

Community Garden Council Meeting
Minutes (7:00pm Jun 21, 2016)

Absent: Jason, Greg, Lauren, Jill, Lorraine, Eva

Attended: Anthony, Carol, Shane, Donna,

- I. Meeting called to order by Anthony
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved
- III. Regrets: Greg
- IV. Business
 - a. Aggressive Gardener issue/letter: One of the gardens had an issue with an aggressive gardener and had to call police. Carol talked at length with the gardener who did not acknowledge inappropriate loss of temper/ aggression. Police were called and the gardener was asked to leave the garden and not return. No letter needed from Community Garden Council at this point.
 - b. Seed Donation: Shawn Barney at Bob's Valumart e-mailed asking if we were interested in accepting overstocked Burpee Seeds. Council discussed and was interested.
Action: Carol to follow-up re: quantity and storage.
 - c. Event: Water Tower Gardens opening, Thu Jun 23 3:30-5pm 365 Linden Dr., Cambridge Council is invited to the event. Many people were interested but the hours conflicted with their work hours.
 - d. City of Waterloo update. Shane wrote a letter to the city on behalf of community gardens. Thanks to Greg and Anthony for their edits.
 - e. City of Kitchener Urban Chickens: Greg will be a delegate to speak in favor of Urban Chickens.
 - f. Cg presentation – speakers' bureau. Carol was asked to speak to a group of prenatal nutrition participants and developed a presentation on container gardening. Carol suggested these presentations be kept in a central file so that anyone interested in joining a speakers' bureau can access these resources.
 - g. Garden updates: a series of affordable housing garden consultations have been made
 - i. Franklin Seniors Apts has started a community garden for their participants. They have four raised garden plots and will assess how well the plots go with a view to expand next year, if popular.
 - ii. Franklin Blvd Cambridge – Carol was asked to speak to this group but the meeting was canceled. They are interested in starting a garden for their residents.
 - iii. Sandhills Carol has met with this garden. They have submitted a garden grant proposal to Nutrients for Life. They hope to start an environmental club over the summer for the youth living in the complex and upgrade their garden.
 - h. Website review: The revisions in the website were reviewed. There is an issue with size of font on the "join a garden" page. Also, on the volunteer page – position on council, admin blog links still pointing to the staging server.

- i. Edible Waterloo Region: Nicola has joined Seeds of Diversity for a Trillium grant to create an Edible Waterloo Region. They are asking for our endorsement. Council discussed and was in favor.
Action: Shane to follow-up with Nicola
 - j. Reminder: no meeting in July, see you in August!
- V. Recurring business
 - a. Financial Report (Lorraine) Defer
- VI. Calendar
 - a. Next meeting Aug 16th (3rd Tues)
- VII. Adjournment