

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
Markward Recreation Center
July 1, 2009**

Present:

Derek Freres (A-1), Chair
Linda Zaimis, Recording Secretary (B-4)
Margaret Dowling (K-2W)
Fran Levi (J-7)
Doug Ross (H-6)
Allison Rulon-Miller (C-2)

Not Present:

Joyce Frye (H-6)
Al Kelman (J-6)
Dorothy Kogan (K-4)
Seth Levi (J-7)
Robert Reisley (D-1)

The meeting was called to order by Derek at 7:08 pm.

Margaret made a motion to approve the June minutes. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance of the Garden Budget is \$1,208.37.
The balance of the Capital Budget is \$8,474.36.

The July work day is July 11 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.

PHS City Harvest: A basket has been attached to the work table for produce donations. A list of volunteers who will deliver the produce to the food cupboard at 19th & Christian on Tuesday mornings will be posted on the bulletin board.

Compost: Derek will query the gardeners to see if there is any interest in purchasing a load of compost. The cost would be divided among the interested parties.

Fairmount Park Comments: Mark Focht of the Fairmount Park Commission visited the garden and shared his appreciation of the Garden's relationship with Fairmount Park and thinks this has been the best it has been.

Plot Board Update: Derek and Seth have completed replacing the old plot boards with recycled plastic lumber for eight 10' x 10' plots and one 10' x 20' plot. Doug made a motion to purchase 64 more boards for more plot replacements. Seconded and approved. Fran made a motion to purchase the corner brackets for the plots. Seconded and approved.

Parkside Plantings: Allison reported that the compost was put down around the plantings and seems to be working fine and is not burning the plants. The fencing has been removed from the trial section of the border and signs with Do Not Trespass were put that section. Unfortunately, the signs were stolen.

Fundraising: We should hear from the McLean Contributionship shortly.

Grievance Committee: The Grievance Committee sent out their response and has not received back any comments.

Transfer List: Barbara Fuchs, J-5, has moved. May Allen, E-2, who is on the transfer list, will take over that plot and Chris Henningsen, from the Waiting List will be assigned plot E-2. Margaret made a motion to grant a temporary waiver of the Tomato Trials Agreement rule for 2009 so Chris will remain in the Tomato Trails for the 2009 season while taking plot E-2. Seconded and approved.

Community Events: This Sunday, July 5th, is the next Garden Barbeque. The Harvest Party date is Wednesday, August 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary