

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2018 7:00- 8:00 PM

Riverloft Apartments

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Carol Eaton (E-7), Jerry Faich(I-1), Al Kelman(J-8), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Steve Slaterbeck (H-6), Laurie Taylor (E-4), Joan Wells (H-2), Linda Zaimis(K-5) and guests Andy and Karen Nicolini

Not Present: Jim Wells (J-7), and Barbara Halpern CCRA representative

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee March 8, 2018.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for November. Motion to accept made and seconded.	Approved by unanimous vote. Steve will post November minutes on bulletin board and send to Sally to post on website.
Treasurer's Report	Joan reported. Expenses this period: Water turnoff \$220. Contractor bags and padlocks \$57.66. Trinity Center for Annual Meeting \$275. Lease copies, supplies, postage \$265.07. Bank fees catch-up recording thru January 2018 @ \$5 month since May \$45. Revenue this period: Plot fees \$2980. Donations \$32.50. CCRA Contribution \$500. Current Account Balance: \$9,931.81.	
New Business	<p>One Riverside: Complaints of intrusive noise coming from outdoor TV, and of staff smoking at garden entrance. Smoking is banned in Fairmount Park.</p> <p>CCRA: No report.</p> <p>2018 Garden Calendar: Laurie's proposed calendar was approved.</p> <p>Call for Steering Committee members: With Jim Wells and Alan Cohen/Michelle Langer rotating out, Jane Epstein and Tom Mckeon relinquishing their plots, and Carol stepping away from the committee for 2018, we continued discussing prospective replacements. Mary Lou Gross has Thursday schedule conflict. Discussed moving meeting to a different day. Mike Kihn and Katie Tremont have agreed to be on the slate. Andy and Karen Nicolini are considering.</p>	Alan to email Sheila Sutton of Dranoff Properties.

<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Plot Assignments: There are now 48 names on the waiting list. Laurie printed, assembled, and mailed the lease contracts to current and to 14 new gardeners. Great job Laurie! As of the meeting, 42 leases with payment received. Deadline is February 22. Kristen and Rick Coscia are returning after leave of absence, with 5 year remaining on their lease. Discussed leave of absence rules.</p> <p>Lillian reported 4 lottery plot requests received through the portal. Discussed ways to promote to eligible (i.e. non-CCRA members) prospects: facebook, CCRA, fliers.</p> <p>Plot Use: All gardeners rotating out after 2017 season cleared their plots.</p> <p>City Harvest: Linda reported that 1403 pounds of vegetables donated year to date, exceeding previous record of 1107 pounds, and 2016 total of 981 pounds. Approaches ambitious goal of 1500 pounds! Good Job Linda! 5 bales of salt hay to be delivered.</p> <p>Facilities: John Bee of Parks and Rec, drained cistern and turned off the water in the garden. Committee consensus, there is no need to replace broken water fountain since there is water available at the spigots. Shop vac needed next spring.</p> <p>Chores: With no more assigned chore weeks, gardeners continue to fill trash bags as they clear plots over the winter.</p> <p>Workday: Required spring workday is April 7, 9am-1pm. Jerry will take over work day management. Carol will continue to manage food portion of the work day. Dirt from city to be delivered before the work day. Steve to handle workday/event iconact announcements</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Irrigation outside the garden fence to be turned on in spring.</p> <p>Website: Laurie reported that at this time we will maintain status quo on the website with Sally and Laurie maintaining, and update as needed, and back up content.</p>	<p>Joan to post on face book. Lillian to post on garden gates, and ask Travis to spread the word to CCRA members to tell their non-CCRA friends. Allen to post fliers at CHOP. Others to post as they see fit.</p> <p>Joan to contact John Bee to make sure water inside the garden is turned on by April 7 work day.</p> <p>Steve continues to curb trash as needed.</p> <p>Carol to give Jerry work day guidance, and arrange dirt delivery time with the city. Carol to give Steve the iconact drill.</p> <p>Joan to contact Bill Campion (Green Estates) and/or Jim Mako/Bob Allen (Parks and Rec) to arrange.</p>
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	<p>Community/Children Events: Jacoba Zaring has graciously agreed to once again manage the Ladybug Release Party scheduled for May 16. Annual Harvest Supper for August 26.</p>	
New Business	<p>Annual Meeting Agenda: Discussed Steve’s draft of the annual meeting agenda. Group nominated Jim to once again act as MC. Decided on program feature “Weeds” by Sally McCabe of PHS. Alan recommended revisiting Garden Education/Community Events this year, but removing from the agenda.</p> <p>Next Steering Committee Thursday, March 8, 7pm.</p>	<p>Joan will contact Sally McCabe. Al and one of the incoming committee members to look into possible garden education programs and promotion for 2018. Steve to revise Agenda draft for discussion at the March meeting.</p>

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