

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
Markward Recreation Center
February 04, 2009**

Present:

Derek Freres (A-1), Chair
Linda Zaimis, Recording Secretary (B-4)
Seth Levi, Treasurer (J-7)
Selwa Baroody (E-4)
Chris Henningsen (F-3)
Al Kelman (J-6)
Robert Reisley (D-1)
Doug Ross (H-6)
Fran Levi (J-7)

Not Present:

Joyce Frye (H-6)
Bonnie Schmelz (J-1)
Gerri Spilka (B-3)
George Trotman (B-4)

The meeting was called to order by Derek at 7:01 p.m.

Al made a motion to approve the November minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Eileen Gallagher, project manager of City Harvest (a project through Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green program) came to the meeting to explain the project which partners with community gardeners, the Philadelphia prison system and SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange) to provide fresh produce to local food cupboards. Derek will send an e-mail to the gardeners to see if there is any interest in participating in the program.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance is \$313.45. The available balance in the Capital Budget is \$10,077.13. Al made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved.

The proposed Clean-up dates for 2009 are April 25, July 11 and November 7.

One request was made for a plot downgrade from a 10' x 15' plot to a 10' x 10' plot. Selwa made a motion to grant the request. Seconded and approved.

Tree Planting Update: The cherry trees have all been removed. Rob made a motion to create a committee, which any gardener may join, to review all options for replacements (including the option of no replacements). The committee may present the alternatives to the entire garden membership at the annual meeting in 2010 for a vote.

Bylaws Review: Derek made a motion to amend the Bylaws to allow past gardeners on the Waiting List to serve on the Steering Committee. Seconded and failed (all votes opposed).

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved February 10, 2009 by a majority vote of the steering committee taken over email.