

UEL Community Gardens Society
2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2022, 7:00 pm
Location: Zoom

Call to order

The President of the Board of Directors of the UEL Community Gardens Society, Jeff Greenman, called the 2022 Annual General Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 31, 2022.

Members in attendance

Jeff Greenman, Hannah Farrell, Krithika Venkatachalam, Karen Truscott, Kalin Chai, Micaela Peragallo, Bronwyn Smyth, Flora D'Amasio, Iris Chen, Lin-P'ing Choo Smith, Patricia Comeau, Stephanie Fung, Sylvia Hopper

Adoption of rules of order and agenda

Adopting Robert's Rules of Order

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Adoption of rules of order
3. Board of Directors Report
4. Election of Directors
5. Presentation of Financials
6. Bronwyn Smith, Guest Speaker
7. Q&A

Quorum has been reached (more than 3 members)

MOTION to approve the agenda

Moved by: Krithika Venkatachalam

Seconded by: Hannah Farrell

None opposed. **MOTION PASSED**

Board of directors report - Jeff Greenman

- Brief report of current status of the garden
- Background:
 - Began Spring 2020 - UEL thinking about a long term plan for area D, wanting to use green space to make a community garden. Regent College and volunteers from the community formed a society under the BC Societies act.
 - Have liability insurance.
 - Thanking sponsors Gandy's Home Hardware, Hower Home Hardware, Kerrisdale Lumber, Alison Fong
- Purpose of the garden:

- Provide residents with the opportunity to grow food and flowers, foster connections between people, opportunities for people to learn about food and gardening, model an inclusive community, enhance beauty of neighborhood
- Future plans:
 - Launch event coming soon
 - Communal herb garden - plot set aside for gardeners to share herbs
 - West coast seeds donated seeds for members to use
- Volunteering opportunities:
 - Photography, social media, watering, events
- Garden phases
 - Phase 2 currently under construction right now - espalier trees to be planted, blueberry hedges
 - Phase 3 upcoming - for gatherings
 - Shed serving phase 1 and 2
- Questions
 - When will phase 3 be complete?
 - Don't have a definite time frame from the UEL
 - Gate is confusing
 - Gate will soon be connected to the fencing
 - Coyote
 - Wheelchair plot collapse
 - Adding extra reinforcements to phase one wheelchair plots

Election of directors

Board of Directors slate:

Jeff Greenman
 Cynthia James
 Hannah Farrell
 Maria Clara Martino Pinto
 Krithika Venkatachalam
 Karen Truscott
 Louise Griep
 Kalin Chai

MOTION to approve the slate of directors

Moved by: Krithika Venkatachalam

Seconded by: Hannah Farrell

None opposed. **MOTION PASSED**

Presentation of financials

- Krithika Venkatachalam presented the financial report
- Revenue \$1560 (\$60/ plot x 26 plots)
- Expenses \$851.81
- Net surplus \$708.19

- Balance will be used to pay for repairs, engagement events, more tools
- Assets

MOTION to approve the financial report

Moved by: Hannah Farrell

Seconded by: Krithika Venkatachalam

None opposed. **MOTION PASSED**

Guest speaker

Bronwyn Smyth gave a presentation of how to get started with a garden plot and answered member's questions.

MOTION to adjourn

Moved by: Hannah Farrell

Seconded by: Krithika Venkatachalam

None opposed. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.