

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 7:00- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Mike Kihn (B-1 , Steve Slaterbeck (H-6), Katie Tremont (A-1), John Wagner (K-3), Linda Zaimis (K-5) , Cricket Brosius (D-4) prospective committee member, and Susan Kahn(J-6) CCRA representative

Not Present: Maja Bucan (J-9), Mary Lou Gross (I-2), Al Kelman (J-8), Mary Mike Kihn (B-1), Pat Rohlfing(G-1) , Gino Insana (A2)

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee Tuesday January 7, 2020.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for November. No quorum.	
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Expenses this period: Rittenhouse Hardware \$33.15. No Revenue.</p> <p>Carryover: Travis confirmed that CCRA paid 3 checks to SRPCG (October 27 2018, April 3 2019, May 11 2019). Travis had previously provided our bank statements for November – April, the months after Joan’s exit. Steve attempted to reconcile. April 3 deposit doesn’t appear on bank statement.</p> <p>Carryover: Discussed building up a reserve of at July 2018 meeting, writing grants for big expenditures such as plumbing, shed repair (Mike volunteered Cecily).</p>	<p>Katie: Pay bill.</p> <p>All: All reimbursement forms should be sent to Katie Tremont and cc the Steering Committee. Katie will send reimbursement forms and receipts to Travis.</p> <p>Steve: Follow up with Travis to reconcile and establish quarterly payment schedule (Michele had suggested first of January, April, July, October).</p>
New Business	<p>CCRA: No report.</p> <p>New committee member: The committee unanimously approved Cricket Brosius as our newest committee member. Welcome Cricket!</p>	

	<p>Shaded Plots: After their first season, gardeners routinely request transfer from shady plots J1, G1, H1. Maja determined that shade from 1998 study was not much different than shade from 2019 study (perhaps due to cherry trees that have since been removed, and taller ilex hedges). Ilex can be pruned any time. FSRP hired Hinge Collective to help develop a park-wide master plan. As part of this effort, this fall Hinge is conducting a survey of park users to identify features of the park that can be improved or preserved, and FSRP has asked for gardeners to participate. Steve suggested this would be a good opportunity to address the shade issue in the masterplan.</p> <p>Carry over: We may consider a presentation on partially shaded gardens at the annual meeting and have list of vegetables and flowers that do not need sun all the time.</p>	<p>Jerry: Add ilex pruning as a spring work day task.</p> <p>Susan: Coordinate with Maja so she can meet separately with Hinge Collective. Maja: Meet with Hinge Collective to discuss garden shade concerns as part of the park masterplan.</p> <p>Maja: Consult with Seedway employee friend for a list of veggies that thrive in shade/partial shade, and to possibly donate leftover seeds for gardeners and for City Harvest.</p>
Committee Reports	<p>Plot Assignments: John reported 68 now on waiting list. This would be the first year we've sent leases electronically. John raised concerns about signature and payment.</p> <p>Plot Use: Carry over: Contacted 3 non-compliant plot holders (mint, tree, low soil level). No reponse. Meredith (K2), who is cycling out has pollinator plants available.</p> <p>City Harvest: Linda reported 1545 pounds delivered to date, an all-time season record.</p> <p>Facilities: Mike reported. All wagons are oiled. Cistern leaks. Linda shared combo for electric box lock.</p> <p>Chores: No report.</p>	<p>John: Discuss and group will resolve at January meeting.</p> <p>Al: Identify plots that need attention (eg tree removal, low soil level) and contact those plot holders. Send email to B2E. John/Jerry: Approach One Riverside about transplanting on their property.</p> <p>Mike: Have Frankie of John Bee Plumbing address cistern leak when water turned on in spring.</p>

	<p>Work Day: Carry over: Three plot holders missed 2 work days B2E, D1, C2. Discussed offering their plots/ removing names from waiting list. Jerry reported by email: Down to 7 gardeners on makeup work list. Group suggested weeding and taking out trash as ongoing make up work.</p> <p>Carry over: Gloria Day work day education Fall Garden Management program .</p> <p>Carryover: Regarding changing gardener commitment rule for next year from 3 mandatory work days, and optional annual meeting attendance to choice 3 out of 4 (3 work days no annual meeting attendance, OR 2 of 3 work day plus annual meeting attendance). This would require change to Guidelines and Rules, and approval by the Steering Committee.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Mary Lou reported by email. Ordered dwarf plum @ \$50, plu 2#bag of starter fertilizer at \$15. With shipping plus \$75 23. The tree will probably ship in February. We won't need to prune it and adults will be able to harvest the fruit without a ladder. It is a self pollinator as is our Santa Rosa. Having two different trees will help each other and should increase each of their yields. Hydrangea was identified in the shade discussion above. Plum tree for north side of main walkway.</p> <p>Website/Email/Facebook: Steve keeping website updated. All emails from Steering Committee go through John who sends through Wild Apricot, with Steve and Linda as proof readers. Katie posts activities on Facebook.</p>	<p>Jerry: Follow up with delinquent gardeners with Fall Work Day make up assignments.</p> <p>Steve: Post Gloria Day's handouts on the website.</p> <p>All: Read Steve's draft of revised Guidelines and Rules for discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>Mary Lou: Prep the hole upon return after Thanksgiving.</p> <p>Mary Lou: Will work with Scott to prune hydrangeas in March. Mary Lou: Order dwarf plum as pollinator for existing plum to plant in March.</p> <p>Steve: Add 2018 Spring, 2019 Spring, Summer, Fall, work day photos.</p>
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	Community/Children Events: No report.	
	Next Steering Committee TUESDAY, January 7, 7pm.	All: Think about prospects for the Steering Committee.

Approval by Steering Committee **TUESDAY January 7, 2020.**