

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
Markward Recreation Center
May 13, 2009**

Present:

Derek Freres (A-1), Chair
Linda Zaimis, Recording Secretary (B-4)
Seth Levi, Treasurer (J-7)
Margaret Dowling (K-2W)
Al Kelman (J-6)
Dorothy Kogan (K-4)
Fran Levi (J-7)
Robert Reisley (D-1)
Doug Ross (H-6)
Allison Rulon-Miller (C-2)

Not Present:

Joyce Frye (H-6)

The meeting was called to order by Derek at 7:00 pm.

Fran made a motion to approve the April minutes. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance of the Garden Budget is \$2,833.57.
The balance of the Capital Budget is \$8,549.36.

Plumbing Issues: The new tap is in and has a timer on it to regulate the hoses in the outside border. The \$975 plumbing bill was paid in full by CCRA.

PHS City Harvest: Produce from the TPS corner and the designated sections of the Tomato Trials along with contributions from gardeners will be donated to the food cupboard located near 19th and Christian.

Al made a motion to accept the proposed changes regarding the Plot Transfer and 10' x 20' Plot Rules. (See April minutes for the wording.) Seconded and approved. This is the second consecutive vote by the Steering Committee. These rule changes are now in effect.

Derek and Seth purchased materials for the plot board replacement project using the money from Babette Josephs. They will enlist other gardeners to help them install the new boards in some 10' x 10' plots.

Ladybug Party: Margaret made a motion to send an invitation to all members of CCRA to attend a Ladybug Party at the Garden. Children must be accompanied by adult supervision. The Garden will provide hot dogs and photos will be taken. Dorothy will select the date and compose the invitation. Seconded and approved.

Parkside Plantings: Allison reported that \$239 was spent on new plant material. AI made a motion to approve the purchase another load of mushroom compost which will be delivered in mid-June. Seconded and approved.

The posts and wire around the borders are becoming hazardous in some sections. One section of the fencing will be removed as a trial with no replacement to see if the border can survive with no fencing. Signs will be posted asking dog owners to keep their dogs out.

Tomato Trials: 15 members of the Waiting List signed up to participate in the Tomato Trials. Each participating household has been assigned approximately 3 feet of space and a section has been designated for the City Harvest program.

Grievance Committee: The grievance submitted by Meredith Adams Moore has been submitted to the Grievance Committee for further review.

Interior Bed Design: Currently under study.

Garden Events: Barbeques will be held on the first Sunday of the month. The first one was cancelled because of rain. The Summer Harvest Party will be in August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary