

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2016 7:00- 8:30 PM

Markward Recreation Center

Minutes Submitted by: Nicole Gortian, Secretary

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Carol Eaton (E-7), Jane Epstein (G-3), Christine Guiliano (G-2), Nicole Gortian (J-6), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Tom McKeon (D-4), Wayne Rosenberger (E-5), Laurie Taylor (E-04), Joan Wells (H-3), and Linda Zaimis (K-5)

Not Present: Jim Wells (J-7) and Steve Slaterback (H-06)

Recorded by Nicole Gortian, Secretary.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Wayne moved approval of Minutes of March 10 Steering Committee Meeting as circulated, seconded by Carol.	Motion was unanimously approved. Nicole Gortian will post on website and garden BB & notify gardeners.
Treasurer's Report & Discussion of Revised Categories	Wayne Rosenberger presented March 2016 Treasurer's Report. We received \$260 in pledges. Linda moved approval, seconded by Christine.	Motion was unanimously approved.
New Business	<p>Web Site: We should look into cleaning up of old items on the website</p> <p>Garden History: Mary Nocemos Jones gave us an April 20, 1996 map of the garden that shows the location and lists of all the woody shrubs, vines and roses in the common areas of the garden.</p> <p>City Garden Contest: We decided that we would participate this year. No special cleanup of the garden will be done in preparation for the judging.</p>	<p>Laurie will follow up on this.</p> <p>Joan will give the documents for the Garden's archive.</p> <p>Joan will handle filling out the application when we receive it and host the judges when they come. A general announcement to the gardeners about the contest will go out once we know when the judges will be coming.</p>
Committee Reports	<p>Facilities: Jane and Tom solicited bids to repair shed. To repair the entire shed the cost was estimated to be approximately \$4,700. Tom had suggested that he would be able to repair the shed sufficiently for \$300.</p> <p>Community Events: Alan went over results of the survey. Tomatoes, Vegetables all winter, and maximizing production rose to the top as topics people are most interested in.</p>	<p>Tom is going to look into making the repair himself. Facilities committee will work on finding a contractor to conduct the work. Jane will send a reminder that they need to start working their plot by May 1st. Will also include a reminder that children should be supervised while in garden as well as we kick off the new year. Facilities will also consider purchasing new grills next season and follow up with the plumber about fixing the drinking water fountain.</p> <p>Alan is going to reach out to Scott to conduct another tomato talk early in the season and schedule a vegetables all winter talk later in the season. Going to try to schedule a tomato talk</p>

	<p>Workday: Everything looks great in the garden as a result of the workday! 41 people showed up (about half of the plots were represented). Carol sent out follow up emails to those that didn't show up with chores. Received responses from 19 of these 40 people so far about taking on a chore.</p> <p>City harvest & Garden Chores: Linda has 27 people signed up to be volunteer growers.</p> <p>Weekly Chores: Still have 13 people signed up that haven't signed up for a week.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Joan has been attending the Street Scenes meetings. They are still planning on having the window box contest this year but not the photography contest.</p> <p>Plot Assignments: Still missing 1 lottery lease and check. The plot signs for the wait list plots are not in good shape. Need to consider putting permanent dividers as they shift year to year.</p>	<p>in the evening in the next few weeks and another one after the July 16 workshop.</p> <p>Carol will continue to follow up and assign chores on the list to those that did not show up.</p> <p>Linda will send out an email to follow up with those that have not signed up yet.</p> <p>Christine will check with Jim and then follow up with gardener. Christine will explore putting better labels and dividers at the end of the season.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steering Committee Thursday May 12 	