

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:00- 8:00 PM

Markward Recreation Center

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Carol Eaton (E-7), Jerry Faich(I-1), Al Kelman(J-8), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Tom McKeon (D-4), Steve Slaterbeck (H-6), Laurie Taylor (E-4), , Joan Wells (H-2), Linda Zaimis, and Barbara Halpern CCRA representative

Not Present: Jane Epstein (G-3), Jim Wells (J-7)

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee June 8, 2017.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for April. Motion to accept made by Lillian, and seconded by Joan.	Approved by unanimous vote. Steve will post April minutes on bulletin board and send to Sally to post on website.
Treasurer’s Report	Joan reported. Expenses this period: \$369.57 for work day supplies; \$5 for bank fees. Also billed but not yet paid: \$185 from John B. Plumbing to turn on the water April 13; \$85.22 Rittenhouse Hardware for supplies. Revenue this period: \$705 for plot fees.	Joan to follow up with CCRA for \$363 reimbursement check for Carol.
New Business	<p>One Riverside Construction: Dranoff planted fewer plants near 25th Street than originally proposed for Parkside Planting refurbishment; plantings and soil trampled by workers in those beds. Also erosion concern along north side of garden where Dranoff planted grass seed on One Riverside side of the fence.</p> <p>CCRA: Barbara announced upcoming Sky High Block Party, Monday, June 19 6pm, Pyramid Club at 1725 Market Street 52nd floor. Space is limited and RSVP required. Reminder: CCRA Celebration of Center City Living “School House Rock” May 15 6-8:30 at the Academy of Vocal Arts.</p>	<p>Joan to meet with Sheila Sutton of Dranoff and Robert Allen of Parks and Rec on Tuesday May 16 to discuss these issues and the one year warranty on plantings.</p> <p>CCRA to send Sky High email announcement.</p>
Committee Reports	<p>Plot Assignments: All plots are assigned.</p> <p>Regarding requests to be added to the plot waiting list, at Jim’s suggestion the committee decided to eliminate the options of calling CCRA or sending a request to CCRA by regular mail. The CCRA email address will appear on the SRPCG web site as the exclusive way to submit a request to be added to the waiting list. This ensures a time stamp on the request, and improves efficiency.</p>	Laurie to coordinate with CCRA and change wording on SRPCG web site accordingly.

	<p>Laurie posted wait list as of 5/7/17 on web site.</p> <p>Plot Use: Due to the cool rainy spring, active gardening must begin by May 15 (rules cite May 1).</p> <p>City Harvest: Linda reported that 26.5 pounds of lettuce, collards, and bok choy were donated in April. Three more gardeners have volunteered to host a tomato or pepper plant, bringing the total volunteer gardeners to 29. Goal is to donate 1500 pounds this year.</p> <p>Facilities: Regarding tools: Per Anthony Stuempfig, the cordless 8 year-old Makita drill and sawzall batteries (normal life of 3-5 years) no longer take a charge. The drill has probably not been used by SRPCG in the last 6 years. Replacement batteries are \$219.</p> <p>Chores: No report.</p> <p>Workday: Carol reported 4 gardeners have not participated in make up chores.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Joan submitted PHS contest entry. Discussed another loop of irrigation in the beds near 25th Street. Irrigation not turned on yet.</p> <p>Website: Broken links and update needed. Budgets appear in varying formats from year to year. Sally recommended not posting budgets on the website and the group agreed.</p> <p>Community/Children Events: Karen Nicollini has volunteered to assist Jacoba Zaring with the Lady Bug Release Party.</p>	<p>Al to police and contact gardeners with benignly neglected plots after May 15. Carol to send reminder to gardeners to lock up and check that locks are securely locked, weed pathways, and add name to wait list if you're in your last season.</p> <p>We will keep the corded circular saw and there's no need to replace the cordless tools. Anthony can trash/keep the cordless tools which he can store at home or in the shed.</p> <p>Carol to follow up with to remind gardeners that 2 of 3 no shows result in losing one year on plot lease.</p> <p>Joan to ask Lois Evans for initial installer contact information. Joan to follow up with Robert Allen of Parks and Rec.</p> <p>Laurie to fix broken links. Laurie and Steve to discuss where to store budgets.</p> <p>Steve to follow up with Jacoba to confirm date. Carol will send icontact announcement. Barbara to ask CCRA to promote. Joan volunteered to be there for the party.</p>
New Business	Next Steering Committee Thursday June 8, 2017, 7pm.	

Approval by Steering Committee pending June 8, 2017