Community Garden Council Meeting Minutes (7:00pm Aug 16, 2011)

Present: Antony, Michelle, Karen, David, Greg, Alisa, Lorraine, Carol

- I. Anthony called the meeting to order
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes.
 - Minutes were reviewed and revised to include the 50-60 people attending the food summit.
 - Business from: Anthony sent the thank-you cards to the TD bank and TD Friends of the Environment. Lorraine assisted in the delivery of compost to 6 gardens. Fall event planning – defer discussion to liaison report on agenda.
- III. Visitor business: Karen and David were welcomed and introduced themselves.

IV. Business

- a. Trillium funding for accessible gardens, \$140,400 over two years, \$20k for project coordinator (Carol, Anthony)
- b. Council recruits and plans for 2012 (Carol) Reviewed events of the past year 2010- 2011 to discuss what our focus will be for next year :
 - i. Ethnic Outreach bookmarks/posters, CASSA project –
 hired Kathryn Lennon. 2 Workshops targeting ethnic
 communities 3 Patchwork gardens have started in Wloo –
 Kitchener garden still waiting re: George St water tower.
 - ii. Policy work submissions given to 3 cities re: municipal official plans and attended public consultations.
 - iii. Media & Promotion 7 news articles, TV-province wide x2 Promoted to over 1,000 people @ various events Research – assisted several students with research interviews as well as Shabbir's work.
 - iv. Accessibility design prints completed for 4 gardens; garden accessibility survey completed. Guide booklet is in the works.
- v. Two organic workshops held in partnership with the gardens and COG

Action:

Members to think about plans for the upcoming season- where to focus energy and to recruit new members for council.

- vi. Lorraine states "Kitchener in Blooms" (KIB) will be offered September 15th @ Victoria Pavillion and offers a great opportunity to promote CGC. CGC is interested in having a display.
- KW Record article, seed bombs (Jason) defer until September
- d. AGM planning (discuss): Discussion occurred about naming this event as an AGM. The name does not attract people and should not be used. Our fall "bash" should be garden centered, fun and attract people. Look into late fall at a garden location (Trinity Village, rare, Forest Hill, The Tourit) – maybe ask Karen Landman for her availability. Also, offer a panel of coordinators and some food demo?
- e. Liason report (Michelle)
 - KWCF has funding available. Some of the money is targeting youth.
- ii. Garden ideas- may partner with other organizations:
- February: A seed exchange Seedy Saturday. Partners Doon,
 MG & Hort. society
- April: Workshops on gardening techniques like organic gardening, soil, alternatives to pesticides. Partners rare, Working Centre, Doon
- June: canning/fermenting workshops. Partners City Farm, Jackie M., Greg.
- August: Seed Saving Workshop. Partners Doon, City Farm
- September: Community Gardens at schools. Partners:
 Evergreen (Dennis W), KCI. Ecole L'Harmonie
- Winter series of coordinator driven workshops just for garden coordinators; garden cooperation, fund raising, feedback to CGC
 - iii. Google calendar of events: We need the ability to have a calendar where people can post their events
 - iv. CGC communication/access to gardeners we are not able to access gardeners very well. How can we do this more effectively?

Volunteer needed to promote CGC @ KIB

Michelle will look into KWCF for interested gardens.

Members to think about options; possible partnerships and how much we can do.

V. Recurring business

- a. Financial Report (Lorraine)
 - i. Six orders of compost were delivered @ \$80.00 per 8 cu ft = \$480.00. Pick-up at the Region was much smoother and the quality of compost was really good. It was hard to deliver to Beaver creek.
- ii. Trucking costs were \$427.14.
- iii. Bank balance of \$494.84
- b. Policy Update (Greg)
 - i. City of Waterloo official plans deadline August 26. Greg went to the last consultation and had difficulty finding community gardens mentioned in the paper and online documents. Greg submitted a review of the main points of the garden policy paper.
- ii. Greg to attend City of Cambridge meeting in September
- VI. Calendar
 - a. Next meeting Sept 20 (3rd Tues)
- VII. Adjournment

Lorraine to send a thankyou e-mail to Jim @ landfill.

Greg to send copies to CGC by e-mail.