



Green Committee Minutes

Wednesday March 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Ante Room, City Hall

Present: Matt Holley, Mark Jemison, Lou Marcantonio, Jesse Matthews, James McWilliam, Natalie Millhiser

Staff: Dan Dillon, Kristen Sullivan

Regrets: Councillor Harris, Councillor Stevens, Tony Di Paola, Dave Haywood,

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. with 6 members in attendance

2. Review of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014 – L. Marcantonio
 - Carried

3. Guests

a. Karl Vanderkuip and Greg Willis

- Interested in updating Hannelore Headley Chess Park landscaping and the adjacent building, 73 Queen St.
- Previous Green Committee completed landscaping project at Hannelore Headley Chess Park
- Aiming for park dedication ceremony in September
- **Action:** Green Committee to speak with previous Committee members regarding any alterations to the park
- **Action:** Green Committee requests plans and budget for 73 Queen St. from K. Vanderkuip

b. Greening Niagara – Jane Hanlon

- Provided update for Greening Niagara's 2014 plans including the Fruit Tree Trail, Stoakes Project and Rykert Street Community Garden
- Fruit Tree Trail – hope to prune 6-12 existing trees for the next 3 years and plant 12 new trees and 230 shrubs
- Seeking donations for pruning, new plantings, workshops and benches

4. Correspondence

a. Edible Landscapes – Sustainability Committee

- Sustainability Committee to market and promote front yard gardens and boulevard gardens
- Will be requesting that the City promote and develop policies and guidelines for community gardens
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to discuss pilot project opportunities between the Green and Sustainability Committees

b. Seedlings – Earth Day

- K. Sullivan provided list of available seedlings to Committee members
- Motion to purchase 100 seedlings for Earth day – M. Holley
 - Seconded – N. Millhiser
 - Carried

5. Current Project Update

a. Geneva/406 Naturalization

- **Action:** Committee members to plant lavender and butterfly bushes on May 21, 2014 back up date of May 24

b. Tree Give-Away Contest Planting

- Contest idea needs to be revisited, communication between winners and contractors can be very time consuming
- Try to do smaller trees that are potted for winners to pick up for 2014

c. Johansson's Bar

- Public Art Advisory Committee determined that Johansson's Bar was a quarry tool and not used during the construction of the Canal
- The bar may have to be moved and a new plaque developed
- Public Art Advisory Committee meeting on March 20 and will provide further details

d. Hydro One Corridor

- L. Marcantonio provided 3 quotes
- Motion to provide additional funds to cover the total project cost (\$3,275 total, \$2,500 allocated in 2013) – M. Holley
 - Seconded – N. Millhiser
 - Carried

e. 2014 Events

- Earth Day

- **Action:** K. Sullivan to order seedlings
- **Action:** M. Holley, L. Marcantonio, J. Matthews, and N. Millhiser to attend event at Fairview Mall
- Mayor's Clean Sweep – April 26
- Arbor Day – April 25 – May 4
- National Tree Day – September 24
- f. Boulevard Greening**
- **Action:** J. Matthews to look into potential partnerships

6. Project Proposals

a. Hannelore Headley Chess Park

- Potential project, need to see plans for 73 Queen St.
- **Action:** Invite previous committee members to discuss the project; M. Holley to email Peter Thompstone
- Motion to provide \$1,000 to update Hannelore Headley Chess Park – J. Matthews
 - Seconded – M. Holley
 - Carried
- Motion to provide \$1,000 for greening at 73 Queen St. – M. Holley
 - Seconded – N. Millhiser
 - Carried

b. Flat Iron Garden – Welland/Welland Vale

- **Action:** L. Marcantonio to identify planting locations, City Staff to review

c. Casa Leone

- **Action:** L. Marcantonio and M. Holley to visit site

d. Lake Street Reconstruction

- Trees to be planted in the Spring
- **Action:** Remove from list

e. NPCA Canopy for Kids

- NPCA to plant trees at Our Lady of Fatima and Parnell
- Motion to provide \$8,000 in support of the Canopy for Kids Program – M. Holley
 - Seconded – J. McWilliam
 - Carried

f. Port Dalhousie, Window to the Lake

- Project opportunity for Anne Street, further details to be identified in the Spring

- Motion for \$5,000 towards the Window to the Lake Project – J. McWilliam
 - Seconded – J. Matthews
 - Carried
- **Action:** Move to current project

g. 255 St. Paul Street West

- No movement

7. Items for Future Consideration

a. Merritt Trail (from Geneva to Glendale)

- No movement

b. Oakhill Park

- No movement

c. 62 St. Paul St W

- Niagara Region to provide clearances
- **Action:** L. Marcantonio and K. Sullivan to follow up

d. Mountain Locks Park

- No movement

e. Edible Garden Partnerships

- Discussed previously

f. Centennial Park

- No movement

g. TreeOCode Database

- No movement

8. Other Business

a. Power Glen – Entrance to the City Signage

- New Welcome to the City signs on Pelham Road at Power Glen
- **Action:** M. Jemison to identify boulevard size

b. Urban Forest Committee – Tree Bylaw

- Urban Forestry Committee conducted public consultation regarding a potential private property tree bylaw

c. Greening Niagara

- Committee provided \$1,500 in 2013 for the Fruit Tree Trail Project
- Motion for \$4,000 to be split between Educational Workshops and the Fruit Tree Trail – M. Holley
 - Seconded – N. Millhiser
 - Carried
- Committee providing funds and requires more recognition on Greening Niagara's website, at project site and requests a follow up presentation in the fall

d. Martindale Road and Main Street Stop Signs

- Potential greening opportunities at Martindale Road and Main Street, high traffic areas that will see increased traffic during the Pan Am Games

e. Downtown Civic Square

- Civic Square to be reinstated for 2014 with a longer installation period, may need to replace trees midway through season
 - Motion for \$5,000 towards greening the Civic Square – M. Jemison
 - Seconded – M. Holley
 - Carried

f. Niagara Region Environmental Awards

- Niagara Region seeking nominations for the 2014 Environmental Awards

g. Temporary Committee Absence

- D. Haywood to take a temporary leave from the Committee

h. Lower Level Master Plan – MOVED

- **Action:** D. Dillon to provide project plans

i. 2014 Flowerpot Program – MOVED

- Flowerpots to be delivered in early June

9. Budget Update

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

11. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in Committee Room 1