

Commons Coordinating Council Notes: Jan 10, 2012

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Team Reports

FMT

- Extra rasp canes
- Available plots Feb 26 lottery from waiting list
- South end commons allotment garden 2013 John Pierce donation for use evaluated for a couple of years, fence, tool shed, parking , outhouse provided on a half acre

L.O.T.

- Sprouting workshop 22 January by Maya
- Cheese making some time in February
- Teams to possibly do some workshops
- Still feeling way on how to do things
- Workshop on hedge trimming
- Welding stainless steel another possible
- Next meeting Jan 17 at 11:30

PHC

- Affordable housing world cafe on Saturday January 14 from 1 to 4
- Boards meet
 - Memorandum of understanding how it works between both organizations
 - On going applications for grants PHC will inform the commons
 - Lease agreement and buildings clarified soon
- Shed Extension trying to keep area clean
- Next job application kitchen workshop or sustainability centre letter by mid Feb
- Commons is volunteer, pay is an issue
- Is office open on Mondays? will check with trustees on office hours
- applied for Green building grant for 100,000 dollars from Real Estate Foundation

Bookings

- What about keys, more needed
- Use of upstairs for PHC use needs clarification

Communications

- Needs new members

Trustees

- PHC meeting set up and held
- Early notice of building construction
- EEV budget line will be zero for starters
- PMT concern what is being looked for in a person to coordinate and also have some expertise
- teams and recruiting needs to be done spreading the word
- Shelagh will liaise with PHC
- all team budgets in by March

Grant Writing

- No grant for kitchen too many applications
- Some groups are not even taking applications
- Need capital development grants and they are hard to get
- Will apply to Van City

T.A.G.S.

- Daphne is ready to bloom
- Would work with school kids, maybe
- Need volunteers to work with camp Miriam kids in the summer

STC

- Rental fees? Why some don't pay-
- Use of upstairs bathrooms when others are here no longer an issue
- Next meeting Wednesday January 11 at 10

Volunteer

- Maya did a great job getting Victor concert ready
- Great night at concert

EEV

- Boundaries of EEV

- Next meeting January 25
- Coop to answer questions about how to set one up, will be useful
- Our Eco Village visit a success
- Heide has the info of COOPing the EEV if anyone wants it
- Different kinds of shares for construction
- there will be a Field trip for seniors cohousing
- co op would run but commons will own

Issues

Special dates

- Fall Fair. Spring Fair May, Concert december, Craft Fair December 1, Trade Fair feb25 Abernathy bench dedication, garage sale July
- Teams go back and come up with the events
- What about solstice celebration call out island artists.
- Have a coordinator for concert

What's up with council, will be discussed in February?

Rental fees

- Originally everyone paid the same
- Brownies did work in kind instead of paying
- Most of rents are non profits
- We don't charge on web site
- Offer sliding scale advertise fee on site
- Bookings, STC, trustees will all discuss this and report back
- Trustee to reevaluate at next meeting
- Perception of how we look to agi hall and community hall
- Take note off of site Jinny will contact Hans
- Have definition of what non profits are
- Fees can be shared with PMT for up keep

P.M.T.

- Look for right person do not advertise right away
- Articles in newspaper to create awareness short job description
- Person needs to know commons
- Maintenance budget -Line item on budget
- Lead not necessarily do the work

Money for operation and or mortgage difference
Development of or securing the land

P.H.C.

- go to teams first if they want to build something
- Project driven not grant driven
- They were just putting it out

Recruitment

- Burn out is happening
- Encourage friends one person to team with as back up
- You don't have to pick up the ball all the time
- Be sure that we can do the work we say we will do. Lots of work needs doing
- if there are not enough people to do then don't do it
- Giving others an opportunity to participate
- Mentoring people can fit where they will be most successful
- It is ok to let it go
- What are the critical areas
 - PMT and Communications
- Look at successful teams and see what they are doing
- Some non profits pay for things that need to be done
- Avoid the pay
- Ask Hans about web site maybe could training someone
- Need mentors
- See how clinic did there thing with pay and volunteers
- Bring a friend to the next meeting