

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Thursday, June 8, 2017 7:00- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Carol Eaton (E-7), Jerry Faich(I-1), Tom McKeon (D-4), Steve Slaterbeck (H-6), Laurie Taylor (E-4), Jim Wells (J-7) , and Linda Zaimis

Not Present: Jane Epstein (G-3), Al Kelman(J-8), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Joan Wells (H-2), and Barbara Halpern CCRA representative

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee July 13, 2017.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for May. Motion to accept made by Jerry, and seconded by Lillian. When minutes are emailed for approval, there is no need to respond if you have no changes.	Approved by unanimous vote. Steve will post May minutes on bulletin board and send to Sally to post on website.
Treasurer’s Report	Joan reported by email. Expenses this period: \$0. Revenue this period: \$0 for plot fees. Carol received \$363 reimbursement check from CCRA (an expenditure reported in the May report).	
New Business	<p>One Riverside Construction: Dranoff planted fewer plants near 25th Street than originally proposed for Parkside Planting refurbishment; plantings and soil trampled by workers in those beds. Joan met with Dranoff's folks and Joe Pileggi, the landscaper who installed plants, and noted that this spring at the request of Joan, Barbara, and Bob Allen, Joe replanted the ferns and ajuga (again, badly), but since the park's (and hence our) irrigation system still isn't turned on, the new plants haven't thrived. Joe has re-re-planted. Concerned that the shrubs, perennials and ground cover plants that were installed will not do well and may not survive without consistent source of water.</p> <p>Erosion concern along north side of garden where Dranoff planted grass seed on One Riverside side of the fence.</p> <p>CCRA: Jane raised concern (by email) about potential liability if anyone were to get hurt using garden owned power tools.</p>	<p>Tom suggested planting more draught tolerant, lower maintenance plants. Tom to put in a request to Patty Pat of Parks and Rec to turn on irrigation.</p> <p>Agree that Joan enlist Bob Allen’s help to get the sloped dirt along the north side of the garden removed/changed. The group suggested that Dranoff replace the sloped dirt with a flat gravel pathway to run between the wall and the out side of the fence.</p> <p>CCRA has liability insurance that covers the garden.</p>

<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Plot Assignments: The outstanding lease for one gardener is in the mail. Laurie coordinated with CCRA and changed wording on SRPCG web site to make email the exclusive way to submit a request to be added to the waiting list. A few gardeners have opted out of Icontact.</p> <p>Plot Use: No benignly neglected plots reported. Jimson weed is growing in one plot.</p> <p>City Harvest: Linda reported that 73 pounds of vegetables donated in May. Goal is to donate 1500 pounds this year.</p> <p>Facilities: Linda is storing the corded circular saw at her house.</p> <p>Chores: No report.</p> <p>Workday: Required summer work day is July 15. We'll assess compost bin rotation needs at the work day.</p> <p>Hedge trimming is Saturday July 8. Anthony Steumpfig, Mike Kein, Bob Weiss volunteered to help. Mark Gamba, who cycled out of his plot last year, has the other trimmer, and he's going to put it in the tool shed.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Joan received proposal from Irrigation Systems, Inc. (installer of the original system) to install 3 additional 12" spray heads, to cover the plantings along the north fence near 25th Street. Irrigation not turned on yet. Motion made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8 to 1 to accept the proposal for \$792 expenditure for the project.</p>	<p>Jim recommended that we be judicious about the number of Icontacts we send.</p> <p>Carol sending notice, with Jimson weed image, that Jimson weed is not permitted in the garden. Steve to post image and notice on bulletin board.</p> <p>We will keep the corded circular saw and there's no need to replace the cordless tools. Anthony can trash/keep the cordless tools which he can store at home or in the shed.</p> <p>Al to head up sanding. Jerry to head up water sealant/preservative painting. Tom is taking the loose chicken wire stored near the wheel barrows. Jerry volunteered to be Carol's apprentice for work days.</p> <p>Ted Reed, who has one of the trimmers at his house, volunteered to head up the hedge-trimming detail. Carol to follow up with Mark Gamba.</p> <p>Joan to follow up with Irrigation Systems, Inc. and coordinate the project.</p>
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	<p>Website: Ongoing work to fix broken links and update needed.</p> <p>Community/Children Events: The committee recognized Jacoba Zaring for once again organizing the annual Lady Bug Release Party. Motion made, seconded, and approved by show of hands to reimburse Jacoba for \$100 for lady bug release expenses for groceries and lady bugs. Reminder to the group to make sure to present receipts for community events and garden related expenses.</p>	<p>Joan to follow up with Jacoba.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Next Steering Committee Thursday July 13, 2017, 7pm.</p>	

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