

COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes (7:00pm Jan 11, 2010)

- I. Call to order: 7:15 Present: Anthony, Carol
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes
- III. Visitor business
 - a. Introduce Neil Cavan: Neil is a member of the Good Earth Garden and is very interested in joining council. Welcome Neil!
- IV. New business
 - a. Garden Design Consultant and next steps (Carol): Public Health hired a consultant to provide a constructive design and estimate of cost for cost of materials and labour to install interlock accessible pathways. Helmutz Interlock and Landscape met with the 4 gardens and provided a design and estimate of cost. These were reviewed and feedback provided by council was that the pathways were very long and wide. There is potential for cost savings if these could be adjusted. Anthony suggest that someone from the accessibility community be consulted and provide input with the project.
 - b. Ethnic Outreach next steps (Carol): The CASSA ethnic outreach project has come to a close. 2 workshops were held with multicultural groups resulting in the desire to start 2 new community gardens; one in Kitchener and another in Waterloo. The Kitchener garden lead will be Wasan Issan from the multicultural centre and linked to Karen Taylor Harrison, the Executive Director for Mill-Courtland. They will be exploring several land sites including Cedar St Water Tower. The Waterloo garden will be lead by Fanis Juma from the South African Association. They are looking to start a garden on city land.
 - c. Garden Updates (Carol): Website updates have started. Many gardens are already full and have waiting lists. Popcorn House may lose their garden site and no current plans are underway for a new one. Erb St Mennonite Church wishes to start a garden on their vacant cemetery land but are having difficulty finding a water source. City of Waterloo is unable to assist.
 - d. Approve updated Terms of Reference (Carol): Deferred due to lack of quorum

e. Finance Update (Anthony): Jason, Greg, Lorraine are willing to stay on as signees.

V. Recurring business

a. Financial Report: Lorraine absent- deferred

VI. Calendar

a. Next meeting Feb 15 (3rd Tues)

VII. Adjournment