

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Thursday, December 8, 2016 7:00- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-06)

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Carol Eaton (E-7), Christine Guiliano (G-2), Tom McKeon (D-4), Steve Slaterbeck (H-06), Laurie Taylor (E-04), Jim Wells (J-7), and Linda Zaimis (K-5) . Babera Halpern representing CCRA.

Not Present: Jane Epstein (G-3), Nicole Gortian (J-6), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Wayne Rosenberger (E-5), Joan Wells (H-2)

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck. Approval by the Steering Committee pending for Thursday, January 12, 2017.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for November.	Nicole will post on website and garden BB.
Treasurer's Report	Expenses this period: \$419.83 for Maintenance and Supplies; \$53.47 for Workday Refreshments. We are currently running underspent for the year	
New Business	<p>One Riverside Construction: No discussion</p> <p>History Project: Received \$500 invoice from videographer. Maja thinks the final total may be a bit over the budgeted amount of \$1500. Lois Evans' email suggested creating additional interview footage of CCRA's involvement in later years. Committee decided this should be better handled by CCRA, if they choose to pursue.</p> <p>CCRA: Sunday December 11 Sacred Spaces. Monday December 12 Greenfield Book Author Event. Fran Levy will stand in for Barbera Halpern in January, February, and March steering committee meetings.</p> <p>Steering Committee Prospects: The committee consists of 7-13 members per by-laws. This committee agrees it's best to have 13 members. Christine, Wayne, and Nicole are cycling out, and Lillian is considering stepping down from the committee. Need to fill 3, and maybe 4 slots. Prospect suggestions: Phil Leahy, Jerry Faich, Sally Frazza, Susan Segal, Wendy Weiss, Selwa Barody, Al Kelman.</p>	<p>Motion to allocate up to \$200 for garden founders reception, seconded and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Steve to provide Carol with prospect email example. Carol to send prospect list to committee to consider and discuss at the January meeting.</p>
Committee Reports	Wait List: J-1 taking leave-of-absence and will be placed on the top of the list for 2018 season. F-1 given a reprieve until December 11 to clear plot. If not cleared per by-laws they will no longer be admitted as	Carol will circulate draft for F-1 letter.

	<p>gardeners. There are 11 available plots for 2017, 8 cycling off, and 3 who have opted out Cook, Cosia, Levinson. No additions in August, 1 added in September. The list is 51 people long currently.</p> <p>Waitlist Plots: No discussion.</p> <p>City Harvest: 981 pounds have been donated to City Harvest so far this year.</p> <p>Workday: Only 2 plot holders failed to attend or contribute to at least 2 workdays; one is a lottery plot holder, and the other has been terminated from the garden due to ongoing plot maintenance problems. No gardeners in 2016 are subject to having their term in the garden reduced by a year due to noncompliance with Workday attendance requirements. Decision on E-3 fish pond and fish to remain until Spring cleanup. Will no longer use weed cloth.</p>	<p>When Jim receives waiting list requests, he will send the waiting list information to the member and update the spreadsheet. Laurie will update the contact email list and the member's profile on the CCRA web page</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Next Steering Committee Thursday, January 12, 2017. Annual Meeting: Action items include creating calendar (with date for annual meeting) , printing and send lease and copies to gardeners (current gardeners will receive one copy to sign and return, new gardeners will receive a keep copy and a sign and return copy)</p>	<p>Carol to draft and distribute calendar using 2016 dates as a reference.</p>

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