

# Goldenrod Community Garden

## MINUTES

### Board Meeting for 11 March 2024, 7:30pm

#### Agenda:

1. Roll call: Sara C, Parminder D, Andrew M, Diane M, Tanya S, Barbara S, Patrick W.
2. Adoption of the agenda: Adopted with suggested changes
3. Review and approval of Minutes of 26 February 2024: Approved with suggested changes
4. Reports from Committees:
  - a. Bullman Garden Liaison (Patrick / Sara)
    - Flyers for the Parkdale Food Centre and for the general population were reviewed and will be diffused with the next newsletter
    - Change the website URL on the flyers to the simpler GCG domain name
    - Patrick will post the flyers on Google Drive so Board members can edit them
    - Concerns raised that it might be too far to walk to get water at the Bullman garden. Sara will ask Richcraft to confirm how many plots there will be and their length which will help estimate the distance to the water source
  - b. Communications (Parminder)
    - Parminder now has access to the Facebook page, to Facebook group and to Instagram but not to Twitter – Sara will forward her the password
    - Parm will populate other events on Wix
  - c. Compost (Andrew with support from Sara and Patrick)
    - Diane reports organic waste drop-off has continued over the winter
    - Still lots of vines leftover from last year (compost and plots). They will break down quickly once the heat arrives, as per Tanya's experience
  - d. Events (Patrick)
    - Tanya is presenting a webinar on Saturday, March 16. Parminder will assist. Flyers can be posted on the bulletin board at the Hintonburg Community Centre and at Metro
  - e. Fundraising (not active this year)
  - f. Garden Coordinators (Parminder / Diane)
    - Request received from Just Food to update our Coordinator information, if changes recently took place. Unnecessary as Parminder and Diane were added two months ago
  - g. Membership (Barbara with support from Patrick)
    - Registration email will be going out soon.
  - h. Pollinator Garden Liaison (Hazel with support from Diane) – nothing to report
  - i. Properties (Andrew) – nothing to report
  - j. Treasurer's report (Tanya)
    - Tanya analyzed the cost difference between the monthly and annual payment of Google Workspace: The Board voted for the annual plan as it costs \$56 less than month-to-month

- k. President's report (Sara)
  - Request received from Just Food to complete GCG's insurance renewal. Patrick will prepare a draft based on last year's document for Bullman, and Tanya for Goldenrod.
  - Just food is preparing a presentation to the NCC for the continuation of the NCC community garden pilot project
    - Sara confirmed with them that the second toolshed was part of the 2022 expansion but wasn't built until 2023
    - They would like to address facilitation to water access. The original Board determined that a well would not be advisable. Permits would be required to connect to the water main. That option could be revisited in light of the progress made by the Tunney's Pasture Redevelopment Project.
- 5. Carry forward agenda items
  - Parkdale Food Centre neighbour engagement volunteer: Diane agreed to coordinate the Outreach Volunteer effort
- 6. New business
  - Parkdale-Bullman FAQs
    - Will be posted on the website so a link to them can be added to the registration emails
  - Managing the compost – *Defer to next meeting*
    - (Roundtable) How did composting go last year? Ideas for this year?
    - Compost Thermometer (\$70); Aerator (\$40)
    - Current vs Hot; Vermi; Signage Specifications
  - Shed Fix – *Defer to next meeting*
    - Dry gutters to rain barrel(s)
    - Roof sealing cement for leak(s)
  - Properties – Important Dates
    - Document dates when we want things taken out of the shed (rain barrels, water hook-up, tools, furniture) – Not until the beginning of May; exact date to be determined later
- 7. To note from Action items (below)
- 8. Next meeting: March 25, 2024

### Action Items

Action	Assigned	Status
1. Parminder will ask Evan to troubleshoot the Instagram account	26-Feb-24	Complete
2. Parminder will upload Minutes from past months to the website, and past newsletters to Just Food's Google Drive	26-Feb-24	In progress
3. Tanya to offer an online workshop on starting seeds indoor on Saturday, March 16	26-Feb-24	In progress
4. Tanya will prepare the cost difference for the monthly and annual payment of Google Workspace: The Board voted for the annual plan as it costs \$56 less than month-to-month	26-Feb-24	Complete
5. Tanya to adjust Budget 2024: Communications now \$350, plot fee agreed to by the Board is \$55 for the coming season	12-Feb-24	In progress

6. Patrick will invite Kate to an in-person event the second or third week of April for a presentation on Just Food	26-Feb-24	In progress
7. Patrick will prepare an updated poster for PFC that includes the Bullman garden, to be forwarded by email to Board members before the next meeting. He will prepare a second one for the general population	26-Feb-24	Complete
8. Patrick will move the survey results of previous years into the Membership Committee folder	26-Feb-24	In progress
9. Barbara will reach out to Cheryl for assistance on where to advertise	26-Feb-24	In progress
10. Sara will forward the 2022 survey results to Just Food	26-Feb-24	Complete
11. Sara will follow up with Rebecca for when to advertise in the newsletter	26-Feb-24	Complete
12. Parminder will post a calendar of events on the website the week of January 22	22-Jan-24	In progress

Upcoming business	Assigned	Date to revisit
1. Events Committee: Webinar on garden planning and seed starting, as for the last two years, as per Tanya's email of Nov 22.	22-Nov-23	In progress
2. Events Committee: Rent a room in the spring for a seed and seedling swap event.	03-Oct-23	Spring
3. Events Committee: Sara proposed teaching members how to compost in their households.	13-Nov-23	Spring
4. Membership Committee: Barbara to create a sub-committee tasked with recruiting members amongst low income neighbours for the sliding scale plots.	22-Jan-24	Complete
5. Membership Committee: Parminder will reach out to Cornerstone; her neighbour works in Social Services and could make recommendations. Wabana Centre is another possibility.	22-Jan-24	Spring
6. Properties Committee: Kimo will design a map to break down the mowing chore to help balance the task.	03-Oct-23	Spring
7. Properties Committee: Need a system to channel the water into the rain barrel at the new tool shed.	03-Oct-23	Spring
8. Properties Committee: Levers missing on two rain barrels, might have broken – new taps are being considered. The ends of the hoses screw off, so it's a non-issue. Platform needs to be leveled as well so that both secondary tanks get water.	03-Oct-23	Spring
9. Properties Committee: Add hatches to the fencing so that water tanks can be more easily accessed without risk of injury or getting drenched.	13-Nov-23	Spring
10. Properties Committee: Put cardboard and landscape fabric under the bike rack to control weeds. Do the same under the bales of straw.	13-Nov-23	Spring

11. Compost Committee: Reach out to Akil about when/how to get the worms going again.	04-Dec-23	Spring
12. Andrew will remind Kimo about sharpening the lawn mower blade and will inquire what he intends to do with the stain in the new shed. He will follow up once an opening date is established for the GCG garden.	13-Nov-23	Spring