time for gardens to fill, the garden starts; word gets out, then the members show up.</p> <p>3.4 Heart & Stroke Proposal the proposal was submitted for \$25,000.00 for the next 2 years. The proposal asked mainly to cover part-time staff hours.</p> <p>3.5 T4H next steps: The T4H funding covered the spring event and the web page. We have yet to set-up listservs – see above. We need to decide upon a strategy for signs/communication board. To buy a durable sign it costs about</p>	<p>training session for council</p> <p>Table for discussion next steps on what still needs to be done for Trillium plan.</p> <p>Workgroups to be formed for signage and policy development.</p>
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	<p>\$400.00 – We need common messaging on the signs and a volunteer is willing late fall to develop sign kits that gardens could assemble and install. The volunteer has asked for \$40.00/hr. We will need a subcommittee to help with this project. Also, for the policy development strategy – the proposal was to host a workshop for planners to influence city/township plans. However, we have found out that a workshop may not be the best strategy. We need to form a working group to develop a plan. There is also an upcoming Design Charrette. The focus is on garden accessibility, but could also include how to get ideas out into the community.</p>	<p>Signage: Maureen, Angelina, Candace and Carol</p> <p>Policy: Greg?, Katherine, Candace, Carol.</p>
<p>2.0 15 min</p>	<p><u>New Garden Business – deferred no time</u> 2.1 Garden Fest Feedback/learnings 2.2 How do we want to work together</p>	
<p>5.0 (3 min) 10 min</p>	<p><u>Garden Updates:</u> 5.1 New Garden Interest – Cambridge police station wants to start a garden with 100 plots. Howard Robertson PS declined as School Board did not wish to re-sod and was worried about vandalism. AKKWA expressed interest in starting a garden. 5.2 Garden vandalism: George Lippert Garden - deferred</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>Information Sharing / Reports</u></p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p><u>Next Meeting;</u> June 9th 7 pm, Room 308 99 Regina St S. Celebration gathering planned.</p>	