

Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 5:00 pm

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

Staff Liaison: Ilyse Norton, Ray Vachon

Regrets: Mary Jane Clark, James McWilliam

1. **Call meeting to order** (Peter Thompstone) 5:00 pm
2. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - Peter Thompstone requested “**Horticultural Society Partnering Possibilities**” be added to item **7. Business**
 - Peter Thompstone requested “**Niagara College Partnership Proposal**” be added to Item **7. Business**
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda:** Robin McDonald
4. **Presentations:** There were presentations for two items included under agenda item **7. Business**, which were tabled earlier in the meeting to allow presenting groups to leave following their presentations, should they so wish. They are recorded under item **7. Business**.
5. **Motion to adopt minutes from the previous meeting:** John Stevens
6. **Business arising from the minutes:**

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

16-14: 360 Niagara Arboretum: Ilyse Norton circulated the 51 tree tags she had been requested to order. The tree tags will be installed in the near future. The GAC thanked John Stevens and Peter Howes for their substantial efforts on this project.

7. **Business:**
 - a. **Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee (BWC) request for Flower Pots.** A group of BWC members, including Councillor Carlos Garcia, gave a presentation which, inter alia, requested they be allocated 10 flower pots in addition to the 25 they wish to purchase under the BIA partnering program. The question of watering pots was also broached.

- i. The GAC agreed they would be continuing the 50/50 partnering program with BIA's, so the 25 pots requested by the BWC could be approved. Mike Slater requested invoices be sent to both BWC and Port Dalhousie BIA.
 - ii. Ilyse Norton indicated that PRCS, barring unforeseen circumstances, would be able to provide the requested additional 10 pots in 2019.
 - iii. Since the regulations governing Flower Pot allocation specifies that clients are to water their pots, the request for watering was held in abeyance.
 - iv. The BWC group thanked the GAC and left the meeting.
- b. **St Catharines Horticultural Society Presentation.** Donna van Weenen, on behalf of the "Hort Society" indicated they were interested in, once again, partnering with the GAC as noted in the Feb minutes. Several possibilities were discussed and the GAC agreed such a partnership would be advantageous to both groups. Bearing in mind some of the suggestions, the GAC asked Donna van Weenen if she could review and advise of 'Hort Society' preferences. The GAC thanked her for the "Hort Society" offer: Donna then left the meeting,
- c. **Review of 2019 Community Gardens Funding Applications.** Ilyse Norton circulated a sheet listing all applications which had been received by the 'cut-off' date. For each item, she provided detail on the projects which included:
- i. **Niagara EMS** - 337 Linwell Road. Project cost \$800.00; funding requested \$400.00

Motion: Moved by John Stevens that the GAC approve the Niagara EMS application and allocate funds for the requested \$400.00

CARRIED

- ii. **Queenston Neighbours** - Oakdale Avenue (Centennial Gardens). Project cost \$3,500, funding request \$1,750.00

Motion: Moved by Stephen Holmes that the GAC approve the Queenston Neighbours application and allocate funds for the requested \$1,750.00

CARRIED

- iii. **El McCulley School** -16 Berkley Drive. Project cost \$1,360.80, funding request \$549.50

Motion: Moved by Dick Thomas that the GAC approve the El McCulley application and allocate the requested \$549.50

CARRIED

- iv. **Denis Morris** - 40 Glen Morris Drive. Project cost \$200.00, funding requested \$100.00

Motion: Moved by John Stevens that the GAC approve the Denis Morris application and allocate the requested \$100.00

CARRIED

- v. **Community Care** - 37 Ventura Drive (Torosian Park). Project cost \$984.72, funding requested \$492.36

Motion: Moved by Peter Thompstone that the GAC approve the Community Care application and allocate the requested \$492.36

CARRIED

- vi. **Links for Greener Learning (LFGL)** - 360 Niagara Street. Project cost \$10,000.00, funding requested \$5,000.00.

Discussion: After discussing the proposal, it was determined that the project did not meet the requirements of a Community Garden and therefore could not be funded. In addition, the GAC was advised the 2018 LFGL GAC funded project had neither been completed nor had a final report been submitted as required by terms of the application.

Motion: Moved by Peter Howes that the GAC not approve the Links for Greener Learning application.

CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Peter Howes, since the LFGL proposal was considered to be a valuable and necessary project, that LFGL be requested to resubmit the proposal as a proposed GAC partnering project. This request would be considered once the 2018 project had been completed and the final report submitted.

CARRIED

Note: Ilyse Norton offered to assist LFGL if necessary.

- vii. **Cornerstone Co-op.** Project cost unknown, funding request \$500.00.

Discussion: The cornerstone Co-op application was incomplete. The GAC requested the Cornerstone Co-op be contacted and offered the opportunity to complete the application for future GAC consideration.

- d. **Sponsorship for LFGL Earth Day Expo.** Ilyse Norton distributed flyers for the “5th Annual Earth Day Expo”. LFGL had approached her to determine if the GAC would consider again assisting by being a sponsor.

Motion: Moved by Peter Howes that the GAC approve sponsoring the LFGL Earth Day Expo at the “Deluxe Buzzzy Bees” (\$1000.00) level.

CARRIED

Discussion: The GAC further discussed what materials and programs we might be able to offer. In addition to our poster, various flyers and information sheets. it was suggested that a ‘hands on’ project such as planting a seed in a peat-pot could generate positive crowd attention. Peter Thompstone offered to investigate.

- e. **Niagara College Partnership Proposal.** Peter Thompstone had received a request from Andrea Sinclair, a former GC member, requesting the GAC consider a Niagara College partnered project on “overland flooding” in the Walker’s Creek flood plain. While the GAC agreed this could be a viable partnered project, it was decided to get additional information before making any decision.
 - i. Dick Thomas offered to contact Della Trojan, Chair of the Friends of Walker’s Creek, for additional information.
 - ii. Peter Thompstone offered to contact Andrea Sinclair for more details.

- f. **2019 GAC Budget.** Ilyse Norton advised the 2019 GAC Budget had been approved. In addition to the traditional \$38,000.00, the requested \$25,650.00 'carry-over' for certain projects was also approved. The total 2019 GAC budget therefore is \$63,650.00. She further advised that \$39,600.00 has been committed for carry-over and newly approved projects.
- 8. **Correspondence:** Nil
- 9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 17 April, 2019.
- 10. **Motion to Adjourn:** John Stevens at 6:59 pm.