

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Annual Garden Meeting
Trinity Center for Urban Life
March 17, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Derek Freres at 7:11pm.

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

Joan Wells made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2009 Annual Meeting. Seconded and approved.

Rob Reisley presented the Treasurer's Report. We raised over \$35,000 in the last 18 months for the Garden's Capital projects of which approximately \$11,500 has been deployed. The projected budget for the garden for 2010 is very similar to the 2009 budget. Hal Lehman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded and approved.

Leslie Young gave a summary of the Garden's participation in the City Harvest Program. Last year our food cupboard partner was the St. Charles Community Center and we donated over 160 pounds of fresh produce to them. Our potential new food cupboard partner for this year is the Lutheran Church on Chestnut St. We will be creating a new plot dedicated to City Harvest in the northwest corner of the Garden using funds from a grant provided by Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation. The plot will be tended by students from the Philadelphia School with 100% of the produce donated to City Harvest.

Allison Rulon-Miller gave the Parkside Plantings report. Ten of the eleven beds in the Parkside borders have been reworked since 2007 with winter hardy and drought tolerant plants. The Parkside Plantings Committee and volunteer Gardeners held several clean-up days in 2009 and plan to continue in 2010.

Compost Piles Reminders: The materials placed in the compost bins should be smaller in diameter than a finger and only put in materials from your plot (i.e., nothing from your home.) Avoid putting unnatural materials in the bins, such as plastic pots and plant markers. Also, do not put tomato vines, squash vines or any diseased or mildewed plants such as zinnias in the bins.

Derek gave a Power Point presentation on the Capital Projects Report. This report is also available on the Garden website <http://www.srpcg.org>. Funding for the projects is summarized within the online report.

Fran announced the proposed slate of Steering Committee members for 2010. Amy Shain nominated William Harger to the slate. Seconded and approved.

Our guest speaker was Mark Focht, Executive Director of Fairmount Park. Mark talked about the pending pedestrian bridge that will connect Schuylkill River Park

to the Schuylkill River Trail. Construction is slated to begin in October of this year and be finished by November of next year.

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>.

The Garden Clean-up dates for 2010 are: April 10th, July 10th and November 6th.

Summer barbeque dates for 2010 are: April 25th, 5pm-7pm; May 23rd, 6pm-8pm; June 27th, 6pm-8pm; July 25th, 6pm-8pm; August 22nd, 6pm-8pm; September 26th, 6pm-8pm; October 24th, 5pm-7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary

Steering Committee Meeting Following Annual Meeting

Fran Levi nominated Derek Freres for Chairman. Seconded and approved.

Derek nominated Fran Levi for Treasurer. Seconded and approved.

Steering Committee meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month from 7pm-8:30pm at the Markward Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.

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