

## Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, September 8, 2016 7:00- 8:00 PM**

**Markward Recreation Center**

**Minutes Submitted by:** Nicole Gortian, Secretary

**Present:** Lillian Cohen (E-2), Carol Eaton (E-7), Christine Giuliano (G-2), Nicole Gortian (J-6), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Tom McKeon (D-4), Steve Slaterbeck (H-06), Laurie Taylor (E-04), Joan Wells (H-2), Jim Wells (J-7), and Linda Zaimis (K-5)

Not Present: Jane Epstein (G-3) and Wayne Rosenberger (E-5)

Recorded by Nicole Gortian, Secretary.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for August.	Nicole will post on website and garden BB.
New Business	<p><b>One Riverside Construction:</b> One Riverside sent us an email indicating that the outside work has been complete except for some of the balconies on the west side. They have indicated that it is safe to take down the fence and will do so on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>A hole was noticed by A-4 that is similar to what had occurred previously as a result of One Riverside construction.</p> <p>It is unclear what is going to be to the north of our fence (between us and One Riverside).</p> <p>We have asked One Riverside for pieces of the fencing that they removed to address damage to our fence as things come up (i.e. damage to the west fence that CSX damaged). Temporarily we will store it just inside the fence near A-1.</p> <p><b>Fig Trees:</b> A gardener who will be leaving the garden after this year has offered up his fig tree to the garden. There is a good space for it in the bed east of J-5.</p> <p><b>Plot Turnover:</b> One of the big plots (B-1) is rotating out and it is a good time to convert this to smaller plots as there was a lot of interest in this (convert B-1 into three 10'x5' plots. Rental cost would be \$40 per year). This was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting. Carol moved to send out an iContact message to wait list to gauge interest. Linda seconded and the motion passed.</p>	<p>Christine will take a picture and send to our contact at One Riverside to fix it.</p> <p>Christine will follow up with One Riverside on what the plan is for that area.</p> <p>Joan will ask the Park Facilities people to see if they have somewhere to store it.</p> <p>Joan will prune it down to two stems and move it there during the next work day.</p> <p>Laurie will work with Jim on surveying the current waitlist to gauge interest before the next SC meeting.</p>

	<p><b>Succession Planning:</b> Someone will need to take over Treasurer, Secretary and Lottery List.</p> <p><b>Mulch:</b> It was discussed sending an iContact message out about taking mulch and what should go in.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p><b>Facilities:</b> Tom is still waiting for a quote for the bubbler. Grills were reviewed and one was decided on. Tom will purchase one for the garden.</p> <p><b>Parkside Plantings:</b> Dick donates flowers in memory of his mother every year and this year he donated Xiora which will need to be housed indoors along with the hibiscus plants.</p> <p><b>City Harvest:</b> 692 lbs have been donated so far this season.</p> <p><b>Workday:</b> We will order stones and add to the list digging a hole for the fig tree. 4 people didn't respond about a makeup chore for the summer workday. These gardeners did attend the spring workday. Joan will not be here and someone will need to supervise the parkside plantings.</p>	<p>Tom will follow up on quote and purchase the grill.</p> <p>Joan will make a list and share with Steve and Lilian so that they can cover.</p>
New Business	<p><b>Next Steering Committee</b> Thursday October 13.</p> <p><b>Garden Harvest Dinner:</b> is on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The window box competition awards ceremony will be held at 2pm on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Carol will send out another reminder.</p> <p>Linda will make sure that the people responsible for chores that week sweeps around the cistern before the awards ceremony</p>