

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
Markward Recreation Center
October 03, 2008**

Present:

Derek Freres (A-1), Chair
Linda Zaimis, Recording Secretary (B-4)
Seth Levi, Treasurer (J-7)
Chris Henningsen (F-3)
Al Kelman (J-6)
Doug Ross (H-6)
Gerri Spilka (B-3)
George Trotman (B-4)

Not Present:

Selwa Baroody (E-4)
Joyce Frye (H-6)
Robert Reisley (D-1)
Bonnie Schmelz (J-1)

The meeting was called to order by Derek at 7:01 p.m.

Al made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance is \$1,308.24.

Derek reported that the I Nicolas King tribute plaque has been mounted on the fence along the rose bed border.

Doug made a motion to accept Amy Shain's and Hal Lehman's resignations from the Steering Committee. Seconded and approved. Amy will continue to be in charge of Community Activities which will include providing refreshments for the Work Day.

FSRP Fall Festival: They have asked to borrow our barbeque gas grills for the festival and will pay for the fuel. Permission granted.

The southernmost water pump has a leak which will be fixed when the water is turned off for the winter. The plumber will also be asked to provide an estimate to add a separate spigot to the pump to be used for the border hoses which can be operated independently of the watering can pump.

Plot Transfer Request Policy: Al made a motion to approve the wording of the plot transfer policy for 2009. Seconded and approved.

Cherry Trees: Derek will get some estimates for the replacement options. Al made a motion to put our request to remove the cherry trees into Fairmount Park's work list now while they still have money in their budget. Otherwise the Garden will have to pay for the removal ourselves. Seconded and approved. The Gardeners will be informed before the trees are removed.

10x20 Division: Because of the large number of people on the waiting list, in an effort to increase the total number of garden plots, Linda made a motion to divide all of the 20' plots into two 10x10 plots as the 20' plots turn over. Seconded and failed (3 votes to approve, 4 votes opposed).

Clean Up Day – we will remove the wood from the two test plots in readiness for the plastic wood board replacements. Seth made a motion to place the order for the plastic wood and the corner fittings. Seconded and approved.

Fundraising – Solicitations have brought in \$4375 donations and \$2500 in committed pledges. Babette Josephs has agreed to give us \$4000 from her remaining 2008 funds. Gerri is preparing proposals for grants.

Document Consistency Review – Derek will incorporate all discussed changes to the proposed rules for 2009 and send them to the Steering Committee members for a vote. The second vote will be taken at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary