

Community Garden Council Meeting  
Minutes (7:00pm Apr 16, 2013)

**Present:** Anthony (Chair), Darija, Greg, Lorraine, Carol (recorder), Katherine (Public Health), Harriet, Jeremy, Michelle, Jason, Cristina

- I. Meeting called to order by Anthony.
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes; Michelle has revisions re: LDS discussion that she wanted inserted in place of her comments about the topic. A quote was circulated and will be inserted in the minutes before they will be posted.
- III. Visitor business (introduce visitors); Round table introductions were given. Katherine Pigott is representing Public Health vote on tabled items.
- IV. Business
  - a. Gzowski Park delay in Kitchener startup funding: Greg M. has been in discussion with Heather the garden coordinator of the project. She submitted a second proposal to the City of Kitchener this year. She was declined the first year and has not heard back this year. Greg M. has tried to connect with Greg Hummel, Tim Wolfe's manager, but he has not responded either. There is a sense of frustration in the lack of communication. Heather is concerned about the late response due to the near approach of the garden season. Greg M. questions if this issue should be pursued?
  - b. Community Garden Compost Spring Delivery Update: Anthony is coordinating the compost deliveries. He has called landfill to see if compost could be picked up at the Waterloo landfill site. Anthony has nine orders which may be too many. Anthony had a request come in today but has indicated the number may have to be capped. This request may have to be canceled. Anthony will arrange the truck and deliveries.
  - c. Community Garden Story Telling Event May 30th: Darija/ Carol: Judy's research and report on the gardener story telling project is nearly complete. A planning group has met to organize a launch for the report. The group has discussed hiring a slam poet to do a dramatic reading of vignettes arising from the stories. Cost is about \$100.00.  
The event will also recognize the contributions of garden coordinators. Mayors will be invited to give certificates of appreciation to the garden coordinators in recognition of their contributions.  
Greg suggested the stories be read by the owners of the story. This feedback will be fed back to the organizing group.

d. Garden updates: Wellesley – others

**Wellesley:** Carol shared that due to family illness of the garden coordinator the garden at Wellesley was at risk of closure. Carol met with a newly formed planning committee and the decision was to keep the garden going. They are expanding the garden from 3 beds to 10 and have received great support from the township.

**Cambridge:** Cristina shared that the garden start-up at Lang' Farm is delayed due to lack of staff portfolio. She continues to advocate for the garden.

**Eby Village:** Carol shared that they have received start –up funds from the Region and they are moving ahead.

e. Discussion of vote topics: Greg drafted a statement of purpose/affiliation after careful review of other committee terms of reference which he circulated. Committee members reviewed and discussed the statement.

f. Votes: In all votes, Katherine voted on behalf of Waterloo Region Public Health; Carol abstained.

i. Vote to adopt the terms of reference affiliation statement/guiding principles as circulated: 10 in favor; Motion passed unanimously.

ii. Vote to adopt a general statement to be posted at all events. Much discussion followed re: need for a posted statement at events.

Vote to post the affiliation statement at events: 10 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

iii. Vote to attend the LDS (Emergency Preparedness Event) with a manned booth (with our standard call for volunteers): Event discussed.

Vote to attend; 9 in favor, 1 abstained

iv. If the above vote fails, vote to provide our display for the LDS event for an unmanned booth Michelle remains in favor of having a protocol in place for attendance at community events and is in favor of writing a motion to council.

Consensus is that the requests will be brought to CGC for decisions about attending. CGC will assess primarily on the premise if the event aligns with the promotion of community gardening and volunteers are available to attend.

Katherine will assess if the Region has a protocol in place re: discrimination.

V. Recurring business

a. Financial Report (Lorraine)

Lorraine states the bank account has \$398.81 remaining and advises the account loses about \$24/year due to bank fees.

VI. Calendar

a. Next meeting May 21st (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues)

VII. Adjournment