

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Annual Garden Meeting
Trinity Center for Urban Life
March 19, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Derek Freres at 7:40 p.m.

Fran Levi introduced the new member gardeners and lottery plot gardeners.

Rob Reisley made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2008 Annual Meeting. Seconded and approved.

Seth Levi presented the projected budget for the garden for 2009. The plot fees will generate \$5,355.00, of which \$1,738.75 is allocated to the Maintenance Fund and \$3,616.25 allocated to discretionary spending. As of this meeting, the Maintenance Fund has a balance of \$9,974.40.

Allison Rulon-Miller gave the Parkside Plantings report. Allison and Krista Pinola are co-chairs for 2009.

Derek gave a Power Point presentation on infrastructure issues and projects requiring attention at the Garden. This report is also available on the Garden website <http://www.srpcg.org>.

Fran announced the slate of Steering Committee members for 2009. No names were nominated from the floor. Hal Lehman made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Seconded and approved (one opposing vote). The Steering Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Markward Recreation Center.

After discussion of the proposed changes to the Garden Bylaws, Al Kelman made a motion to accept the new Bylaws as written. Seconded and approved (two opposing votes).

Derek played a video of Philadelphia Green's City Harvest Program which enlists volunteers from Community Gardens to grow vegetables for local food cupboards. Derek will send an e-mail to the Gardeners to see if anyone is interested in participating in the program.

Derek announced Contact Information for the Gardeners. To contact all of the members of the Steering Committee, e-mails may be sent to steering@srpcg.org. To contact the Chairman of the Steering Committee, e-mails should be sent to chair@srpcg.org. The Garden Website is <http://www.srpcg.org> which has lots of garden information including important dates and photos of the current and original garden. A record of all e-mails sent to the Gardeners by the Steering Committee is in <http://blog.srpcg.org>.

The Garden Clean-up dates for 2009 are April 25th, July 11th and November 7th.

Doug Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p. m.

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Recording Secretary

Steering Committee Meeting Following Annual Meeting

Al Kelman nominated Derek Freres for Chairman. Seconded and approved.

Al Kelman nominated Seth Levi for Treasurer. Seconded and approved.

Derek and Seth plan to pick up recycled plastic lumber and replace the plot boards for one 10' x 10' plot themselves. Doug Ross made a motion to use the remaining money from Babette Joseph's grant to purchase the recycled lumber. Seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p. m.

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