

COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes (7:00pm Dec 20, 2011)

Present: Anthony, Carol, Jason, Greg, Tammy

- I. Call to order by Anthony
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes: Minutes were approved
- III. Business from:
 - a. Greg contacted Karen Landman for several possible dates to present on community gardens
 - b. Jason approached Verna re: CGC membership
- IV. Visitor business (introduce visitors) No visitors present
- V. Business
 - a. Accessible Gardens kickoff, Nov 22 (Anthony, Carol): Event went well. Three dignitaries attended and are interested in attending garden opening events. Anthony sent them thank-you cards. Anthony was approached by someone who wanted to start a garden in Ayr. Carol was contacted by a gentleman from Ayr and sent updated booklet. Another person was interested in starting a workplace garden.
 - b. Food System Roundtable appointment (Greg) Greg was accepted as an applicant to the FSRT and will attend on behalf of community gardens. Apparently 18 people applied.
 - c. City of Cambridge policy work; garden grants, fruit-nut trees (Greg): Two garden grants of \$1,000.00 will be available for community gardens in their new community garden policy. Greg was quoted in The Record. The 100 metre restriction has been removed. Tammy mentions that water access would have been an issue if it remained. Carol states that public health inspectors have said that gardens do not need to use potable water as long as it is relatively clean or not contaminated with harmful chemicals and is stored in a food grade container. Clemmer Technologies will still donate steel tanks for those gardens that need one.

Greg was contacted by Paul Whilms re: grants offered by Trees Canada to purchase and plant fruit and nut trees. Gardens may be interested in pooling together to apply. Tammy says the Region is one of the lowest areas for tree coverage.

- d. Sunset Community Garden, Eastbridge (Carol). This is a new garden started with assistance from Rhonda Larsh, City of Waterloo. Carol has added the coordinators to the listserv. Anthony asks that the garden coordinates be sent for posting on the web.
- e. Timeline study: Judy MaanMeidema requests time on the next agenda to conduct a timeline survey. Greg asks that the council be sent a description of the study. Carol to forward.
- f. Potluck

VI. Recurring business

- a. Financial Report (Lorraine): deferred. Greg sent the cheques to Lorraine by mail.

VII. Calendar

- a. Next meeting Jan 17th (3rd Tues)

VIII. Adjournment