

Minutes

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Dick Thomas, Chair; Peter Howes, Steve Holmes, Mike Anderson, Brandy Fulton, Brenda Boonjaizer

Absent:

Mark Jemison, Daya Lye

Staff Liaison:

Dan Cooper-Supervisor of Forestry, Christine Adams-Manager of Engineering and Construction

1. Call meeting to order (Chair-Dick Thomas)

5:04 pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Chair Dick Thomas acknowledged that the land on which the Green Advisory Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

3.1 – Olivia Groff unable to make this meeting would like to speak at March GAC meeting

4. Motion to approve the agenda

The members of the Green Advisory Committee did not pass a motion to approve the agenda; however, no other amendments to the agenda, save and except the amendment noted in Item 3

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Peter Howes – Motioned not to adopt the minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Green Advisory Committee were not approved. The minutes of the February 17th, 2020 meeting of the Green Advisory Committee will be brought to the next meeting of the Green Advisory Committee for approval

6. Declarations of Interest

None were declared

7. Presentations (invited guests- Postponed to March Meeting)

Olivia Groff – Climate Change Adaptation Co-Ordinator was unable to attend the meeting and advised the staff liaison that she would like to speak on the progress of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan to the Green City Committee at the March Meeting.

Dick Thomas Lost connection during meeting and asked Peter Howes to take over as Chair at 5:03 pm and returned as Chair during discussion on updates from Ilyse Norton at 5:09 pm.

8. Business arising from the minutes

9.1 – Cul-de-sac discussion and recommendations

9.2 – GAC 2020 Work Plan Accomplishments Report

9.3 – Update on GAC 2021 Projects

9.4 – Requested by Julie Hughes - Heritage tree discussion

9.5 – Requested by Ilyse Norton - Flowerpot Program Pot number requirements.

9. Business

a. 9.1 – Cul-de-sac discussion and recommendations

Chair Thomas discussed committees' comments on Cul-De-Sac report. Committee members agreed to formulate a position on the Cul-De-Sac report and would send it to Dan Cooper before next meeting.

b. 9.2 – GAC 2020 Work Plan Accomplishments Report

Chair Thomas discussed development of work plan report,

c. 9.3 – Update on GAC 2021 Projects

Dan discussed progress on grow at home program and meetings that took place with Niagara Regional Housing staff, Niagara Community Gardens staff and On-site public Health Staff. Old Pine Trail location was decided on as the location for the grow at home program. Staff liaison will provide more updates at the March Meeting

d. 9.4 – Heritage tree discussion

Dan discussed option and feasibility of the request for Facer Street Heritage tree designation, The Committee ultimately determined this was not feasible and will relay that with Julie Hughs as well as resident requesting the information.

e. 9.5 – Flowerpot Program Pot number requirements

Dan discussed suggested comments from Ilyse Norton on number of flowerpots to purchase initially, and when to advertise to past participants in Mid-March 40 Flower pots were sold last year.

Moved by: Peter Howes

That 50 flowerpots be purchased for the Flowerpot Program.

Carried

f. 9.6 – Community Garden Funding Program

Dan discussed applications currently open and will be presented at the March meeting

10. Items of Correspondence

There was none

11. Date of next meeting

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12. Motion to Adjourn – Brenda Boonjaizer

Moved by: Brenda Boonjaizer

That, were being no further items of business, that this meeting of the Green Advisory Committee be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Carried