



Green Committee Minutes

Wednesday May 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Room 1, City Hall

Present: Tony Di Paola, Lou Marcantonio, James McWilliam, Mark Jemison, Jesse Matthews, Natalie Millhiser

Staff: Christine Adams, Dan Dillon, Kristen Sullivan

Regrets: Councillor Harris, Councillor Stevens, Matt Holley, Dave Haywood

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. with 6 members in attendance

2. Review of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from March 12 and April 9 – N. Millhiser
 - Carried

3. Guests

a. Karl Vanderkuip – Hannelore Hedley Chess Park

- K. Vanderkuip provided the Committee with a 4 seasons landscape plan for Hannelore Hedley Chess Park that would match the landscaping at his neighbouring property
- **Action:** Committee to speak with previous Committee members regarding the landscape plans
- **Action:** City Arborist to review Hydro wire issues with current landscaping
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to request digital copy of landscape plans from K. Vanderkuip

4. Current Project Update

a. Greening Niagara

- Volunteer plantings took place in April on the Fruit Tree Trail

b. Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority – Canopy for Kids

- Green Committee was recognized in recent media release
- NPCA will be on site in May

c. Flat Iron – Welland/Wellandvale

- **Action:** To be placed on the Spring planting list

d. Geneva/406 Naturalization

- Lavender and butterfly bush plantings rescheduled for June 4th

e. Flower Pot Program

- 20 pots still available for sale
- Delivery to take place the 2nd week of June

f. Tree Give-Away Contest Planting

- Only two entries in 2014, plan to increase promotion for 2015
- **Action:** L. Marcantonio and J. McWilliam to contact winners

g. Johansson's Bar

- 3-D Rendering of site plans are currently being worked on

h. Hydro One Corridor

- City Staff working with Hydro One to receive final go-ahead for the project

i. Windows to the Lake – Anne Street

- J. McWilliam evaluated Anne Street and found many large trees, with a high canopy at the end of Anne St., trimming the lower branches and cleaning up the banks would improve the location
- Issue with cars parking at the end of Anne St.

j. Downtown Civic Square:

- 8 trees have been ordered, plans include a smaller stage facing the middle of King St.
- Gord's Place to have a patio on the sidewalk
- **Action:** Committee to place signage in the tree planters

5. Project Proposals

a. Casa Leone

- No movement

6. Items for Future Consideration

a. Meridian Centre

- City looking for greening opportunities on the larger pedestrian walkway, opportunity for Committee involvement

b. Merritt Trail (From Geneva to Glendale)

- No movement

c. Oakhill Park

- No movement

d. 62 St. Paul St W

- No movement

e. Mountain Locks Park

- No movement

f. Edible Garden Partnerships

- Sustainability Committee presented to Council on April 28th and asked Council to direct City Staff to report on community gardens on public property

g. Centennial Park

- No movement

h. Pearson Park Arboretum

- Money still available for the Arboretum
- Committee would like to focus on promoting and educating the public about the unique trees in the park
- Opportunity to include Tree-O-Code Niagara
- **Action:** M. Jemison and J. Matthews to work with K. Sullivan on educational component

7. Budget Update

- Expenditures from last meeting have been updated in the budget, about \$13,000 remaining

8. Other Business

- Earth Day at Fairview Mall went well, some seedlings were leftover from the giveaway
- The entrance to the City garden at Thorold border could be improved on

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

10. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in Committee Room 1