

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Thursday, October 12 , 2017 7:00- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Present: Carol Eaton (E-7), Jerry Faich(I-1), Al Kelman(J-8), Steve Slaterbeck (H-6), Laurie Taylor (E-4), Joan Wells (H-2), and Barbara Halpern CCRA representative

Not Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Jim Wells (J-7), Linda Zaimis(K-5)

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee November 9, 2017.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for September. Motion to accept made and seconded.	Approved by unanimous vote. Steve will post September minutes on bulletin board and send to Sally to post on website.
Treasurer's Report	Joan reported. Expenses this period: Bench materials (lumber and stain) \$2,120. Rittenhouse hardware \$29.29. Leaf shredder \$145.48. Revenue this period: \$0. Travis just cut check for \$500 for CCRA contribution. Joan would like to resign as Treasurer next year. Discussed posting previous year carry over balance on a capital expenditure line, rather than as a revenue item. Also discussed converting report to Quickbooks, starting next year.	Al Kelman volunteered to ask Judy to look into the transfer of the financials to QuickBooks.
New Business	<p>One Riverside Construction: Joan reported erosion concern along north side of garden has been resolved. Benches have been stained by Intech and look great. Thanks again to Jerry Faich. Jerry sent Intech a thank you letter of appreciation.</p> <p>CCRA: Barbara reported. Annual House Tour is October 22, with post-tour party for participating homeowners. House tour video appears on the CCRA web site. Communities of faith are joining together to support Bethesda Project for the Homeless. Thanksgiving in Action is November 21, involves volunteers at homeless shelters. Intech trailers on Locust Street.</p>	Barbara will inquire again about when trailers will be removed

	<p>Call for Steering Committee members: Jim Wells and Alan Cohen/Michelle Langer are rotating out, and Jane Epstein and Tom Mckeon are relinquishing their plots. Carol drafted an email to recruit new members. Carol is stepping away from the committee for 2018, her last season before rotating out, but graciously offered to manage food for clean up days next year. Discussed prospects.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>Plot Assignments: Laurie reported. There are now 60 names on the waiting list, and 13 plots coming available, with 10 rotating out, and 3 relinquishing their leases. Carol sent email to gardeners rotating out.</p> <p>Kyle Connor asked about wait list status.</p> <p>Plot Use: No report.</p> <p>City Harvest: Linda reported by email that 1220 pounds of vegetables donated year to date, exceeding 2016 total of 981 pounds. Ambitious goal is to donate 1500 pounds this year. Kate Tremont, wait list gardener, and Jr. League volunteers cleaned up City Harvest plots and posted plot markers (\$50 donation).</p> <p>Facilities: Joan gave map to Parks and Rec indicating which lights are out. Re the lights out, I followed up with the lady at the desk in the park, but haven't had a reply yet. Frankie will call me and we'll work on it after the November 4 work day.</p> <p>Shop vac needed next spring.</p> <p>Chores: Trash bags weren't taken out week of September 18-24.</p> <p>Workday: Required fall workday is November 4, 9am-1pm. Scott Farrington, wait list gardener, will be invited to join the work day and MAY help with Parkside Plantings. Among chores: Check GFC switch for garden lights. Also spread light colored stones in the northeast pathways to complete covering of black gravel throughout all pathways, a project begun last year. Carol</p>	<p>Gardeners in their final season must clear plots by October 31, unless they planted cold season crops in which case they have until December 31.</p> <p>Joan to follow up with Kyle Connor.</p> <p>Joan will follow up with John Bee about having garden water turned off.</p> <p>Carol to order load of stones.</p>

	<p>reported that the vendor was unable to find stones to match those spread last year, and offered another color option that the committee approved. Compost load will be ordered for spring, as usual.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Joan requested 6 helpers for the clean up day.</p> <p>Website: Laurie investigated the possibility of creating our own website under CCRA. Travis, at CCRA, was more than glad to help, but could only offer a landing page, and link, but no web site. Approximate costs to place a SRPCG website with another provider will be \$15/year for the domain name and \$75/year for website hosting. Sally, rotating out this year, has graciously offered to continue maintaining the web site, and ongoing work with Laurie to fix broken links and update needed, and back up content.</p> <p>Community/Children Events: No report.</p>	<p>Laurie to look at CCRA provider.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Next Steering Committee Thursday November 9, 2017, 7pm.</p>	

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