

Canberra City Farm: PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

Date:	13 December 2015	
Location:	Turner Garden	
Time meeting commenced:	1.30pm	
People present:	Danny O'Brien Kerry Wright Jenny Cindy Steensby Jodie Pipkorn Stefanie Lekkas Geoff Erica Kenna John Sam	Walter Steensby Liz Taverner Gary Shapcott Louise Choy Mark Spain Keith Colls Gilles Rohan Linda Ayliffe John Harvey Cassie
Apologies:	Baihua Fu	
Chairperson:	Jodie Pipkorn	
Proxies:		



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Matters/Actions Arising from the previous Meeting

ACTION	STATUS
1. MARK and Stefanie to engage with Questacon people and progress human cut-out to idea.	Underway
2. PETER to ask CSIRO about using glass houses.	
3. DANNY/JODIE to include at the next CCF monthly gathering time for discussions to plan the key priorities, strategies and projects that CCF will undertake for the next year.	
4. MELISSA to speak to Scouts and ask: What's important with the work you are doing and how could the Canberra City Farm help you? What gifts do you have that you would like to contribute to making the Canberra City Farm work?	COMPLETE – Scouts had a pizza event and are keen to get involved next year.
5. JODIE to speak to Seniors Centre and Childcare and ask: What's important with the work you are doing and how could the Canberra City Farm help you? What gifts do you have that you would like to contribute to making the Canberra City Farm work?	Jodie has emailed and visited but had no luck so far getting in contact with them.
6. VESNA to speak to Country Women's Association and ask: What's important with the work you are doing and how could the Canberra City Farm help you? What gifts do you have that you would like to contribute to making the Canberra City Farm work?	
7. VESNA to do letterbox drop before Feb workshop.	



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ACTION	STATUS
8. MARK to look into water and speak to TAMS about longer lease.	COMPLETE – Mark was informed by Rob Thorman that currently there are no plans for the site and if we want to keep it we need to put forward a strong case. We also need to talk to TAMS and Icon Water about getting water connected.
9. DANNY to draft a site safety briefing document for Dairy Road.	

Agenda Items

Turner Garden Update:

- Design and Construction Group:
 - Thanks to Stefanie for offering us lots of timber. Danny has picked it up and will take it to Dairy Road some time soon.
 - We need to work out where to from here, as much of the Master Plan in the first phase is complete.
 - Water is going well. Danny carted lots of it over today after the Scouts hall offered for us to use their water, noting we will have to pay for what we use so will have to be careful with it.
- Propagation Group:
 - There have been a few plant sales.
 - The no dig garden is complete and has been planted out with basil and tomatoes.
 - The Dairy Road site will be the next steps focus for this group.
 - Getting water on site is an issue, as we are going through about 1000L/week with the warm weather.
- Education Group:
 - We had a workshop on Bokashi & other Microbial Inoculants (lacto-bacillus) recently. People who attended noted it is a good money saver, as it fertilises plants without having to purchase expensive options. We could get the Bokashi bin on the display going if people wanted to. It also helps plant health if you spray it on it's leaves, but not in full sun as this will burn the leaves.
 - Another workshops will be around fermenting fish from the lake. Fish fertiliser is expensive to buy and if we get this established, it could be a great 'enterprise'.
 - Keith noted he would like to run another mushroom course in the new year and get some other brew workshops happening.
 - Keith noted that all gardening courses for CIT are on the webpage and Keith will take these workshops and set up a structure such that people can through 12 months of activities.
- People and Fun Group:
 - This group has not met of late, but there have been a number of people and fun activities happening at the Turner Garden, including the Scouts event and a German Childcare graduates event.
- Marketing and Sponsorship Group:
 - Jodie met on site with the YMCA who are putting together regular activities with disabled people. They are keen to work with Canberra City Farm and a proposal is being prepared for them to consider.

Dairy Road:

- Business plan – following on from the last meeting, the Business Plan is currently being updated to incorporate everyone's input.
- Legal – Keith, Danny and Jodie met on site with the legal people and they will be providing us with around 5 options for how we can structure the Expression of Interest process and agreement with Enterprises.
- Indigenous connections – Jodie met with Thunderstone who are an indigenous organisation establishing bush tucker gardens at Dairy Road, the Arboretum and other places around the ACT. They are keen to collaborate with Canberra City Farm, particularly with propagating bush tucker.
- Working bees – There is a working bee happening at Dairy Road next Sunday and another on Saturday 2 January. People will need to bring a wheel barrow and brooms to sweep the house.
- By March Keith would like to have demonstration gardens set up.
- Blackberry and other fruit pickings – Some time towards the end of January we will want to pick and then clean and make jam out of the blackberries. If anyone is interested in being involved with harvesting and/or preparing the fruits, please add your name to the list for picking by emailing canberracityfarm@gmail.com. Cindy is coordinating this.
- Food law changed this year and if we don't sell food as our main activity, and we are a charity, we can have a registered food health person overseeing the food preserving as a fundraising activity. This would potentially allow the fruit to be bottled as a workshop.
- We are planning to invite everyone who is interested in establishing an 'Enterprise' at Dairy Road along to a meeting in February 2016. More details will be provided soon.



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Actions:

Next meeting date: Sunday 17 January 2016.

Time meeting closed: 2.05pm.