

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden (SRPCG) Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Markward Rec Center

Monday, August 4, 2025 7:00 PM - 8:10 PM

Minutes Submitted by Cerie Goldenberg,

In Attendance: Steve Slaterbeck, Rick Nawalinski, Linda Zaimis, Erin Askus, Cerie Goldenberg, Sarah Hicks, Matt Thomas, Scott Farrington, Tina Glisovic-Alpenic, Peter Kessler

Absent: Bhavisha Patel

Guest: 0

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Called to order by Steve Slaterbeck July minutes approved.	Steve: Post July minutes on SRPCG website Cerie: Post July minutes on the garden bulletin board
Treasurer's	Matt Thomas: - Presented Revenue & Expenses vs. Actual - Expenditures for 2025-2026 is \$15,000. - To increase the cost of leasing a plot, the cost increase has to be approved by the city. CCRA treasurer is willing to assist with this process. - Check to see if honorarium check was processed and the donation to the garden accounted for in the budget.	ALL: Reimbursement forms should be sent to Travis Oliver, at CCRA (centercity@centercityresidents.org) cc the Steering Committee (srpcg@srpcg.org) Matt
New and Old Business	- Nuisance wildlife policy was added to the SRPCG by-laws. - The policy was sent to all plot holders , including WL ploholders. - A formal communication will be sent to the gardener that committed a violation regarding treatment of wildlife in the garden. - In 2025-2026 those gardeners that do not honor their work commitment to the garden will risk losing a year off of their plot lease. - Gardeners will be expected to attend ALL 3 workdays AND the Annual Meeting. - Garden commitments and obligations will be highlighted at the annual meeting. - Reminders of commitment will be sent for each work day. - Plot #'s will be posted on the bulletin board for those gardeners who are not abiding by their commitment. Those who do not fulfill their work commitment will lose a year off their 6 years lease.	Steve Rick
PLOT USEt	Bhavisha Patel - A number of plots have food that has not been harvested and therefore rotting. We will send a mass email reminding people about city harvest and letting them know that they have the option to donate the food to a worthy cause - An email will be sent to gardeners letting them know the harvest distribution dates. They are Tuesday mornings and the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday morning of the month. - Gardeners can also send an email to the steering committee, attention: Linda, letting her know the dates the food can be harvested from their plot for city harvest. - The emails will be drafted by Bhavisha. - There are two plots that are unattended.	Bhavisha

PLOT ASSIGNMENTS	Tina Glisovic-Alpenic • Tina will check to see if the city harvest helper is on the WL. • Will send Erin and Rick the updated list of gardeners. • All gardeners have paid their dues.	
CITY HARVEST	CITY HARVEST (Linda Zaimis: linda.zaimis@gmail.com) • 343 lb. harvested to date • An email will be sent to gardeners asking that they only donate food that they would eat themselves.	Linda Steve
FACILITIES	Sarah Hicks • Will contact the person refurbishing the top of the cistern. • Watering of the ilex is going well. As the ilex die, native/pollinator plants will be planted to encourage beneficial insects to visit our garden. • Painters will be contacted, again.	Sarah Steve
WEEKLY CHORES	Erin Aaknus • Requested an updated list of gardeners be sent to her and Rick.	Tina
WORK DAY TASKS	Rick Nawalinski • Rick created and shared an Annual Meeting/Workday Commitment Compliance Report for 2024-2025. • In 2024 only 64% of gardeners attended the Annual Meeting and only 55% accomplished their attendance commitments. • The best case scenario for gardeners completing their garden commitment is 69%. Worse case is 9%. • In 2025, 74% of gardeners attended the Annual Meeting and based upon YTD results, the Best Case projection is only 69% making their attendance commitments. • In 2025, gardeners have not attended the Annual Meeting nor any Workdays to date. • Recommendations were discussed to improve this situation.	
Parkside Plantings/ SRPCG	Scott Farrington (scottfarrington@yahoo.com), Joan Wells • Fall plant order: plants will be placed in and outside of the garden. • As ilex die out new native plants will replace them.	Scott
COMMUNITY EVENTS	Cerie Goldenberg (cerie@srpcg.org) • Harvest Dinner, August 24, 2025 • A reminder will go out to gardeners	
COMMUNICATIONS	Website/ Facebook: Steve Email correspondence/bulletin board: Cerie NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: September 8, 2025 AT 7PM AT THE MARKWARD REC CENTER	