

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE DISRUPTION COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, April 7, 2016
4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Committee Room

Present: Chris Alemany, Sam Brownlee, Guy Langlois, Rosalind Chapman
Sandra Gentleman, Gary Swann, John Mayba

Regrets: Bob Haynes

Guest: Marcus Lobb, Food Hub Coordinator for the Alberni Valley Transition Town Society

1. Approval Minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting
Chris Alemany moved to approve, John Mayba seconded

2. Approval of agenda
Gary Swann moved to approve, John Mayba seconded

3. PRESENTATION
Hog fuel (tire derived fuel) burning at Catalyst
We were unable to contact the speaker prior to the meeting.

Action: Chris Alemany will contact the speaker and invite them to our next meeting

4. Agenda preparation and items

Sam Brownlee requested that agenda items be submitted well in advance of our meetings so that it can be circulated to committee members and submitted to the city clerk in a timely manner.

5. Follow up from Chris Alemany on Blue Dot resolution.

The Blue Dot recommendation will be discussed at the next City Council meeting. Some concern has been expressed by a counselor regarding the legal implication of adopting the resolution. Chris Alemany mentioned that the Blue Dot resolution will also be discussed at the Federation of Municipalities meeting in Victoria.

6. Saving the bees/soil remediation

Sam Brownlee discussed the Save the Bees initiative by General Mills. Some information here:
<http://www.blog.generalmills.com/2016/03/a-public-private-partnership-to-save-our-bees/>

Sam Brownlee suggested that some brownfield lots in the city and city owned land could be seeded with strips of wild flowers to provide food for the bees.

Action: Sam Brownlee and Marcus Lobb will contact Jacob Colyn to discuss what properties could be used to seed wild flowers

Gary Swann suggested that biodynamic preparations and compost would be beneficial in the remediation of brownfield lots.

Action: Chris Alemany will discuss remediation of brownfield lots with Scott Smith, City Planner

Marcus Lobb suggested that more gardens are needed.

Action: Gary Swann will contact Theresa Kingston with the City in regards to the development of a Community Garden policy.

7. City bylaws protecting water courses

Sam Brownlee discussed her concerns with recent tree cutting in riparian zones within the city. We had some discussion regarding the requirement of a permit to cut down trees.

Action: Rosalind Chapman will research municipal policy regarding tree management

Some concern was expressed with policy of the Bear Watch organization to recommend cutting down fruit trees and discouraging composting.

Action: Sam Brownlee will invite Christina Brack from Bear Watch to come to our next meeting to discuss their policies regarding cutting down fruit trees and discouraging composting

8. Gleaning Project

John Mayba recommended that the committee talk to the City about supporting the Gleaning Project.

Marcus Lobb said he would contact Heather to see if she could come and talk to the committee regarding the status of the gleaning project

9. Transition Movement in Canada: Are We Having Fun Yet? Webinar

Tuesday, 19 April 2016 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM (EDT)

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/transition-movement-in-canada-are-we-having-fun-yet-webinar-tickets-23266650177?aff=eivtefrnd>

10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Chris Alemany, seconded by John Mayba.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM

11. Next meeting May 5, 2016.

Sam Brownlee, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk