

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 6:30- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Nicole Gortian, Secretary

Present: Maja Bucan (I-1), Carol Eaton (E-7), Jane Epstein (G-3), Lois Evans (Chair) (E-6), Nicole Gortian (J-6), Christine Guiliano (G-2), Tom McKeon (D-4), Jim Wells (J-7) and Wayne Rosenberger (Treasurer) (E-5)

Not Present: Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Scott Poethig (I-1), and Linda Zaimis (K-5)

Recorded by Nicole Gortian, Secretary.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Approval of Minutes of May 6 Steering Committee Meeting w/minor correction (Wayne Rosenberger moved approval, seconded by Christine Guiliano). Motion was unanimously approved.	Nicole Gortian will post on website and garden BB & notify gardeners.
Treasurer's Report & Discussion of Revised Categories	Wayne Rosenberger presented the May 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 proposed budget reports. The May 2015 budget was moved for approval by Nicole Gortian and seconded by Jim Wells. Approval of the 2016 budget was moved for approval by Jane Epstein and seconded by Carol Eaton.	Both motions were approved unanimously.
Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on One Riverside: A brief summary of the update provided by One Riverside was prepared & distributed to Gardeners via iContact. • Composting/mulching Parkside Plantings: Mulch was spread on Sunday 6/31. Derek has offered to include the mulch in Park contract next year to relieve the burden of volunteers having to lay down the mulch. Issue will be that we won't have control of when it is delivered and the quality of it. • Status of Lighting: Lois reported that Derek has been working with the contractor and the issue of the light coming on in the middle of the day should be resolved by the end of the month. • Visit from Friends 5th graders on June 4: Carol has agreed to be the host to meet them. • Plan for June Community Garden Event: On June 20th we have committed to be open from 10-3 and have people on hand to answer 	<p>Lois will continue to summarize the updates provided and send through iContact.</p> <p>Lois to coordinate with Derek.</p>

	<p>questions. Wayne Rosenberger and Lois Evans have agreed to be there. Jim Wells and Jane Epstein tentatively agreed to be there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHS Gardening & Greening Contest entry: Lois entered the garden again for this year. Confirmation letter indicated that judging would be one day in July. • Status of linking gardeners and helpers for vacation watering, etc.: Decided to put something on bulletin board to facilitate this. • Reports/observations: Locks have been noticed not be engaged when garden is unattended. Cistern water has been noticed to be low. It was noticed in one plot that there were plants planted that weren't the owner's. A kayak was noticed in the garden at one point. 	<p>Lois to coordinate shifts with volunteers so there is coverage during the time period.</p> <p>When we have a date narrowed down, Lois to coordinate to make sure garden is in good shape for the judging. Nicole to outline a space on bulletin board so that gardeners can post index cards with needs and those that can complete the tasks take them and complete them.</p> <p>Lois to send reminder out about locks, cistern water height and keeping paths clear.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Activities: Ladybug party went really well. Pictures were posted on the garden's facebook page. A children's garden session will be coordinated this summer on Tuesdays at 4:30pm (commencing July 7th). • City Harvest: We have donated 90 pounds of lettuce so far. Need someone to take donated produce on July 15 and 22nd. Maja volunteered to drop off on July 22nd. Wayne can cover the 15th. • Community Events: There was good attendance at the Windowbox, Tomato Growing and Pain-Free Gardening workshops held in May. Fall/Winter gardening. • Facilities: Nothing to report • Garden Chores: Everyone is signed up and are completing their chores as assigned. • Parkside Plantings: Volunteer has been lined up for weeding and thinning of irises. 25 new plants have been purchased to fill in holes. Derek came to turn on the automatic watering system. Some sprinkler heads might need to be cleaned out/replaced due to being clogged. • Plot Assignments: There are 50 people on the waitlist. Plot J-1 is still 	<p>Wayne and Maja to follow up with Linda on the details and drop produce off on these two days that Linda will be away.</p> <p>Jane Epstein to look at recommendations from Pain-Free Gardening on tools to purchase and decide which ones we should consider purchasing.</p>

	<p>available and Jim is working to assign it to someone on the wait list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plot Use: 2 plots need direct notice. Need to address at next meetings how to entertain requests to harvest grape leaves. • Website: No updates • Workday Organization & Supervision: Maja to coordinate with Carol on working together for coordination/transition as Carol will be taking over this role next year. • Age Friendly Task Force: discussion re exploring drip irrigation 	<p>Jim to continue to get plot assigned.</p> <p>Lois will send email to all gardeners about weeding inside and around plots and removal of plant material hanging over plots.</p> <p>Task force will continue to evaluate the feasibility of installing this.</p>
Old business	CSX Response: Contact retired	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pillar on south side of garden has pieces of brick coming off of it. • July meeting: Will be cancelled due to travel plans and lack of anything pressing to discuss. • Next Steering Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 5 	Lois to look into this and get in touch with mason if needed.