

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Thursday, July 14, 2016 7:00- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Nicole Gortian, Secretary

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Carol Eaton (E-7), Jane Epstein (G-3), Christine Guiliano (G-2), Nicole Gortian (J-6), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Tom McKeon (D-4), Steve Slaterbeck (H-06), Laurie Taylor (E-04), Wayne Rosenberger (E-5), Jim Wells (J-7), Joan Wells (H-2) and Linda Zaimis (K-5)

Recorded by Nicole Gortian, Secretary.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for May 12 or June 9.	Nicole will post on website and garden BB.
Treasurer's Report & Discussion of Revised Categories	Wayne presented June 2016 Treasurer's Report via email ahead of the meeting to the Steering Committee. Two bills this month (1 for supplies and 1 for the renewal of the USPS box). There was one donation received for the History Project. Discussed getting a new grill in September.	Alan will email Maja to get an update. Alan has information that he will send to the group on grills to help make a decision on which one to purchase.
New Business	<p>One Riverside Construction: CCRA is having a meeting with representatives from One Riverside to discuss plans for the disturbance of the parkside plantings plot bordering One Riverside where they want to put their wall. They need to disturb this area in order to erect the wall. CCRA is working on an agreement with One Riverside so that there is an understanding on how this area should be restored. They want to start on July 20th.</p> <p>Sprinkler System: Does not seem to be working.</p> <p>Groundhog: There have been two groundhogs removed humanely from the garden this season. The steering committee contacted PHS to see if there were other humane options to explore as the cost to humanely remove groundhogs is expensive and expect that there will continue to be more groundhogs this season.</p> <p>Succession Planning: Wayne, Nicole and Christine will be rotating out at the end of the season, so replacements need to be identified for the Treasurer, secretary and waitlist plots.</p>	<p>Joan will continue to work with CCRA to get agreement in place.</p> <p>Joan will follow up with the contact for the sprinkler.</p> <p>Jane is going to explore other options (call SPCA) to see if there are more economical humane options.</p>

Committee Reports	<p>Facilities: Jane checked plots and sent emails out to noncompliant gardeners. A second reminder is going to be sent out after the workday. Anyone who doesn't respond to either notice will be sent notice in accordance with our rules/lease everyone signed that their plot lease will be reduced by one year.</p> <p>Wait List: Up to 52 people on the waitlist. Need to identify someone to take this over (shadow Jim during next year) as that will be his last year. Also thinks there should be two people involved so that they can tag team when things get busy in the beginning of the season when plots are being assigned.</p> <p>City Harvest: 188 lbs have been donated so far this season.</p> <p>Workday: The list of chores are posted on the website. Linda has the food purchased and ready to go.</p>	<p>Jane is going to send out second notice after the workday to those that didn't address the issue after the first email. After that a third notice will be sent out if still ignored giving notice that the plot lease term will be reduced by a year.</p> <p>Nicole will post sign on donation box that says: "Contribute produce donations at any time. Donations are taken to Lutheran Church (who does City Harvest distributions) the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month and St. John's accepts donations at any time."</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steering Committee Thursday August 11. • Garden Work Day: 9am on Saturday July 16. 	