

COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes (7:00pm Jun 19, 2018)

- I. Call to order Present: Anthony, Carol, Mike, Anneka, Jill, Sara
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes
- III. Regrets: Jason
- IV. Visitors:
- V. Business
 - a. City of Kitchener grants review (Carol)
 - i. Carol got permission to be part of the committee that reviews grant applicants for new gardens. 8 grants have been submitted. The next meeting will be on Thursday.
 - b. School Garden Build, Silver Heights PS, June 21, 10am (Jill)
 - i. This is the 5th and last school garden build. Jill needs a volunteer to pick up a storage box from Costco, within a couple days of the build
 - ii. Jill presented at the Community Services Committee meeting. There were a lot of questions and interest. She shared information about builds, photos from the builds, and benefits of gardening.
 - c. WRX Property Group offered CG blog article (Anthony, Carol)
 - i. WRX Property Group has a real estate property website that writes articles about Kitchener-Waterloo. Anthony has looked at the website and encourages everyone to look at it. We could give information on school gardens or on CGC. We will invite them to come to meeting in September, since is hard to find time in the summer.
 - d. Newsletter volunteer callout (Carol)
 - i. Siyoung is too busy to continue working on the newsletter, so we need to find a new volunteer. Mike is interested to work on it. Carol can send information/material. Each newsletter can feature a garden.
 - e. Fall network meeting (Carol)
 - i. We usually have at least one meeting a year to connect with garden coordinators and gardeners. We could have it at a church/space that has a garden. Stanley Park Community Centre was suggested as a good possible option. Since an Intercultural garden guide was made, Carol suggested that the networking meeting have a panel

on gardens that have multi-languages and newcomers. The event will probably be on the third Tuesday in November. We could ask City of Kitchener for grant to help cover costs. A church in Cambridge is also a possible location. If the event isn't too big, we could have it at a restaurant. Action item: Sara will connect with Lauren and Dennis to see about having the event at Stanley Park.

- VI. Recurring business
 - a. Newsletter (Siyoung)
 - b. Financial Report (Sara)
 - i. No updates.
- VII. Added item: Sunnydale Friendship Community Garden expansion (Jill)
 - i. The garden is expanding to include a fedge. Which day would be best for volunteers to help? Suggestions to contact Home Depot, contact local high schools so that students can finish volunteer hours, and talk to the community centre to help promote it. During the week would probably be best with the above suggestions. Jill and Mike will connect about high school volunteer hours.
- VIII. Calendar
 - a. Next meeting Aug 21st (3rd Tues) - Cancelled
- IX. Adjournment