

Canberra City Farm: PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

Date:	17 January 2016	
Location:	Turner Garden	
Time meeting commenced:	1.30pm	
People present:	Danny O'Brien Kerry Wright Cindy Steensby Jodie Pipkorn Becca Melia Ray Fiona Tito-Wheatland Galina Rumtin Baihua Fu	Walter Steensby Linda Ayliffe Michele Smith Pip John Yasmina Roslyn Carole Ayliffe John
Apologies:		
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. 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?	Complete. Emails have been exchanged and discussions are underway.
3. 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?	
4. VESNA to do letterbox drop before Feb workshop.	
5. DANNY to draft a site safety briefing document for Dairy Road.	

Agenda Items

Check in – name and something that excites you about Canberra City Farm.

- Wisdom that can be shared.
- Sense of community.
- Engaging the apartment blocks.
- Organic meats.
- Dairy Road project.
- Recycling.
- Seeing new faces.
- Education and community engagement.
- Developing communities.
- Cooperative venture.
- Aquaponics.

- Contribute and learn.
- Tips and gardening.
- Mushroom garden at Dairy Road and education around mushroom growing.

Turner Garden Update:

- Design and Construction Group:
 - Not too much construction at the moment.
 - Fixed pizza oven.
 - Dairy Road will be the focus.
 - Construction workshop on vertical garden bed and planter bed is planned for early this year, however we need to first clean the shed at Dairy Road.
- Propagation Group:
 - Mid-post Christmas lull at the moment.
 - The Turner site is pretty much planted out, with some extras left over for plant sales.
 - Starting to get more organised with the new site at Dairy Road.
- Education Group:
 - Compost workshop on 6 March.
 - Upcoming workshops and CIT courses are on the website.
 - Now we have fruit, peaches, plums and figs at Dairy Road, we could use the Food Co-op Shop and do a workshop on how to preserve things.
- People and Fun Group:
 - The monthly events with pizza are going really well.
- Marketing and Sponsorship Group:
 - Canberra City Farm has engaged with the verge garden discussions. Danny was on the TV and Jodie did a radio interview. These can all be found on the website.
- Next steps for the Turner Garden:
 - The Committee is proposing to have a workshop in March at the Garden to discuss our last ditch approach and transition strategy to decide the future of this site.
 - Ideally we need a local management committee that CCF support to maintain and grow the site.
 - At this workshop we will outline the costs associated with connecting and continuing water, the fact that CCF will support and show how those interested could do it, and we could promote allotment gardens.
 - It is important to get the community engaged for us to then head back to Government to gain more support.
 - Currently people in these apartments are not keen to get a garden, so we should reach out to other people in the slightly wider community who may be interested in gardening.
 - The Committee had a meeting with the Canberra Organic Growers Society (COGS) about partnering on allotment gardens. They are keen.
 - A meeting will be held to organise the event.

Dairy Road:

- Working bees:
 - There were two working bee events – one in December and one in January. Both got lots done.
 - There is another working bee on Australia day – 8am-midday. All welcome. The main focus will be on weeding.
- EOI process:
 - An Expression of Interest (EOI) for Enterprises has been circulated.
 - CCF is keen for Dairy Road to be a business incubator, providing education and training on many levels.



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- Briefing on Sunday 28 February, which includes a tour, masterplan, review of each proposal, and explain the contracts.

Other business

- Canberra Environment Centre workshops for the next 3 months are on their website.
- SEE-Change sustainable house tours are starting again in February.
- Green Drinks is a great monthly opportunity to learn about a range of things happening around Canberra.

Actions:

6. CINDY to send email for expressions of interest.
7. JODIE, CAROLE, BAIHUA, GALINA and MELLIA to meet to organise the March Turner Garden event.

Next meeting date: Sunday 21 February 2016.

Time meeting closed: 2.22pm.



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