

WRCGC meeting April 13, 2010

Chair: Anthony

Attending: Anthony, Greg, Kristin, Lorraine, Linda, Carol, Lynn, Tammy, Angelina.

Recorder: Jason

Called order 7:28

-Observed that we would like email notification of meetings. Anthony will start sending them.

-Lynn may have her friend Michelle as an alternate for her if she cannot attend our meetings. Carol requests Michelle's email.

-Minutes passed.

-Introductions. Linda K. is introduced and welcomed.

-Accessible gardens update. Kristin remarks they are not going ahead with Trillium proposal this term. A more inclusive proposal will be written to provide a greater vision. She spoke with Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee, Kristin and Carol will attend a meeting to attain input into the Accessible Gardening Document Kristin has been updating. Trinity Village has submitted a funding proposal to TD Friends of the environment and has no news yet.

- Garden Signs. Carol showed us a photo of a sign deployed in Kitchener. We ask that gardens pick up their cement and signs at the same time. City of Kitchener will help gardens choose the site for the signs. Public Health will help gardens with pick up if help is needed. City of Cambridge has fewer signage requirements.

- Outreach to new Canadians. The ethnic bookmarks were translated and design completed. The interviews for the outreach position have been completed. Council of Agencies Serving South Asians will notify successful candidate who will be situated in Waterloo.

Action: Carol to get the book marks/posters printed.

- Policy development. City of Waterloo planner Adam L. sent Greg some documents for review. Greg is meeting with Adam 20 April.

New Business.

- Anthony has been sent new garden info by Michelle. He will post this.

- Compost, wood chip update. Three gardens requested. Question if we can still get \$80 trucking for only 3. Tammy reports that the compost is fall yard waste, screened and tested. Weed seeds should be killed by 70C compost heat. We're waiting for a finalized list of who wants compost. There's a concern that we may end up paying for compost.

Action: Gardens must have a clear mark for compost drop off locations and must pay by cheque to the Community Garden Council of Waterloo Region. Tammy will ride with Brian Ernst Trucking to deliver the compost April 24th.

- Aside, we have a new garden in Beechwood. We'll check in with them and tell them of the \$80 compost opportunity.

Linda's role. Linda K. was hired for the Community Garden Program Assistant out of remaining Trillium funds until the end of June.. She has three key actions:

1. Format and design Greg's paper.
2. To help with recruitment to the council.
3. Help prepare potential delegates for city conferences and municipal council delegations.

Linda understands that recruiting is one of our needs. She asked if there are priority positions that need to be filled. Clarifying roles is suggested. Anthony mentions stability in the membership. Carol asks about what to do when we get new members. A process is needed with clear actions/roles.

Anthony, we need help marketing and planning events. For example, the AGM and Spring Event. Lynn, more gardens more members. Carol points out that events need to be fully planned a month before they run.

For the municipal delegations piece, Linda points out that we need to organize ourselves, and understand each city's process and timeline before we can move forward. Each council member should try to think of people who might be good garden ambassadors.

Action: Linda will send out an email requesting CGC to think of people we can recommend for the roles needed on council and call them to assess interest or to forward their contact info to Linda. Also, Linda requests council to think about potential garden ambassadors from each municipality Council to provide a list of people and she will need a time frame/process for the official plans from each municipality. Greg to work with Linda to provide this information.

-**Tammy, accessibility.** She has assembled materials and shed plans. Kristin is her contact, for the remaining two weeks. Tammy has plenty of instructions on how to make infrastructure upgrades to gardens. Due to computer difficulties, she is unable to present.

- **Chez Panisse Foundation**, Alice Waters, tries to teach kids how to grow and prepare their own food. She taught math and biology through gardening. Carol mentioned that Public Health is interested in feasibility study for school gardens. Camb. City Green is another council that does environmental issues. They put on movies and do tree planting. Chez Panisse. is also expanding to businesses and other groups. Edible Schoolyard grows food, Chez Panisse is concerned with cooking.

-**Lorraine, finance**, balance has not changed from. \$514. Anthony mentions a RIM has a program for supporting charities where employees volunteer. We mention our flowthrough, Opportunities Waterloo Region since the CGC is not a registered charity. Carol suggests council becoming a Non-Profit Organization

-**Angelina, movie event**, The Garden. Angelina volunteered to organize the event with support from the Community Garden Council and asks that council be present. The Community Garden display will need to be set-up. We can't drop off the sign/display ahead of time at the Kitchener Public Library. Free Flicks, April 17th, 1:30 p.m.

-**Arrival of Steve S.** Steve is asks for information for a new community garden starting by the Beechwood Park Neighbourhood Association in Claire Lake Park.

-**Still on "The Garden Movie"**, Kristin and Anthony hope to attend. Carol has a conflict.

-**Next meeting** schedule determined, upcoming meeting dates are May 11, Jun 8, and Aug 10.