

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:00- 8:10 PM

Markward Recreation Center

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 (C-7), Steve Slaterbeck (H-06), Laurie Taylor (E-04), Jim Wells (J-7), Wayne Rosenberger (E-5), Joan Wells (H-2) and Linda Zaimis (K-5)

Not Present: Alan Cohen (C-7) and Tom McKeon (D-4)

Recorded by Nicole Gortian, Secretary.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Meeting minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Comments were addressed.	Nicole Gortian will post on website and garden BB.
Treasurer's Report & Discussion of Revised Categories	Wayne presented the financial report and said he has paid one bill, for the PO Box Rent, and received two deposits.	
New Business	<p>Two representatives from CCRA attended our meeting to discuss the debris in the garden from One Riverside issue. Want to encourage a physical protection and want to make sure the liability is covered if someone were to get hurt as a result of falling debris. Would like an acknowledgement of risk signed by the gardeners waiving liability if a gardener was to get hurt and a sign posted to warn general public visiting the garden about the potential danger. The most dangerous time for potential flying debris is during removal of flooring (during glazing and water proofing) which will occur eight times. A gardener from the Steering Committee volunteered to meet with Intech to understand that the model like scaffolding that they could erect over the garden who indicated that it was not going to be conducive to still use the garden as a useful. CCRA and the Garden Steering Committee decided to send a letter to Intech requesting that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install a fence around the vulnerable plots blocking access with a sign indicating that it is a construction zone that is not to be entered during construction working hours. There will need to be access points allowing gardeners to bring wagons within the area during non-construction hours. • Put a sign on the front gate warning of the construction and potential for falling debris during construction working hours. 	<p>Christine will work with CCRA's government liaison to raise issue within appropriate government officials.</p> <p>CCRA first thing on June 9 will call Dranoff's attorney, and will ask for a catch net, skin net and the fencing of the affected areas we discussed. He will describe the hazardous conditions and ask them to make it stop.</p> <p>Next, he will work with Christine on a letter to Dranoff/Kelsen/Intech copying Kenyata Johnson, saying the same as above.</p> <p>CCRA will prepare the signs for the south and east gates warning visitors of the temporarily hazardous conditions. The sign Intech proposed "Men Working Overhead" was not deemed adequate by the group.</p> <p>We agreed that Jim Wells will work with CCRA to prepare an acknowledgement of risk statement for gardeners to sign in lieu of the waiver of liability that was presented to us tonight.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install a catch net and/or skin net. <p>One Riverside Construction: The crane will be disassembled during the weekend of July 9th.</p> <p>Community Gardens Network: We entered the PHS garden and greening contest.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>Work day report: There are 2 gardeners who didn't participate in the April work day or sign up to do something after the work day. Carol sent 4 followup emails in total to the people who hadn't been there on April 10, or who didn't respond to my subsequent emails. The next work day is July 16.</p> <p>Succession planning: Wayne (treasurer), Nicole (secretary), and Christine (wait list plot assignment, etc.) will all be leaving the garden after this year. The newer members of the SC might want to think about who would like to take over these responsibilities next year, asking the incumbents what's involved, etc. In addition, other members of the committee might want to shift some of their current responsibilities.</p> <p>Work day food responsibility: Carol would really like to "off load" this job to someone else. It would involve storing the plates, cups, napkins, etc. (currently two grocery store bags of stuff stored in my garage), buying the food (I can provide a grocery list), and bringing it to the garden on the actual work day (amounting to a total of about 4 bags of food-related stuff). Plus freezing any unopened packages of hot dogs for next time, and keeping the condiments. Put another way, it involves a shopping trip to buy food, taking stuff to the garden on the actual work day, and bringing it home again at the end of the day.</p>	Carol will work with Linda to develop list of chores and post to garden website.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steering Committee Thursday July 14 • Next Workday: July 16 	