

APPROVED

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Wednesday, November 5, 6:30- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Linda Zaimis, Alternate Secretary

Present: (Maja Bucan)/Scott Poethig (I-1), Margie Cole (G-7), Carol Eaton (E-7), Lois Evans (Chair) (E-6), Christine Guiliano (G-2), Jim Wells (J-7), Linda Zaimis (K-5)

Not Present: Chris Henningsen (E-2), Cecily Kihn (K-3), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Nicole Gortian (J-6), Wayne Rosenberger (Treasurer) (E-5)

Recorded by Linda Zaimis, Alternate Secretary. Approved by the Steering Committee pending for December, 2014

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the October 1, 2014, meeting reviewed. Motion to approve by Linda, second by Carol. Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.	Cecily will post on website and garden BB.
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer unable to attend meeting but the report was complete. The main expense was for water sprinkler heads. Motion to approve the October report was made by Scott and seconded by Margie. Motion was unanimously approved.	
Chair Report	<u>First place award.</u> Our garden was awarded the Blue Ribbon for Vegetable Gardens by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. An award ceremony will be held at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg on December 8, 2014.	Lois and Linda will attend the ceremony.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>City Harvest.</u> Linda reported that the Garden has so far donated 956 lbs. • <u>Workday & Post-Workday Supervision & Lunch.</u> The turnout on workday was good and most chores were completed that day or pre-workday. The list of post-workday chores has been posted on the Web. • <u>Task Force to Review Garden Rules.</u> Carol circulated a draft version of the revised Garden General Rules document that incorporated the changes discussed at the October meeting. . Motion to approve made by Linda with one minor editorial change and seconded by 	<p>Margie will coordinate with gardeners who could not attend the workday, or complete pre-workday chores, to take on the post-workday chores.</p> <p>The SC will take the required second vote on these items at the December meeting. Carol and Michele will work on clarifying rules regarding plot use/maintenance for discussion and consideration in December.</p>

	<p>Margie. Unanimously approved. This constitutes the first vote on changes as required in the ByLaws.</p>	
Old business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Plotholders' status follow up.</u> Lois reported the status of gardener participation to date. For one gardener, the SC approved reduction in lease by one year for non-compliance with General Rules. • <u>Brick Pylon Repair.</u> Lois received estimates from two masons. After discussing the two proposals, motion to accept the proposal from Paolo Silva made by Jim, seconded by Scott. Unanimously approved. • <u>Age-friendly gardens.</u> A director from an age-friendly garden at the Lutheran Center in NW Philadelphia visited our garden for consultation. He was impressed with the garden and offered some suggestions for placement of handicapped accessible garden beds and access to youth volunteers • <u>RR weed clearing.</u> Mr. Bill Goetz from CSX cleared weeds about 3 feet back from the fence line and sprayed weed killer along the fence. We have requested that spraying of Roundup should be done in early spring before any garden planting occurs. 	<p>Lois will send letter. She will speak by phone with two additional gardeners re: their intentions for renewing their leases. Lois will contact Mr. Silva.</p> <p>Mady Prowler and Lois will continue to gather information about possibilities and may convene a focus group of older gardeners and neighbors for input into what might work best here.</p> <p>Lois sent a thank you via email and reminded him re the need for spring spraying.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dates for 2015.</u> The Annual meeting will be held on March 26; work days will be April 11, July 11, October 24; potluck dinner will be September 12 • <u>Acknowledgement of special contributions this year.</u> Lois expressed appreciation to Michael Stern for photographing our garden for our website; Sally Frazza for her website maintenance; Joan Wells and Allison Rulon-Miller for Parkside Plantings; Derek Freres as liaison with Fairmount Park and electrical supervision; Bill Goetz for personally clearing CSX right-of-way weeds by hand. • <u>Turnover in SC membership.</u> The Steering Committee is losing 3 members for 2015. Suggestions were offered for possible additions to the SC. A vice chair or chair elect should be named going forward. • Next Steering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 PM. 	<p>Lois will reserve the Trinity meeting space and post the 2015 dates on the website.</p> <p>Lois will send thank you notes.</p> <p>Lois will contact the identified gardeners re: their willingness to join the SC.</p>

Recorded by Linda Zaimis, Alternate Secretary, approved by Steering Committee December 3, 2014