

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
Markward Recreation Center
July 5, 2012**

Present:

Joan Wells (K-5), Chair
Fran Levi, Treasurer (J-7)
Linda Zaimis (B-4)
Lois Evans (E-06)
Shelby Fraser (F-09)
Cecily Kihn (K-3)
Wayne Rosenberger (E-05)
Allison Rulon-Miller (C-2)
Leslie Young (C-5)

Not Present:

Joyce Frye (H-6)
Chris Henningsen (F-3)
Al Kelman (J-6)
Doug Ross (H-6)

The meeting was called to order by Joan at 7:02 pm.

Fran made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 7, 2012 Steering Committee meeting. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance of the regular Garden Budget is \$5470.38. The available balance for the Maintenance/Capital Budget is \$2201.17.

Work Day: Thanks to all who attended or assisted before or after the Work Day. Joan will ask gardeners who did not participate to do some of the remaining chores.

PHS City Gardens Contest: Judges will come to the Garden on July 10.

Wagon Update: Two new plastic wagons were assembled on the Work Day. All wagons will now be stored behind the compost bins where the cold frames used to be.

City Harvest: As of July 1, 224 pounds of produce was delivered to the Lutheran Church, our local food cupboard.

Facilities: We now have a new fold-down table behind the compost bin next to one of the grills to be used when the grills are in use.

Transfer List: There are 2 names on the list.

Waiting List: There are 44 names on the list.

Community Supper: The supper will be held on August 19th at 6:00pm.

Compost: A consultant came to look at our compost bins and made some recommendations for improving the compost. A cover was placed over one section of the compost to help retain heat to kill weed seeds. For now, we are asking that weeds be trashed instead of placing them in the compost bin. Weed barrier cloth is recommended for use in the plots to help eliminate weeds. The biggest ingredient missing from our compost is dry leaves to add to the fresh green materials. We will attempt to collect more leaves in the fall and store them for use in the summer.

Open gates: We are still finding occasions when the gates are open when no one is in the Garden. Joan will send out another email reminding gardeners to make sure the Garden is locked when the last person leaves. Also, never leave the lock hanging in the open position on the gate. They get stolen and are expensive to replace.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary