

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
Markward Recreation Center
November 05, 2008**

Present:

Derek Freres (A-1), Chair
Linda Zaimis, Recording Secretary (B-4)
Seth Levi, Treasurer (J-7)
Chris Henningsen (F-3)
Al Kelman (J-6)
Robert Reisley (D-1)
Doug Ross (H-6)
Gerri Spilka (B-3)
Fran Levi (J-7)

Not Present:

Selwa Baroody (E-4)
Joyce Frye (H-6)
Bonnie Schmelz (J-1)
George Trotman (B-4)

The meeting was called to order by Derek at 7:03 p.m.

Gerri made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Gerri made a motion to add the trial Transfer Policy to the 2009 Rules and approve the Rules. Seconded and approved. This was the second vote on the Rules.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance is \$1,009.80.

We now have \$11,325 in our Fund Raising effort (\$5225 from donations, \$2500 pledged, \$3600 from Babette Josephs).

Grant Applications: A grant for \$7000 has been made to the Philadelphia Green Park Revitalization Project. Two more are in progress – one for \$5000 to the Connelly Foundation and \$5000 to the McLean Contributionship.

Derek had an onsite meeting with Sam Curry who said that Fairmount Park *can* commit to taking down the cherry trees but *cannot* commit to their replacement. We can get \$200 donation per tree from CCRA for replacement trees. Al made a motion to accept Fairmount Park's offer to remove the trees and continue to review options for replacement. Seconded and approved.

Facilities report: Chris replaced the boards on the bench in the main walkway that had warped and cracked. The plot boards were removed from the two trial plots which will be replaced with recycled plastic lumber when the lumber is

delivered later this month. The approximate total cost (labor and materials) for the two plot board replacements is \$1600.

Two requests were made and approved for plot transfers. For 2009, there will be six member plots available (five 10x10 and one 10x20) and five public plots. Fran Levi will send out reminders to everyone on the Waiting List to pay their CCRA dues or they will be removed from the list.

Bylaws Review: Derek made two motions: (1) that the Bylaws shall have language that states past gardeners on the Waiting List may serve on the Steering Committee and (2) that the Bylaws shall not have language that requires gardeners to serve on the Steering Committee. Both motions seconded and approved. Al made a motion to approve the Bylaws as amended. Seconded and approved (one opposing vote).

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be in February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary