

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Wednesday, March 5, 2014. 7:00-8:00 PM

Present: Lois Evans
 Nicole Gortian
 Chris Henningsen
 Christine Guiliano
 Michele Langer/Alan Cohen
 Wayne Rosenberger (Treasurer) Doug Ross/Joyce Frye
 Jim Wells
 Joan Wells (Chair)

Not Present: Cecily Kihn
 Al Kelman

New member Guests: Margie Cole
 Carol Eaton
 Linda Zaimis

Next Meeting: March 5, 2014

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the February 5, 2014, meeting were reviewed & approved by consensus.	Lois will post on website and garden BB.
Treasurer's Report	Wayne discussed current year budget which has been extended through June 30, 2014, to sync with CCRA's fiscal year. FY 2015 will begin July 1, 2014. Minor adjustments were recommended. The proposed FY15 budget shows ~\$2000 surplus funds being transferred to Capital/Maintenance Account for likely upcoming major garden repairs and leaves sufficient funds to operate the Garden over the year. The proposed revised categories in the revised Chart of Accounts were reviewed; 'Other Annual Budget Expense' will be changed to 'Unallocated Expense'.	Wayne will report status and proposed budget to Gardeners at the Annual Meeting (AM).
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joan announced that a neighbor has arranged to donate inherited garden tools to the garden. • The CCRA 2014 neighborhood window box contest is moving forward. SRPCG will host a training session for interested neighbors on Saturday, April 26 at 10:30 AM in the Garden; Grace Wicks (of Graceful Gardens) will conduct the workshop. • Queries regarding 'plot sharing' have been received. • Assignment of Public Plots: There were 20 applications for the 5 available plots. Numbers were drawn from a hat during the meeting. 	<p>The Education Committee will help to promote and host the workshop.</p> <p>SC reaffirmed that a gardener can arrange for anyone to water/weed/harvest while they are away; if a plot is to be shared, both parties must co-sign the lease.</p> <p>Joan will notify & deliver leases to the winners. Members will remove any remaining posted flyers.</p>
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Harvest (CH): Linda Zaimis will rejoin the Steering Committee for 2014-15 and continue to manage CH. Three gardeners are required to sign the agreement, 	There was consensus on the SRPCG's goal to donate a minimum of 1000 lb., of produce

	<p>and each participating Garden will contribute minimal volunteer work hours in the CH gardens. CH also asked for educational topics of interest to gardeners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: Nicole’s education survey is ready for distribution at the AM. • Facilities: • Garden Chores: • Parkside Plantings: Joan is seeking ideas for small, interesting plants that do well in the shade. • Waiting List Plantings (aka Tomato Trials): Christine awaits finalization of waiting list after all the plots have been assigned. • Waiting/Transfer Lists: At present, there are 7 plots left to assign, with offers out. 	<p>this year. Alan/Michele agreed to sign the CH agreement with Linda, who has already signed up for hours. She will ask Gardeners to volunteer to ‘host a CH plant’ during the AM; at the same time, Joan will discuss ways gardeners can donate to CH rather than have produce go to waste. With help from Nicole, Alan will provide Linda the list of topics our Members suggest, following the survey. Chris will explore lighting status. Cecily will ask Gardeners to sign up during the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Invitations will be sent via iContact.</p> <p>Jim will continue (with deadlines to respond) until all plots are assigned, and then give access to updated Waiting List to Christine.</p>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Steering Committee: Turnover on SC due to lease expiration: Doug, Al & Joan. Gardeners to date who have agreed to serve for 2014-15 are: Maja Bucan/Scott Poethig, Margie Cole, Carol Eaton, and Linda Zaimis. 	<p>Retiring members were thanked for their service. Margie will work on Public Plots; Carol will organize Food and Linda will continue with CH. Still to be identified are leaders for the Three Work Days and SC Secretary.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Meeting: Thursday, March 27, Trinity Church, 22nd & Spruce, 7 PM • Speaker: John Randolph, showing a video of the history of Schuylkill Banks • Next SC Meeting: Wednesday, March 27 immediately following the AM • Next Regular SC Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 PM, Markward Rec Center • Spring Work Day: Saturday, April 12, 9 AM 	<p>Members volunteered to bring refreshments.</p> <p>NOTE NEW TIME</p>

Minutes Prepared by: L. Evans, Recording Secretary; Approved by Steering Committee, April 2, 2014