

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 7:00- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Present: Maja Bucan (J-9), Jerry Faich(I-1), Mary Lou Gross (I-2), Al Kelman(J-8), John Wagner (K-3), , Steve Slaterbeck (H-6), Linda Zaimis (K-5)

Not Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Mike Kihn (B-1), Pat Rohlfing(G-1), Katie Tremont (A-1), and Michele Ettinger - CCRA representative

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee September 3, 2019.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for July. Motion to accept made and seconded.	Approved by unanimous vote. Steve: Post August minutes on bulletin board and on website.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Katie reported by email. The June expenses of \$104-and \$35- were submitted to Travis on July 3rd. It appears they haven't been paid yet. Sent Travis a reminder on both. We shouldn't pay finance charges if we are doing what we should do to pay on time. Katie had this problem before.</p> <p>Will pay July invoice when back in town next week. Travis confirmed that CCRA paid 3 checks to SRPCG (October 27 2018, April 3 2019, May 11 2019).</p> <p>Carryover: Discussed building up a reserve of at July 2018 meeting, writing grants for big expenditures such as plumbing, shed repair (Mike volunteered Cecily).</p>	<p>All: All reimbursement forms should be sent to Katie Tremont and cc the Steering Committee. Katie will send reimbursement forms and receipts to Travis.</p> <p>Steve: Create February, March, April, May Financial Reports.</p>
New Business	<p>CCRA/CSX treatment of weeds West of the garden: CSX will notify CCRA President Maggie Mund 3 days before they treat the area outside the garden. It was not clear which herbicide they will use and how much it will affect tomato plots.</p> <p>Shaded Plots: After their first season, gardeners routinely request transfer from shady plots J1, G1, H1. Other shady plots were also mentioned. Maja created a Power Point with a Shade Map created on June 28, 2019. She also showed a shade map of the SRPCG created by the Steering committee in 1998 that she found in the SRPCG archives. Based on the current shade map, there are parts of the garden that are more in shade than others but every garden plot gets full sun for at least 4 hours. We may consider trimming more the bushes in Parkside planting to reduce shade in a few plots.</p> <p>Discussed approaching Fairmount Park about pruning.</p>	<p>Maja: Create a shade map in early September to compare shaded areas now and 20 years ago. We may consider a presentation on partially shaded gardens at the annual meeting and have list of vegetables and flowers that do not need sun all the time.</p>

<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Plot Assignments: John reported 62 now on waiting list. Lillian to transfer lottery and tomato plot management to Maja starting 2020 season.</p> <p>Plot Use: No report.</p> <p>City Harvest: Linda reported 812 pounds delivered to date.</p> <p>Facilities: Check to make sure Cistern turns completely off.</p> <p>Chores: Mary Lou reported that all gardeners signed up.</p> <p>Work Day: Summer Work Day was Saturday, July 13 9am - noon. Garden looked good. 40 gardeners attended, those who didn't will be reminded of make up tasks. Fall Work Day is November 2, 9am. Discussed changing gardener commitment rule for next year from 3 mandatory work days, and optional annual meeting attendance to choice 2 of 3 work day plus annual meeting attendance.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Looks great, no updates.</p> <p>Website/Email/Facebook: Steve keeping website updated. All emails from Steering Committee go through John who sends through Wild Apricot, with Steve and Linda as proof readers. Katie posts activities on Facebook.</p> <p>Community/Children Events: Markward T'ai Chi program – 9 classes starting 6:30 Tuesday September 24. Visit Markwardplayground.com to enroll.</p>	<p>Maja: Still needs to revise the plot map to label 25th Street and the dog park, and numbered tomato plots.</p> <p>Jerry: Give post make up assignments to gardeners who aren't able to attend. Katie: Look into presenter for Fall Work Day.</p> <p>Steve: Add Spring, Fall Summer work day photos.</p>
	<p>Next Steering Committee Tuesday, September 3, 7pm.</p>	<p>All: Think about prospects for the Steering Committee, particularly for a designated treasurer.</p>

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