

COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes (7:00pm Feb 21, 2012)

- I. Meeting called to order 7:05 pm Regrets from Greg and Lorraine.
Present: Anthony, Michelle, Noah, Tammy, Carol
 - a. Michelle delivered a personal message to Council
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes; no minutes were taken due to the historical timeline exercise
- III. Visitor business: No visitors
- IV. Business
 - a. **Our spring session will feature Karen Landman:** Tuesday, **April 24, 2012, 6:30-8:30pm, KPL** Forest Heights Branch, 251 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener. All council members are asked to attend.
 - b. **Canadian Organic Growers partnership:** COG received funding from Trillium to host four workshops in Waterloo similar to the ones offered last year. She will offer these free of charge if we provide the meeting space and promotion. **Action:** Carol to post on the listserv once details are available.
 - c. **Soil Assessment Guide from Toronto:** Noah found this resource that will help gardeners determine soil safety. **Action:** Noah to send the link to post on the CG website.
 - d. **Accessible Gardens design considerations:** The designs are lacking measurement to scale criteria needed to proceed with contracting landscapers. Noah sent design information to Katherine and cc Carol. Katherine will ask Helmutz to add the scale in their designs.
Michelle's father uses a computer program "Visio and is willing to assist us with creating designs to scale. Michelle could scan drawing and provide the measurements to her father. We discussed using this resource Michelle offered as a second option
 - e. **City of Waterloo/Cambridge Official Plan Review.**
 - a) The City of Waterloo is hosting an open house, pursuant to the Ontario Planning Act, scheduled for Wednesday, February 29th in City Hall Council Chambers (3rd Floor, 100 Regina St. S Waterloo) from 2-4 p.m.
 - b) City of Cambridge held an information session Feb 13 and on February 21 delegates were invited to attend General Committee meeting of council
 - f. **Outreach:** a) **Waterloo Earth Day event, Apr 28:** Michelle volunteered to attend.
b) **Seedy Saturday Feb 25 9:00 – 2:30 pm at the KPL Country Hills Branch, St Mary's High School:** We are booked to have our display at a cost of \$35.00. Two volunteers are needed each for 2 hours. **Action:** Anthony to post request on listserv.

- g. Edible Trees Funding Opportunity:** Noah circulated information about the Edible Tree Application from Tree Canada. Applications are due February 28, 2012. For more info email tcf@treecanada.ca
 - h. Concern voiced re: January Meeting Historical Timeline:** Anthony received a concern about posting the historical timeline on a website. A consensus was reached that it would not be posted on the web.
 - i. London Food Charter study:** Carol relayed a request from The Child and Youth Network and the London Food Charter who is working with Urbancopia Consulting urbancopia@gmail.com , Masters of Sustainability Students, from UWO. They are researching a solutions-based response to addressing perceived barriers to achieving food security from The City of London. This will be achieved by reviewing the policies (or lack thereof) regarding community gardening and urban agriculture at different levels of government and offering recommendations for improvements. They will also explore how London can successfully adopt urban agriculture practices that have been effective elsewhere. Anthony suggests inviting them to one of our council meetings. Carol suggests Greg might be a resource for them in the policy work he has done for our gardens.
Action: Carol to send invite and request to Greg.
 - j. Salvation Army Meeting: did anyone go?** No
 - k. Knox Presbyterian** Linda Blumn attended and had a good experience. Carol shared a thank-you card from the church and will forward it to Linda!
 - l. Compost/woodchips preparation – volunteer?** Tammy shared information about the role. A volunteer is needed.
 - m. Garden Updates, new gardens**
 - i. St Jeromes, Marissa Jean Taggart; Carol met with professor Taggart. Marissa has a budget to start a garden close to the school. Carol connected her with Steve Tulloch, Fanis Juma and Jason Rochon.
 - ii. Conestoga College, Carol met with college staff and organizer Jana Vodica who are planning to start a garden at the college with staff and students.
 - iii. Eastwood collegiate, Adam Kasper; Carol to meet with the student environmental club Mar 8, 2012.
 - iv. Ayr Community Garden, Laura Ross came to our Nov. workshop and is organizing a garden in Ayr. They will be presenting to township council, Mar 5, 7pm; North Dumfries Township Office and would like someone from CGC to attend.
Action: Anthony and Tammy volunteered to attend.
 - n. Recurring business: Financial Report (Lorraine) - absent**
- V. Calendar **Next meeting** Mar 20th (3rd Tues)
- VI. Adjournment