

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 7:00- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Maja Bucan (J-9)

Present: Maja Bucan (J-9), Lillian Cohen (E-2), Mary Lou Gross (I-2), Pat Rohlfing(G-1), Katie Tremont (A-1), John Wagner (K-3), Linda Zaimis (K-5), Jerry Faich(I-1), and Michele Ettinger - CCRA representative

Not Present: Al Kelman(J-8), Mike Kihn (B-1), Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Recorded by Maja Bucan on behalf of Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee pending for August 6, 2019.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for June. Motion to accept made and seconded.	Approved by unanimous vote. Steve: Post June minutes on bulletin board and on website.
Treasurer’s Report	Katie: Travis confirmed that CCRA paid 3 checks to SRPCG (October 27 2018, April 3 2019, May 11 2019). Carryover: Discussed building up a reserve of ~ 10K, writing grants for big expenditures such as plumbing, shed repair (Mike volunteered Cecily).	All: All reimbursement forms should be sent to Katie Tremont and cc the Steering Committee. Katie will send reimbursement forms and receipts to Travis. Steve: Create February, March, April, May Financial Reports.
New Business	CCRA/CSX treatment of weeds West of the garden: CSX will notify CCRA President Maggie Mund 3 days before they treat the area outside the garden. It was not clear which herbicide they will use and how much it will affect tomato plots. Shaded Plots: After their first season, gardeners routinely request transfer from shady plots J1, G1, H1. Other shady plots were also mentioned. Maja created a Power Point with a Shade Map created on June 28, 2019. She also showed a shade map of the SRPCG created by the Steering committee in 1998 that she found in the SRPGC archives. Based on the current shade map, there are parts of the garden that are more in shade than others but every garden plot gets full sun for at least 4 hours. We may consider trimming more the bushes in Parkside planting to reduce shade in a few plots ().	Maja: Create a shade map in early September to compare shaded areas now and 20 years ago. We may consider a presentation on partially shaded gardens at the annual meeting and have list of vegetables and flowers that do not need sun all the time.

<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Plot Assignments: John reported 60 now on waiting list. Lillian to transfer lottery and tomato plot management to Maja starting 2020 season.</p> <p>Plot Use: Suggestion for replacement of trial plot garden numbers with larger ones for clarity.</p> <p>City Harvest: Linda reported 231 pounds delivered to date. These include cucumbers, lettuce, peppers, eggplants, greens, radishes, yellow squash).</p> <p>Facilities: Mike Kihn, Ted Reed and helpers trimmed the hedges.</p> <p>Chores: Mary Lou reported that all gardeners signed up. However, there was a mix-up when 2 gardeners share a plot.</p> <p>Work Day: Summer Work Day is Saturday, July 13 9am - noon. Since we can expect hot temps, this work day will not include education program. Suggested tasks: remove dead fig trees (to be replaced in the fall); trimming ivy; weeding outside the west fence; Parkside Planting maintenance. Other task suggestions welcome.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Looks great, no updates.</p> <p>Website/Email/Facebook: Steve keeping website updated. All emails from Steering Committee go through John who sends through Wild Apricot, with Steve and Linda as proof readers. Katie posts activities on Facebook.</p> <p>Community/Children Events: Community Gardens Day on Saturday June 15 9am - 2pm was a successful event.</p>	<p>Maja: Still needs to revise the plot map to label 25th Street and the dog park, and numbered tomato plots.</p> <p>Lillian: Will purchase numbers to be mounted on work day</p> <p>Mary Lou: Make sure that both plot holders-gardeners get a reminder in the case of plot sharing. Chore Week Assignment list to post on web site and on shed.</p> <p>John: Send work day reminders. (Last year we sent reminder 1, 17 days before, and reminder 2, 4 days before.) Jerry: Give post make up assignments to gardeners who aren't able to attend. Katie: Look into presenter for Fall Work Day.</p> <p>Steve: Add Spring and Fall Work Day photos; May minutes.</p>
	<p>Next Steering Committee Tuesday, August 6, 7pm.</p>	<p>All: Think about prospects for the Steering Committee, particularly for a designated treasurer.</p>

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