

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2013. 7:00-8:20 PM

Markward Recreation Center

Minutes Submitted by: L. Evans, Recording Secretary

Present: Lois Evans
 Nicole Gortian
 Christine Guiliano
 Al Kelman
 Wayne Rosenberger (Treasurer)
 Doug Ross/Joyce Frye
 Joan Wells (Chair)

Not Present: Mark Gamba
 Chris Henningsen
 Cecily Kihn
 Michele Langer/Alan Cohen
 Jim Wells

Next Meeting: September 4

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the July 3 SC meeting reviewed and approved.	Lois will post on website and garden BB.
Treasurer's Report	Funds remaining (\$7441.97) are adequate for this year's planned needs. Wayne has met with Walter Spencer, CCRA, to begin books reconciliation process that will enable fiscal year accounting consistency going forward.	When complete, Wayne will collapse SRPCG expense categories into broader classifications, e.g., 'equipment & supplies,' 'education,' etc.
Chair's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summer Work Day: Well attended: 41 signed in, 14 completed later assignments, and 9 others offered; 1 excused. Work on hedges completed the following Saturday. 2. Harvest Supper: Scheduled for Sunday August 18, 6 PM. Two gardeners (Barbara and Cheryl) will set up and serve as Garden Hostesses. 3. PHS City Gardens Contest: PHS judges visited on Saturday, August 3 and were favorably impressed with both the Parkside Plantings and the garden overall. 4. Photographer Jonifin Benjamin: Continues to use garden for family portrait 'sittings.' 5. Rose care: Alison Rulon-Miller /Mika Tsekoura are attempting to save diseased plants using organic products. 6. Garden information cards: Joan has requested reprinting of two years' supply. 	<p>Joan will contact three gardeners who have not participated in either of this year's 2 Work Days.</p> <p>Joan will seek sample photo for website.</p>
Committee Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City Harvest: Linda reports 365 lb. produce to date; unofficial goal is 1000 LB. Discussed possibility of harvesting (for City Harvest use) produce being left by gardeners to over ripen. 	Nicole will survey the plots and give list of plots with large amounts of unharvested produce to Joan who will contact the gardeners with this request. SC may consider a future rules modification to permit such harvesting rather than

	<p>Education: Sally McCabe provided workshop on weeds on July 24 with ~ 9 in attendances. Sample weeds were procured from plots in the garden. Identification, uses, and suggestions for control were discussed; she was given an honorarium. Next workshop scheduled for August 14, Dana Perella, Lyme disease and West Nile Virus prevention.</p> <p>Facilities: No problem</p> <p>Garden Chores: No problem</p> <p>Plot Use: No totally neglected plots; many not well-tended.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Labels made & installed by Joan and Alison; garden received high marks from PHS judges.</p> <p>Waiting List Plantings (aka Tomato Trials): No problem</p> <p>Waiting/Transfer List: As of August 7, Waiting List= 48, Transfer List=1</p>	<p>engender waste/rodent infestation.</p> <p>Nicole will make notes for those unable to attend</p>
Old Business	<p>Proposed apartment building to N of garden: Christine Guiliano updated SC on strategies to date; at recent meeting of neighbors, decision made to campaign for the City to negotiate a trade with developer for a city-owned vacant lot and designate the parking lot as an extension of SRP. SC members encouraged to help obtain petition signatures and to attend CCRA's Open Meeting on August 13, 7 PM, Lutheran Church, 2110 Chestnut.</p>	<p>Christine unanimously affirmed to represent the SC on this effort going forward.</p>
New Business	<p>Request from gardeners for use of hoses to water: The rationale for the 'no hose rule' was reiterated: Terms of the lease agreement with the City of Philadelphia (through CCRA), to avoid being charged for use by the Water Department, prohibit such use. Consensus that no exceptions can be made.</p> <p>Reminder: Harvest Supper August 18, 6 PM</p> <p>Next meeting: September 4, 7 PM</p>	<p>Joan will remove the hoses since no longer needed for Parkside Plantings (underground water system installed during renovation); she will notify gardeners and discuss alternatives. For future consideration: development of one or more plots suitable for use by frail elders or others with impaired function, a fit with PCA's Age Friendly Philadelphia project; possibility of grant may be explored.</p>

APPROVED SRPCG-SC: September 4, 2013