

Canberra City Farm: MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Sunday 16 October 2016	
Location:	Dairy Road	
Time meeting commenced:	1:00pm	
People present:	Danny O'Brien Micah Wood Keith Colls Jodie Pipkorn Mark Spain Cindy Steensby Arian McVeigh Baihua Fu	Walter Steensby Virginia Prouse Trish McEwan Gilles Rohan Andrew Melissa Fellows
Apologies:		
Chairperson:	Keith Colls	



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

Agenda Items

Membership:

- 3 new members in previous month.

Treasurer's Report:

- A brief overview was given.

Recent stuff/General news:

- The grant money list has been circulated. Keith is looking into the projector, Linda is looking into the netting for fruit trees, Danny and Keith are looking at the garden tools.
- A room booking system is being used for Dairy Road – the calendar is on the website. Email canberracityfarm@gmail.com or contact Mark or Keith if you want to book a room.
- Living Green Festival was successful. Melissa did the whole day! We had two tables, there was a steady stream of people having a chat, and about two pages of people signed up for the newsletter. 33 packets of seeds were sold and \$190 worth of jams. Value add

group will meet and decide on some more stuff to do. Seedsavers need to bag some more seeds.

Turner Garden:

- Turner garden has been cleaned up and the move to Dairy Road is progressing – posts are underway, house starting to be deconstructed, two IBCs still need to be done, portable wicking bed and two containers will be the last things moved. It should be dry enough soon to move the containers.
- There will be a working bee next weekend to pull the house down – Danny will send an email around with details.
- Need a reciprocal saw and a bigger trailer – Danny is onto this.

Dairy Road:

- The tractor was demonstrated by Danny. It's cool and works well! Danny will set up a spreadsheet for recording the use of the tractor (servicing schedule), who uses it and who is trained to use it.
- SEE-Change will be discussing what to do with the garage building and how to turn it into a demonstration of an energy efficient building.

Events:

- Urban Kids Day, 10-4 on Saturday 29 October. Karina from The Dirty Beanstalk and CCF will be working together. Everyone needs to have a Working with Vulnerable People (WVP) card, which is free for volunteers. All those who want to get involved should let Jodie know. Ideally we want 4 people on for each hour. We are also trying to do chooks. There will be hay bales to take away at the end of the day.
- 4 seasons workshop happening next Sunday 23 October, 2016.
- Mushroom farm visit has had great response: 35 people so far!!
- Seed Saving Workshop has had 11 people register so far.
- All events are on track, volunteers welcome.

Enterprises:

- Goterra Agreement was signed on Friday 14 October 2016 – no issue after talking to ACT Government about the nature of the enterprise being a for profit.
- No reports on other enterprises.

Groups/Projects:

- *Other organisations/collaborations (Walter):* COGS met recently and discussed the possibility of having plots at the CCF site – there is no interest at this stage, but they are happy to collaborate on the seed-saving stuff.
- *Seed Saving (Arian):* thanks to Melissa and Baihua for stepping in for last Get-Together; we still need more seeds; there were good sales at the Living Green Festival; the workshop for 6 November is being organised and looking promising.
- *Vulnerable People (Baihua):* Baihua has been talking with relevant groups, there is a big need for fresh fruit and vegetables, and we want to do a project that involves training, skills and participation.
- *Communications (Jodie):* Jodie is coordinating communications including for the workshops, events and producing flyers, etc. Jodie can also help people who want to get a WVP card and need help with paperwork.
- *Value Adding Group (Trish and Melissa):* There were good sales at the Living Green Festival; it's a great project for CCF; we need to get together and make more, and set up a meeting to make a plan. Trish is looking into a collaboration using the Food Co-op kitchen and possibly partnering with the Food Co-op.



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- *Food Box Initiative (Micah)*: Will start first Wednesday in February, 5.30-7.30. Discussion about payment system – direct debit is no more reliable than payg (and there would be fees and charges). Discussion about keeping people engaged: need to push commitment to a season and give discount for upfront payment for full season. 4 people will run the assembly and rotate including: put the boxes together, wait for people to pick them up or take to charity if needed. Walter is the communications maestro. The focus for the initiative is on building the relationship with the grower of the food. Discussed changing the name – Farm to Food Box, Local Farmers’ Initiative...?
- *Propagation and Gardening (Keith)*: This is still getting underway. Keith is using his CIT courses to bring people out to the site and get more happening. 4 seasons workshops are going great and are well-subscribed.
- *Learning and Development Coordinator (Mark)*: A calendar of all the activities has been created and automatically updates on the website. Mark can add to this and is keen to provide reliable and consistent information, and able to predict what is going on. There is an MOU with CIT solutions – joint badging: Keith noted this should be in communications for education events. There is a follow-up event to the Food Hubs workshop, which is a network for coordination and aggregation of the local food supply. The next meeting will be at the CCF site on Wednesday 7 December. There has been an offer from Robert Styles and Vincent Hudson to run a development program for the CCF committee and the people who hold the CCF vision. They will try and run an information session about it to create more momentum and support succession planning and resilience.



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Danny to send email about working bee at Turner next weekend	
Trish will set up another meeting of the Value Add group	
Danny to create a spreadsheet about the tractor, including training and usage	
Mark to follow-up re. development program for CCF committee/ others who are interested in sharing vision for CCF	
Danny will do amazing things with setting up kids’ day	
Jodie will put call-out for people to take away straw bales	
Jodie will coordinate Kids’ Day with The Dirty Beanstalk	
Arian to finalise organizing of Seed Savers Workshop	
Baihua will finalise organizing of Mushroom Day	

Next meeting date: Sunday 20 November 2016.

Time meeting closed: 2pm.