

Community Garden Council Meeting Minutes (7:00 pm Mar 20, 2012)

- I. Called to order by Anthony**
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes:** Minutes circulated by e-mail. Please send any revisions to Carol
- III. Visitor business (introduce visitors)**
- IV. Business**
 - a. Karen Landman KPL talk, proposed for Apr 24th:** Greg has made the arrangements with Karen. Karen has traveled all over North America and toured many community gardens/urban agriculture projects. Greg would like to give Karen an honorarium. Garden council agreed to \$50.00. Greg will ask the Food System Roundtable for the other half. Daisy Moore has volunteered to interview Karen on radio.
 - b. Food System Roundtable (FSRT):** Greg provided an update. Greg will be delegate to City of Waterloo Council alongside Krista Long from the FSRT
 - c. City of Waterloo/Cambridge Official Plan Review; Apr 2nd:** No further action taken. Cambridge now has some good supports in place for community gardens. The restriction of placing a garden 100 metres away from neighboring properties has been removed.
 - d. Waterloo Earth Day event, Apr 28:** Carol received an invitation for garden council to attend and provide family oriented activities. Michelle volunteered and requested some funds for supplies. Council approved a budget not over \$30.00.
 - e. Eastwood Collegiate Update:** Carol met with the student environmental club. They were very enthused about having a school garden and have great support from Staff. They applied to the Region for funding.
 - f. Ayr council meeting:** Anthony & Tammy attended the North Dumfries Council meeting. Anthony was a delegate and spoke about the benefits of community gardens. Some of the council was quite moved when he shared information about our accessible garden project.
 - g. Taste of Woolwich: (Apr 16):** Volunteer needed to set-up & man the display. Anthony volunteered.

- h. **Cross Cultures Event (Mar 21):** Michelle got a request to attend on behalf of CGC but declined as there did not seem to be a fit.
- i. **Bloomin' Earth Festival: (Apr 21):** Carol got a request for CGC to attend. Greg is interested.
- j. **Accessible Garden Update; landscape architect:** Anthony provided an update from Diggables. There was a delay in the project due to uncertainty about the need for "to-scale designs". There was a strong recommendation to have them. John Duthie, a landscape architect intern was hired.
- k. **Charitable Status for Ayr Garden:** Anthony shared that the Ayr garden was inquiring about charitable status to be able to manage their funds e.g. cash their incoming cheques. Carol suggested they ask a non-profit to sponsor them in that way – maybe a church? Another alternative was to cash the cheques through the CGC account. Anthony will discuss further with Laura.
- l. **Organic Gardening Workshops (Mar 27, Apr 14, Apr 16):** Three workshops are still under way. Cathy Hansen reports there is good attendance and strong interest.
- m. **Permaculture Course:** Alisa knows a person from the transition movement who is very knowledgeable on the topic of perma-culture and is farming in harmony with principles of nature, similar to the Fukuoka method of gardening. Alisa will investigate details of arranging a tour in Aug-Sept.
- n. **Compost/woodchips preparation:** Anthony has sent out the information with deadlines as to ensure the account clears the cheques in good time.
- o. **Garden Updates, new gardens:** Carol shared that there are a number of new gardens organizing. Anthony requests that the coordinates be sent to upload on the website. Carol to forward information as the gardens confirm they are ready to go.

V. Recurring business

- a. **Financial Report:** Lorraine states the bank is charging us for use of the account and recommends we switch to one that does not. She will investigate and arrange for a transfer. Letter and co-signatories will be needed. Funds in account amount to \$467.02

VI. Calendar

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

VII. Adjournment