

White City Garden Club Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, Apr 7, 2016 at 7-9pm

Location: Roberta Ekberg's home - 68 Meadow Rd - WC

Regrets (as of Apr 3): Danica, Lorelei, Mavis

Agenda:

Call to Order at 19:10

1. Adoption of/Additions to Agenda
M: Arlene/Susanne Carried
2. Adoption of minutes of Mar 3 Board meeting
Minutes 3.b Mauricio spelling M: Arlene/Maureen Carried
3. Business arising/Action Items from Minutes
 - Discussion on information presented by Town & RM

2016 Board Members:
 Susanne Martin, Past Pres.
 Roberta Ekberg, Pres.
 Joy Dobson, Vice Pres.
 Arlene Janzen, Treas.
 Lorelei Hall, Sec.
 Members at Large (MAL):
 Mavis Slack
 Chuck Brumwell
 Maureen Wentz
 Danica Leibel
 Committees:
 Future Planning
 Programming (Roberta)
 Communication (Chuck)
 Hospitality (Danica and Maureen)
 Fundraising (Joy)
 Flower Beds (Mavis and Becky)
 Community Service (Lorelei)

White City Discussion Topics	RM Discussion Topics
Conversation areas on pathways - start with existing pathways and consideration for new pathway systems as they are developed. Serbu Park - splash park Firehall area Lott Rd & WC Drive Federal Drive park revitalization Canada 150 project greenhouse	Add a pathway from Industrial Park/Hotels to link to existing EP/WC pathways - consider a circular route for walkers and joggers. William Albert Parcel M development - WCGC wants to comment on the development plan. Canada 150 project greenhouse

What WCGC will take forward based on our discussions with WC and RM reps. What would our membership consider committing to do?

Both WC & RM open to WCGC making presentations to them with thoughts on establishing new green spaces, walking trails and developing conversation area plans and providing guidance on implementing the plans.

Canada 150 - look for red and white shrubs for any developed areas so the colours commemorate the 150th.

Actions:

- Send a letter of thanks to WC and RM for meeting with WCGC and that look forward to opportunities to comment on development plans & work together to ensure that WC/EP continues to develop its green spaces and parks in the manner most beneficial to the community.
 - State what we expect regarding any green space areas in any new development (not creek beds, or pipeline easements.)
 - Develop a template letter of WCGC comments for all new developments - WC and RM
 - Ask membership if they have any ideas for green spaces, parks and walkways.
 - WCGC to consider a 150 Project: like getting a professionally developed template for green spaces/conversation areas and seek funding for the development of one such area in each of WC and EP.
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- Arlene (greenhouse) for future planning - maybe group going to Sedley to check out their greenhouse. Need to think about location (Parcel M near William Albert) and other funding sources, beneficiaries and who would be involved.

4. New Business

- a. Consider creation of Garden Club activity at Parks & Rec Family fun Day on June 11, 11 - 3 -
 - Opportunity for community exposure, another event for P & R. Pumpkin plant or potato in a paper bag, etc - how many to have - start the pumpkins and hand out - registration for fall check in who has largest pumpkin . **Action:** Roberta and Susanne to work on this.
- b. Volunteer Appreciation week Apr 10-16 <https://volunteer.ca/nvw2016>
Action: Roberta to comment at meeting and/or email message to membership
- c. Consideration to Incorporate - Arlene
 - a. Currently have to go through Town WC to apply for grants because WCGC is not incorporated.
 - b. Incorporation allows WCGC to apply for grants and protects directors

- c. Incorporation costs \$10.00/yr and requires providing an financial statement and list of officers annually. No impact on membership.
- d. **Motion** that WCGC formally incorporate as WCGC INC. M Arlene / Joy Carried **Action:** Arlene

5. Standing Reports

- Financial Report - Arlene Handout **Motion to Adopt Report - Arlene/Chuck Carried**
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- Apr. Education Session - Diseases & Pests affecting our Gardens - Jackie Bantle, USask **PLAN FOR LARGER THAN USUAL CROWD DUE TO SPEAKER & INCREASED ADVERTISING**
 - i. Speaker Host: Foster Martin
 - ii. Greeting and Announcements: Roberta
 - iii. Door: Arlene & Joy & Maureen **Action:** Set up 2 LINES FOR REGISTRATION Print two attendance sheets, So new members/guests to Arlene and members to Joy with Toonie Draw a separate table at rear of room with Maureen.
 - iv. For this meeting set up theatre style - possibly 75 people and three small tables - 2 at door and one at back. **Action:** Maureen to call Ramada
 - v. Refreshments & Toonie prize: Carrie Hordos & Heather Entner (Apr, May & Jun) Hordos Insurance providing snacks for April meeting.
- May Education Session: Shade Gardening - Sheila Bonneteau
 - vi. Speaker host: Maureen
 - vii. Poster: Susanne
 - viii. Greeting & Announcements: Roberta
 - ix. Door: ask Lorelei / Arlene
 - x. Refreshments & Toonie prize: Carrie & Heather (as above)
- Committee Updates:
 - xi. Fundraising: Planter Sales - sales of 7 out of 20 to-date, Plainsview Credit Union may buy a couple of pots if any available from those not being re-filled, Garden Tour - meeting on Mon. - tickets available May 1st , but could have them available at Apr. 13th . Posters and maps in development. Plainsview Credit Union and Coop very supportive.

Perennial sale - Posters being finalized and will be included in note to membership -

xii. Flowerbeds: Mavis - plants & shrubs ordered and will be delivered. What is the process for selecting the shrubs? Two obelisks have arrived, need to be assembled, add the WCGC plate logo and have to decide location in flowerbeds.

xiii. Programming: Roberta * ideas welcome for next year's topics*

xiv. Communications: Chuck

Advertising - what options since no newsletter (eg. Kish) **Action:** No further advertising as we no longer have a newsletter.

xv. Parks & Rec report - Arlene: Pancake Breakfast on Garage sale weekend, Plainsview is providing volunteers, will put out a call for more volunteers if required. June 11th Family Day. See WCGC action above. RM plan to install washrooms by Soccer field.

6. Date & location of next meeting - *May 5th 7 pm at Susanne Martin's*

7. Adjourn at 9:35 pm

