

COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING

Notes (7:00pm September 16, 2014)

Present: Anthony, Carol, Eva, Jason, Jeremy, Lorraine, Shane

Absent: Emily, Greg

Guests: Jill, Tammy

- I. Called to order by Anthony
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes completed. Anthony to post
- III. Visitor business (introduce visitors): Jill is a University of Guelph Landscaping grad; Tammy is a past CGC member
- IV. Business
 - a. Need for new structure – dissolving of Diggables Collaborative. Group brainstormed on what was accomplished with the DCC partnership and what we still want to achieve. The group is cognizant that future endeavors will require funds which cannot be accessed with our current status. They discussed options of incorporation or seeking a new sponsoring partner. Katherine Pigott offered to repeat a presentation she held with another group on incorporation at the next meeting.
Action: Carol to invite Katherine

Side note: Group discussed hosting some fund raising activities for CGC. (This would require recruiting members interested in fund raising/event planning)
 - b. Healthy Community Partnership Waterloo Region (HCP) funds for school garden environmental scan – waiting for decision –CGC to be involved with coordination? Public Health is willing to support this project.
Action: Volunteers needed -anyone interested in helping with the project can let Carol know
 - c. Recruitment reminder for 2014-2015 term. Best route for recruitment is word of mouth, second is social media. Suggestions were Food System Round Table and CGN newsletter. Roles were discussed. In need of a retired accountant, social media person and volunteers for the website development.
Action: members to ask people they know and invite to next meeting.

- d. Update Joint fall event September 28 – vending table? Morris dance? Compost demo? CGC is partnering with the multicultural community garden network (MCGN) this year. Doors will open at 4:30 Set-up will start earlier. The reception will go from 5 – 6 pm with vending tables. Young City Growers will be working with the chef Jon Rennie. Heather McDiarmid will do a powerpoint on compost. Cost for the dinner is on a sliding scale of \$5 – 25 or garden produce donations. Proceeds will go to the MCGN. Eva and Shane’s Morris Dance group are away and will not be able to provide a demo.
Action: Jeremy will set-up the display. CGC volunteers are invited to come early and help with set-up.
 - e. New website development – Stephanie Watson will take this project on – preliminary plan. Public Health has some gaping dollars to contribute towards the website. Katherine explored potential cost to have an interactive website. The group expressed concern about keeping costs within reasonable amounts.
Action: Volunteers are invited to assist in the planning of this project.
 - f. Kitchener Blooms event September 17. Lorraine provided an overview of the event.
Action: Jeremy to attend
 - g. Accessible garden update for Preston - requisite approval from the Ministry (Environment) received – Krista has an updated quote from Wrights and the accessible part of the build will be completed this fall. Due to delays- a domino effect will impact which funds are available for the completion of other elements of the garden.
 - h. Negative commentary – Guelph St: FYI Hope it’s not a trend!
garden <http://www.therecord.com/news-story/4818229-eager-urban-gardeners-grow-eco-friendly-park/>
- V. Recurring business
- a. Financial Report (Lorraine) Lorraine has contacted by the Credit Union offering to wave the monthly \$2.00 charge if CGC picks up the monthly statement. The balance is currently \$472.88
Action: Lorraine volunteered to pick up the monthly statements.
- VI. Calendar
- a. Next meeting Oct 21, 2014 (3rd Tues) 7pm
- VII. Adjournment