

Minutes

Wednesday, March 09, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 5:00 pm

Attendance:

Stephen Holmes, Peter Howes, James McWilliam, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompstone

Absent:

Mary Jane Clark, Lana Phan

Staff Liaison:

Christine Adams, Mike Anderson

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1. **Call meeting to order (Peter Thompstone)**
5:05 pm
 2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
 - A submission from “Links for Greener Learning” was added as **Business 7.4**
 3. **Motion to approve the agenda**
James McWilliam
 4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
(as amended: Stephen Holmes)
 - Amendments to 10 February 2016 Minutes
 - **Paragraph 6: Staff Report to Council.** The update should have read that the report was to include two parts:
 - **State of the Urban Forest**, and
 - **Tree By-Law**
 - **Paragraph 6: Additional Items.**
 - The deferred additional items from paragraph 6 included:
 - **Welland Ave at Midtown Plaza:** Boulevard tree replacement (CA)
 - **Eastchester Ave:** Removal of tree supports and wires (MA)
 - **Update on enforcement of Site Plans** (CA)

- **Update on Flower Pot Program (MA)**
- The deferred additional items from paragraph 7 included:
 - **7.1 Trillium Awards** - project scope and presentation
 - **7.2 Edible Gardens** - community gardens, edible landscapes
 - **7.3 Carlisle St and St Paul St** – landscape

5. **Presentations (nil)**

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

- **Update on the budget.** Christine had circulated an updated 2016 GAC Budget which clarified many of the concerns from the previous meeting's budget discussion. In addition to the 2016 Carry Over / Encumbrance of \$23,000 (\$20,850 for 327 Glendale and \$2,150 for Community Gardens) the GAC 2016 Budget, subject to Council approval, would have an additional \$40,912.71 for 2016 GAC initiatives. Furthermore, the GAC was informed the Horticultural Society as well as other contributors might assist with the 327 Glendale project.
- **Staff Report to Council:** Mike gave a further update on the Staff Report to Council which would be made on 21 Mar 2016. He indicated he would circulate a copy of the presentation to GAC members.
- **Permanent Sign for GAC Projects.** Mary Jane was unable to attend the meeting: the item will be discussed at the April meeting.
- **Update on 327 Glendale.** Although no physical works have been done since the last meeting, the GAC was briefed on the remaining work as well as some proposed additions to the project. James circulated an updated landscape plan showing the additional scope of work.
- **Tree Sub-Committee:** Peter H indicated the sub-committee had not been able to meet since the last GAC meeting, but would schedule one in the near future.
- **Hanging Baskets.** Mike advised that Council had directed that Hanging Baskets, although unfunded, be reintroduced into the 2016 Parks budget.
- **Update on Flower Pot Program.** Mike provided an update which included:
 - Parks is sending a letter to all former Flower Pot clients;
 - Additional sponsors are being sought;
 - Peter T encouraged GAC members to consider possible sponsors as well
- **List of new projects for 2016.** Projects being considered for 2016 implementation included:
 - 2015 projects in progress but not completed;
 - Unfunded or unapproved projects from 2015;
 - Projects submitted by GAC members;
 - Projects submitted by Councillors (in response to a GAC requesting letter)
 - Projects submitted by other interested organizations or individuals.
- A spreadsheet showing all projects which were reviewed, complete with project information and a time frame for their implementation, whether in 2016 or deferred to a later date.

7. **Business**

7.1 Trillium Awards. Mike advised that while the Trillium Award program would continue, it was being reviewed and would be changed for the 2016 ceremony. The Trillium Award program was included with the 2016 GAC project list.

7.2 Edible Gardens - community gardens, edible landscapes. This initiative was discussed and included with the 2016 project list

7.3 Carlisle St and St Paul St landscape. This project was discussed and included with the 2016 project list.

7.4 Links for Greener Learning. The Links for Greener Learning power point presentation had been circulated to GAC members prior to the meeting. The GAC endorsed the proposed concept but had concerns as to whether or not the proposals had received City approval. Notwithstanding, the GAC included the initiative with the 2016 project list.

8. **Date of next meeting**
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

9. **Motion to Adjourn**

(Peter H at 7:30 pm)

Attachment: Green Advisory Committee - 2016 Project List