

Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

Attendance: Stephen Holmes, Peter Howes, Robin McDonald, James McWilliam, John Stevens, Dick Thomas, Peter Thompsonstone

Staff Liaison: Ilyse Norton, Ray Vachon

Regrets: Mary Jane Clark

Absent: Scott Ritchie

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompsonstone) 5:05 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - Stephen Holmes requested an item under **Item 7. Business:** GAC input to future ESC presentation to Council
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Peter Howes
4. **Presentations:** Patrice Russell representing 'Links for Greener Learning' (LGL) gave a presentation on their plans for an 'Earth Day Expo' at the Market Place on Wed, 18 Apr 2018. She wondered if the GAC would be interested in assisting either financially or 'in-kind'. After discussion, the GAC thanked Patrice for her presentation and advised the GAC would contact LGL after further deliberation.
 - At the end of the meeting, the GAC discussed possible options for assisting at the LGL Expo.

Motion: Moved by John Stevens that the GAC support the LGL 'Earth Day Expo' with a \$1,000.00 contribution.

CARRIED

It was decided that:

- In keeping with the LGL 'Earth Day Expo' brochure, page 4: 'Sponsorship Levels', the GAC would sponsor the "Deluxe Tree Package";
 - Stephen Holmes, with assistance of Ilyse Norton and the Communications Department will coordinate the static display for the GAC booth;
 - Robin McDonald offered to occupy the booth for part of the time; and
 - Ilyse Norton will contact Yaneth Londono, LGL Executive Director to advise her of our decision.
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** as amended: John Stevens

6. **Business arising from the minutes:**

Prior to discussing project updates, the GAC decided to review the Community Garden Funding applications (**Agenda Item 7 – 1**).

Ilyse Norton provided a display showing the five applications received which requested Community Garden sponsorship funding, as follows:

- Links for Greener Learning - Buchannan House Project - \$10,000.00
- Denis Morris Catholic High School - \$200.00;
- Community Care St Catharines and Thorold - Torosian Park - \$4,362.00;
- Grantham Mennonite Brethren Church - \$655.00; and
- Scottlea Presbyterian Church - \$3,000.00

After deliberation, since the total requested was within the allocated total, the GAC recommended all five requests be approved. It was noted that the GAC portion of the funding would not exceed \$7,600.00 (the agreed 20% of the 2018 GAC budget).

- **Updates on Projects and Budgets.** Only projects with changes were discussed.

#16-4: James / Lake / Welland: As Chair, Peter Thompstone will confirm with both the ESC and Phil Cristi, since no work can be done this year, that funds allocated for this project will be eligible for 'carry forward' to next year without additional justification.

16-6: Eastchester at Bunting: Peter Howes advised he has sent our RFQs to three local companies requesting quotes to plant the specified 20 trees this spring. He will keep GAC members informed as information is received.

16-14: 360 Niagara Arboretum: Peter Howes advised the sub-committee would meet with John Bellehumeur to arrange for the allocated \$8,000.00 worth of trees to be planted this spring.

18-2: Flower Pot Program: Ilyse Norton advised 'Facebook' ads will be placed. She also circulated a 'News Release' advertising the flower pot program. The flyer will be available online.

18-3: Trillium Awards: Ilyse advised the 2018 Trillium Awards would follow the same format as last year. Following discussion, the GAC requested a new category be added to recognize two 'Multiple dwelling' awards.

Motion: Moved by Peter Howes that the GAC 2018 Trillium Award allocation be increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

CARRIED

18-10: Lock 14 Greening: The GAC requested John Stevens to contact F Rene Ressler to determine if their group had made any progress to uncover the hidden Lock 14. Any GAC initiative would be limited to greening.

18-11: Tree / Street Tree Flyer: Ilyse Norton offered to start the process; GAC and Communications Department input will also be required

7. **Business.**

- **Item 1: 2018 Community Gardens Applications:** This item was discussed at the start of Item 6 (above):
- **Item 2: Input to ESC presentation to Council:** Stephen Holmes informed the GAC that while watching the previous Council Meeting, he noted the Economic Pillar had made a presentation to Council. Further, it was announced that the Environmental Pillar would be the next to report to Council. Since no one was aware of this, the GAC agreed that Ilyse Norton and Peter Thompstone would approach Phil Cristi to determine what GAC input would be required.
- **Additional Item: Private Tree By-Law:** John Stevens requested an update regarding when GAC input would be requested for the final iteration of the Private Tree By-Law, prior to its April presentation to Council. Ilyse Norton offered to investigate.

8. **Correspondence:** Nil

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** After review of GAC member availability submissions, it was determined that the third Wednesday, while not universally open for all members at all times, was probably the date which could best accommodate most members' wishes. Accordingly, the date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday, 18 April, 2018.

10. **Motion to Adjourn:** Stephen Holmes at 7:05 pm.

Attachment:

Green Advisory Committee 2018 Project List (updated to 21 Mar 2108)