

Minutes

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

Attendance: Stephen Holmes, Peter Howes, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompstone

Staff Liaison: Ilyse Norton,

Regrets: Mary Jane Clark, Robin McDonald, James McWilliam, Ray Vachon

Absent: Scott Ritchie

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompstone) 5:06 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:** Nil
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Peter Howes
4. **Presentations:** Nil
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** As amended: John Stevens
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - a. **Updates on GAC Projects and Budgets.**
 - Only existing projects with changes from the last report are included in the updates below.
 - New 2018 Projects are listed whether or not any action has been taken.

#16-4: James / Lake / Welland: Peter Thompstone indicated he had contacted the 'Downtown Association' to solicit their input and assistance for fundraising. He also plans to meet with Scott Ritchie (Planning) to discuss potential funding assistance from Niagara Region, since the site is adjacent to a Regional Road and may qualify.

16-6: Eastchester at Bunting: Peter Howes will contact James McWilliam for an updated plan. The GAC envisages starting the tendering process for a spring planting.

16-12: Walker's Creek - Planting Beds: Peter Thompstone advised that he is preparing a planting plan for the proposed spring planting.

16-15: Lake Street Armoury: Peter Thompstone offered to investigate the possibility of Niagara College assistance to prepare a 3-D visualization of our proposal.

17-5: Green Roof: As noted in the December Minutes, John Stevens requested the GAC, in its 'advisory role', prepare a memorandum to Council recommending that any future buildings should consider incorporation of a green roof. Peter Howes offered to contact Mary Jane Clark to start such correspondence.

17-7: Pollinator Water Bill Flyer: The Pollinator Flyer has been printed and is being included as an insert in the City's Dec>Feb Water Bills. In addition, Ilyse Norton had sent a note to City Councillors including a copy of the flyer. The GAC congratulated all on a successful achievement.

18-1: Community Gardens: Ilyse Norton advised that requests for gardens will be circulated to citizens in March. The GAC will be requested to review applications in time for spring plantings. She also advised the GAC approved funds (20% of its new 2018 budget) will be used to partially fund this program.

18-2: Flower Pot Program: Several proposals to advertise the program were discussed. Ilyse Norton offered to investigate the possibility of a Water Bill insert targeting commercial audiences. Use of Facebook advertising was also suggested.

18-3: Trillium Awards: The GAC wishes to continue to be included in this annual event.

18-4: Administration: Nothing to report.

18-5: Wildflower mini-pot Project: It was suggested this project could accompany the City's planned spring 'Tree Give-away'. The possibility of using it as an educational tool with schools was also suggested. Dick Thomas offered to contact the DSBN to see if there would be any interest.

18-6: 4th Avenue Trees: Ilyse Norton indicated this proposal could be included with the PRCS spring tree planting contract. Peter Thompstone suggested we meet with the Region for a possible funding partnership.

18-7: Carlisle/McGuire Raceway: Although the scope of such a project could be beyond its funding capability, the GAC will consider it as a possible partnering project.

18-8: Glenridge School: It was suggested that a possible new GAC project could involve the conversion of the former Glenridge School into a city park property. Peter Thompstone offered to investigate.

#18-9: Michigan Avenue: As follow-on from a previous Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee (PBWC) request, a tree planting in the Lakeport/Michigan Avenue gore was discussed. Dick Thomas offered to contact the PBWC.

New 2018 Projects: John Stevens suggested there could have been an agenda item asking GAC members to consider new projects. He requested such an item be included on the February agenda.

7. **Business.** Nil

8. **Correspondence:** Nil.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

10. **Motion to Adjourn:** Dick Thomas at 7:01 pm.