

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Wednesday, July 3, 2013. 7:00- 7:45 PM

Minutes Submitted by: L. Evans, Recording Secretary

Present: Lois Evans Mark Gamba
 Nicole Gortian Christine Guiliano
 Cecily Kihn Michele Langer/Alan Cohen
 Jim Wells Joan Wells

Not Present: Chris Henningsen
 Al Kelman
 Wayne Rosenberger
 Doug Ross/Joyce Frye

Next Meeting: August 7

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Minutes of June 5 meeting and approved with minor corrections. Website posting process. Discussed.	Lois will post on garden BB & send to Derek for Web.
Treasurer's Report	Report reviewed. \$2000 check from CCRA received/deposited. SRPCG made first of 3 \$1500 payments to CCRA.	Wayne will remind CCRA of \$500 due in current quarter.
Chair's Report	Summer Work Day Projects to include dismantling the 'rabbit fence' on the north side and removing the weeds from the west side. Three truckloads of mushroom compost are scheduled for delivery 7/11 for use by Parkside Plantings and gardeners.	In the email reminder, Gardeners will be advised to wear long sleeves, bring pruners and gloves.
Committee Reports	<p>City Harvest: Jim has confirmed with Linda Zaimis that best time to leave garden surplus items is weekday mornings.</p> <p>Education: June 27 workshop on composting by Tim Bennett attended by ~9 gardeners who found it very interesting. Tim also provided free consultation re: SRPCG composting process. Next monthly workshop will focus on weeds.</p> <p>Facilities: Dane Wells has repaired the grilling fold-down table and wagons; new wagons will be needed next year. More trowels are needed now.</p> <p>Garden Chores: No problems.</p> <p>Plot Use: Most sites in good shape; mint has been removed or is in process.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Mark purchased a carton of metal labeling stakes.</p> <p>Waiting List Plantings (aka Tomato Trials): All is well.</p> <p>Waiting/Transfer List: As of June 19, Waiting List: 47, Transfer List: 1.</p>	<p>Lois will place laminated sign on the produce box to alert gardeners.</p> <p>Joan to send thank you note to Tim. Michele to contact PHS for workshop on weeds; small honorarium could be made available.</p> <p>Joan to purchase trowels.</p> <p>Cecily will follow up re: mint.</p> <p>Mark will store in toolshed for use by Alison/Parkside Planting committee.</p>
Old Business	1. Follow up on joining Philadelphia Parks Alliance (PPA): Chris and Wayne provided the following information: Fidler Square Garden Board recently joined PPA, it belongs to no other organization; according to the PPA website, it is a nearly 20 year old advocacy group with a strong mission and focus on state and local policy	After discussion, there was consensus that the SRPCG should join PPA, and that in the future joining such groups would be decided on a case by case basis. Joan will follow up

	re: space preservation and funding; it has an impressive board and funding from foundations and corporate and individual donors.	with Wayne.
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planned apartment building north of SRPCG: There was much discussion regarding this newly announced plan by Dranoff for 21-story building on the parking lot at 25th & Locust. Given the SC's concerns re: the potential impact on the garden, Christine has communicated with Jeff Braff (CCRA) to obtain more facts and identify options for SRPCG input in the planning process. Jim also has a contact on the CCRA Major Development Task Force which is involved; its August 13 meeting is open to all CCRA members. The SC requested the following: a shade study, information re: construction timeline and impact and whether or not the building itself will abut the garden. 	Christine will continue to follow up with Jeff/CCRA; Jim will share information as it is available. Joan will contact Schuylkill River Parks for potential collaboration.
	<p>Reminder: Required Summer Work Day: Saturday, July 13, 9 AM</p> <p>Next Steering Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 7 PM</p>	