

Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Dick Thomas, Peter Howes, Steve Holmes, Daya Lye, Brandy Fulton, Brenda Boonjaizer

Absent:

Karen Primmer, Mike Anderson, Mark Jemison

Guests:

Councillor Bruce Williamson, Eric Lamothe, Erin Riseing, Khalin Holmes, Ilyse Norton

Staff Liaison:

Dan Cooper, Christine Adams

1. Call meeting to order (Dick Thomas)

5:01pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

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

Ilyse requested 9.4 Flowerpot Program

Dan Cooper requested 9.5 Cul-de-sac report

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Was not moved or carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Peter Howes - Carried

6. **Declarations of Interest** – None were declared

7. **Presentations** (Erin Riseing, Khalin Holmes)
See Item 9.2

8. **Business arising from the minutes**
There was none

9. **Business**

a. **9.1** Welcome new committee member Brandy Fulton to GAC

b. **9.2** Erin Riseing from the Niagara Community Garden Network along with
Kahlin Holmes from the Fitz Neighbors to discuss the Catherine's Street
Community Garden.

- Erin explained Fitz Neighbor Group and discussed proposed locations for Catharines Street Community Garden.
- Kahlin discussed History of Fitz Community Gardens.
- Erin explained Food Share in Toronto as well as well as water totes usage and challenges for community gardens.

c. **9.3** Ilyse Norton to discuss update on Grow at Home Program.

- Ilyse updated group on communications with Niagara Regional housing
- Next steps discussion early February
- Possible locations Manchester, Old Pine Trail and 59 Rykert.

d. **9.4** Dan Cooper to discuss Cul-de-sac report to council

- Dan discussed Cul-de-sac report and asked Green Advisory Committee to provide input and formulate a position on recommendations in the report to council.
- Dick, Daya and Brenda provided comments.

10. **Date of next meeting**
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

11. **Motion to Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm there was no motion to adjourn