Minutes of the Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Annual Meeting, held on March 20, 2008.

Nicolas King opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and letting them know that the first meeting of the Steering Committee will take place on April 2 at the Markward Center at 7:30 p.m. Any item for the agenda should be requested at least one week prior to the meeting.

Linda Zaimis introduced the new lottery plot holders and CCRA member plot holders.

A motion was made by Al Kelman, seconded by Joel Beaver, Esq., and approved to limit discussion to three minutes, per person, per topic, in order to save time to keep the meeting within one hour.

George Trotman gave the Facilities Report Summary for 2007 with plans for 2008. See attached.

Derek Freres gave the Parkside Plantings Report Summary for 2007 with plans for 2008. See attached.

Hal Lehman gave the Proposed Budget for 2008, comparing projected costs for 2008 versus actual costs for 2007. See attached.

Daniele Easton presented the slate of steering committee members for 2008. No nominations were made from the floor and the proposed slate was unanimously accepted.

Old Business

John Gough, Esq. gave an update on the pedestrian bridge crossing the CSX tracks. A working group comprised of people from SRDC, CCRA, FSRP and SRPAlliance have made modifications to the "Yellow" route, which will begin in the basketball court area and will have no affect on the garden. Bids for the work will go out this summer.

New Business

Requests for discussion regarding plot standards, awarding of oversized plots and clarification of rules will be deferred to the April 2nd meeting of the Steering Committee.

The Ladybug release party is scheduled for May 18th. There was discussion around participation by children of non-gardeners. The decision will be worked out by a subcommittee. A suggestion was made to put your name and plot # on watering cans to prevent loss when children play with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.