

Canberra City Farm: MEETING MINUTES

Date:	18 September 2016	
Location:	Dairy Road	
Time meeting commenced:	1:00pm	
People present:	Danny O'Brien Baihua Fu Keith Colls Jodie Pipkorn Gilles Rohan Arien McVeigh Gary Shapcott Trish McEwan Micah Wood	Kerry Wright Walter Steensby Cindy Steensby Linda Ayliffe Chris Curtis Heather Campbell Melissa Fellows Andrew Chalklen
Apologies:	Mark Spain	
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. Plywood and design being formed.
2. DANNY to draft a site safety briefing document for Dairy Road.	Still to do
3. GALINA to photograph and film Turner Garden for history if it doesn't continue.	COMPLETE
4. KEITH to write up policy of food sharing.	COMPLETE – review where it got to
5. ALEC to bring students down and look after the garden.	COMPLETE
6. LINDA to let everyone know when the Yacons are being harvested.	COMPLETE
7. DANNY to add Trish to the value added mailing list	DONE

Agenda Items

Turner Garden:

- Fences have been partially dismantled.
- Everything has been moved except the containers, house and 2 IBC wicking beds. Linda will move the wicking beds over the next few weeks.
- We need to deconstruct the house being mindful of OHS, but we need to wait for the ground to dry out. Danny is coordinating this.
- Ideally by the end of October we will be out of Turner completely.

Dairy Road:

- Tractor: the order has been placed for the flail mower and spader. It should be shipped this week with the spader coming in November. The plan is that a few people will be inducted to use the tractor.
- We need to think about moving rocks. A bobcat and a rake to get the process started may be worthwhile. We need to dig holes and work out how extensive the rocks are.

- Enterprises: These are progressing, with micro greens, seed saving, worm composting, fly larvae, preserving group, COGS gardens and more. Keith is meeting with Andy from COGS tomorrow to discuss opportunities, as COGS wants to know more about it. The intention would be to provide for COGS market gardeners having 500sqm.
- Thank you Arian for the seed saving efforts.
- The next steps for Dairy Road will be setting up the displays.
- The regular Monday team progressing well, but tasks are piling up. Keith proposed he would start another regular group on a different day during the week. Each Monday there are activities – 1-3pm.

Workshops:

- Seed Saving – This takes place on the 1st Sunday of the month. We are getting 5-6 people each time. There is lots of variations in who attends, but the list is growing. They are making lots of seed packets. The issue now is we need more seed, so if you can grow seeds in your yard or would like to donate them, please let Arian know. Arian also met with Bega Seed Savers and the expert woman has agreed to come to Canberra to run a couple of workshops.
- Four Seasons Workshops – This takes place on the last Sunday of the month. Up to workshop 7. The next two are on pests and disease control. This workshop aims to encourage volunteers to work in the garden and the numbers vary from 6-20+.
- Construction components workshops – Danny is sending these to the old list. Please let Danny know if you would like adding to this list.
- Mushroom workshop – Keith is talking to Will to tie down a date for another mushroom workshop. We have some equipment in the other classroom that can be used for this.
- Living Green Festival – Sunday 2 October. CCF will collaborate with SEE-Change. We will make smoothies and sell preserves. Danny and Melissa have frozen peaches, etc.
- Pumpkins – There are a few pumpkins from Turner that could be made into treats for volunteers at working parties. Payment for volunteers is to enjoy the food we grow here. Cindy has kindly offered to make some treats. Trish is happy to contribute as well.



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Actions:

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8. JODIE to send list of what the \$4,900 grant could be used for.	
9. JODIE to ask where the rocks were dropped from the previous people involved in laying out the land.	
10. JODIE to update Four Seasons Workshops – last Sunday of the month.	
11. DANNY to do inventory of food for smoothies.	
12. ANYONE wanting to book a room needs to email CCF to put it in the diary.	
13. JODIE to set up a roster for the Living Green Festival.	

Next meeting date: Sunday 16 October 2016.

Time meeting closed: 1:55pm.