

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Markward Recreation Center  
October 4, 2012**

**Present:**

Joan Wells (K-5), Chair  
Fran Levi, Treasurer (J-7)  
Linda Zaimis (B-4)  
Lois Evans (E-06)  
Chris Henningsen (F-3)  
Al Kelman (J-6)  
Doug Ross (H-6)  
Allison Rulon-Miller (C-2)

**Not Present:**

Shelby Fraser (F-09)  
Joyce Frye (H-6)  
Cecily Kihn (K-3)  
Wayne Rosenberger (E-05)  
Leslie Young (C-5)

The meeting was called to order by Joan at 7:01 pm.

Fran made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2012 Steering Committee meeting. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance of the regular Garden Budget is \$5,346.50. The available balance for the Maintenance/Capital Budget is \$2201.17.

City Gardens Contest: Joan, Lois, and Sally Frazza attended the Awards Presentation. Our Garden tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the "Community Combination Gardens/Very Large" category. First place went to The Spring Garden. The other 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Summer-Winter Garden and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Garden R.U.N.

Parkside Plantings: The fencing is done. Plantings will be moved from rotating-out plots into the border on the Work Day to fill in where things were killed or removed during the Pedestrian Bridge Project. A portion of the soaker hose system that was damaged during the park construction was removed from the border. A significant portion still remains however, and since the water leading to this system is always on, the SC discussed how best to remove it without causing unnecessary flooding while still leaving portions intact for watering via hose when required.

Rain Barrel: We now have a second rain barrel for the Garden which will be connected with the first barrel so that we can have water for plantings when the cistern and pumps are turned off.

Small Dog Run: Several small dogs were able to squeeze through the fence separating the dog run from the Garden. Thanks go to Chris Henningsen,

Anthony Stuempfig, Sally Frazza and Linda Zaimis for installing wire mesh along the fence to keep the dogs out of the Garden.

Clean-up Reminders: An email reminder will be sent to all gardeners rotating out of the garden this year as well as to the lottery plot holders and Wait List Trial plots to remove everything from their plot by October 31 and to replace the shallow areas in the plot with compost from our compost bin.

City Harvest: As of September 23, 647 pounds of produce was delivered to the Lutheran Church, our local food cupboard.

Transfer List: There are 3 names on the list.  
Waiting List: There are 45 names on the list.

Community Supper: The supper was held at Joan and Dane Wells' house because of inclement weather.

Bridge Opening: The Pedestrian Bridge grand opening ceremony will be held on October 20.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Linda Zaimis,  
Recording Secretary