

**Community Garden Council  
Minutes  
May 15, 2012**

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, May 15, 2012	<b>Time:</b>	7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
<b>Chair:</b>	Anthony	<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Guests:</b>	Alfred	<b>Recorder:</b>	Carol Popovic/ Sanaa Kteileh
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Anthony , Jason, Alfred, Judy, Ellen, Lorrain, Carol, Michelle		
<b>Regrets:</b>	Alisa, Greg , Tammy		
<b>Abbreviations</b>	<b>CGC:</b> Community Garden Council , <b>CG:</b> Community Garden , <b>KPL:</b> Kitchener Public Library		

No.	Item	Action/Decision/ Links
1.0	<p><b><u>Call to Order</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting called to Order by Anthony</li> </ul>	
2.0	<p><b><u>Agenda Review &amp; Additions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add: Garden update</li> </ul>	
3.0	<p><b><u>Approval of Last meeting's minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><i>3.1 Business from Minutes:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Connecting the Dots, Bill M. attended &amp; enjoyed the event. The event was poorly attended, 15-25 people. But, worthwhile; interesting speakers, displays; as it is the 1<sup>st</sup> year held, Bill recommends attending again</li> <li>○ April 28 Green Living Fair poorly attended , likely, will be cancelled next year</li> <li>○ Perma Culture Tour dates : <i>defer discussion until Alisa returns</i></li> <li>○ Kitchener Garden Grants: No one has feed back on the status of the City of Kitchener grants</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes approved</li> </ul>	
4.0	<p><b><u>Visitor Business (Introduce Visitor)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alfred from Queen's Greens History of Canada attended and told his story :</li> </ul>	
5.0	<p><b><u>Business</u></b></p> <p><b><i>a. Community Garden Story Telling (Judy/Ellen):</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose to explain the research/evaluation called “Community Garden Story Telling “ and to see if CGC supports that work</li> <li>• Trillium asked to asses charge for accessible gardening , physical activity and healthy eating</li> <li>• Target: engage the gardeners and tell their story from gardeners' perspective</li> </ul>	<b>Action Items :</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received proposal steps :       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Part one : has already begun , historical timeline to create a shared history, held at the Jan meeting</li> <li>2. Part two: Tell how diggables began &amp; process of making CG more inclusive</li> <li>3. Part three: learning about the meaning of CG in gardeners lives- mostly and drawing out benefits</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Questions from CGC:       <p><b>Anthony:</b> There were some issues about the timeline, 1 participant was concerned that the story may not be accurate.</p> <p><b>Judy:</b> a disclaimer will be placed on the report and the timeline will only be a part of the report not posted on the web.</p> <p><b>Jason :</b> felt it might be a helpful tool for new areas/cities in their efforts to start a gardening movement</p> <p><b>Michelle:</b> It has internal benefits, with new people to council it would clarify why council is there and what it does</p> <p><b>Judy:</b> CGC's involvement , would you want a logo on it to endorse it</p> <p><b>Anthony:</b> OK on promotional materials but not necessary on the report as CGC is not writing the report. Maybe place as an agenda item for CGC to decide</p> <p><b>Judy:</b> Best way to communicate?</p> <p>Anthony: Can update every few months at CGC meetings</p> <p><b>Alfred:</b> Suggests dropping in on the gardens or ask the garden coordinators to send three people from each garden.</p> <p><b>Michelle:</b> Suggests Judy talk to Greg re. best time to connect</p> <p><b>Anthony:</b> Suggests creating a gmail account to give one e-mail address</p> </li> <li>• Judy presented communications tools:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Book mark for each garden</li> <li>- Posters</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Feedback given on book marks</li> <li>• Posters –feedback given themes</li> <li><b>b. Compost Delivery : two days , profit \$ 56, review for next year (Anthony):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Met with unexpected delays and problems: re: too many orders, charged for 10.5 hrs but Lorraine got the amount reduced, the school had a fire drill, traffic was heavy, waits at the landfill and the truck broke down at one of the garden sites.</li> <li>- We collected \$960 and were charged \$904 with a surplus of \$56.00 minus Lorraine's expenses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next Year :       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 is too many</li> <li>- Lorraine won't volunteer</li> <li>- Review what want to do;           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maybe just deliver to new gardens?</li> <li>▪ Support and provide logistics and let gardens figure it out?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Carol shared that Katherine may advocate to the Region for support in this area. Carol motioned that a \$ 25.00 honorarium be given to Lorraine to cover her expenses</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action items :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Judy will send information to Coordinators</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>c. “To make a Farm” / “Fresh: the Movie”. \$100 cost (Tammy , Michelle ):</b> Defer Clips available on-line Must look into Princess or KPL \$ 100.00 cost for shall screenings</p> <p><b>d. Vermont Park Garden Update (Michelle):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work party 26<sup>th</sup> to be held</li> <li>○ Volunteers needed</li> <li>○ Choice of gardens in hiatus</li> <li>○ Steve ...and Michelle put some plots in reserve for community , three plots for the school community and some for specific peoples referred to the garden</li> </ul> <p><b>e. Ideas for helping fund” May Place” CG (Carol):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May Place Garden is in need of funds/resources to re-vitalize their garden:</li> <li>○ Suggested TD Friends of the Environment</li> <li>○ Other ideas; Home depot and Home Hardware</li> </ul> <p><b>f. Mount Hope Garden (Carol):</b> Lorrie Shantz has a group of volunteers hoping to start a garden on a decommissioned park in the Mount Hope area. They have submitted an application to the City of Kitchener and have not heard any news re. grant status</p> <p><b>g. Organic Garden Workshop (Carol):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Feedback from Cambridge workshops was shared with Council</li> </ul> <p><b>h. Garden Update:</b> Elliotts are starting a new community garden at Sand hills Housing Cooperation</p>	<p><b>Action items:</b> Carol to relay information to Adam</p>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>Recurring Business</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Financial Report (Lorraine):</b> The account at Your Neighbourhood Credit Union ...has a total of 520.59. Bank service charge is \$2.00. To charge account to the Bank of Montreal, a letter stating the CGC is a charitable organization or some other documentation is needed. Bank of Montreal has no service charge.</p>	
<p><b>7.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>Calendar</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Next Meeting:</b> Date: June 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) Chair: Anthony Time: 7:00 pm Location : Room # 308, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 99 Regina St. S, Waterloo</p>	
<p><b>8.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b> Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm</p>	