

## ANNUAL MINUTES FOR Schuylkill River Park Community Garden (SRPCG)

March 23, 2023, 7 pm, Trinity Center for Urban Life

Attendance: 42 gardeners

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- Chairperson, Steve Slaterbeck called the meeting to order and gave an overview of the agenda. **New and returning Gardeners were welcomed.**
- There was a **motion to approve the minutes** from the 2022 Annual Meeting which had been circulated before the meeting. Minutes were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** - Jesse Cohen presented the budget for FY 2023 / 2024. Projected expenses for FY 2024 \$8,611. Projected balance for FY 2024 \$27,238. We are fiscally sound. Budget was approved.
- **Announcement of Committees**- Each committee chair introduced themselves and talked about their role on the SC.
- **City Harvest(CH)Report** - Linda Zaimis explained the mission of City Harvest. Asked gardeners to consider hosting a CH plant in their garden. Veggies from plants will be given to a local food cupboard. Linda had a sign-up sheet at the meeting for interested gardeners. The veggies harvested and donated in 2022 was 792 lbs.
- **Community Chores and Sign-up Reminder** – Jesse Cohen spoke about the responsibility of each plot holder to sign up for a “chore week”. Gardeners should have received an email regarding sign up. Sign up can be done on-line. The garden code will be given to gardeners when they have signed up for their Chore Week. A list of the chores can be found on the garden website and on the bulletin board in the garden.
- **Garden Workdays** - Cricket Brosius Scheduled workdays are: April 15, 9-1; July 15, 9-1; Nov. 4, 9-1. Gardeners must attend 2 of the 3 workdays **if** they attended the Annual Meeting. For gardeners who did not attend the Annual Meeting, they must attend **ALL 3** workdays. If a gardener cannot attend a workday, the gardener must notify Cricket in advance and make-up chores will be assigned to you. If workdays are not attended or make-up chores not done, the gardener will risk forfeiting their plot.
- **Facilities** - Dave Peachy is responsible for handling repairs that need to be done in the garden. Picnic table and benches will be painted when the weather warms up. New water fountain to be installed. The cistern is on for the season.
- **Plot Use** - Bahvisha Patel will be monitoring the garden plots to make sure that gardeners are: 1) working their plots by May 1st; 2) that plots are being weeded and also being weeded around the perimeter of their plot; 3) The vegetables are being harvested. You will be notified about lack of plot maintenance and the need to maintain the plot. Continued lack of maintenance could very likely result in the forfeiting of your plot.
- **Parkside Plantings Report** - Scott Farrington described the plantings along the border of the garden and invited gardeners to collaborate in their maintenance.
- **Events and Correspondence**- Cerie Goldenberg Ladybug Release Party, Wednesday, May 24th at 5pm; **Harvest Dinner**, Sunday, August 27th at 5pm.
- **Election of 2023 Steering Committee**- Steve Slaterbeck; Diane Frankel was added to the slate of SC members. Slate was approved. There was a call for additional SC members.

- **Outgoing SC members** - Appreciation was expressed to outgoing SC members. Mike Kihn, Maja Bucan, Mary Lou Gross
- **Volunteers and volunteer gardeners -Thank you.** Sally Frazza,Selwa Baroody, website management and herbs, Sarah Hicks (herb garden), Joan Wells (Parkside Plantings), Phil Lahaie,( Parkside Plantings and City Harvest) Tom McKeon (pruning). All gardeners who hosted a City Harvest plant.
- **Gardener Orientations**  
Sat.,April 8, 9:00 am  
Sat, April 15, 8:30 am  
Sun., April 16,1:00pm
- Remember to join the **Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Facebook Group**
- Meeting Adjourned at 8pm.

### 2023 Steering Committee Slate

<b>Gardener</b>	<b>Plot Number</b>	<b>Last year in Garden</b>
Cricket Brosius	D-04	x2024
Chris Bullard	I-02	x2027
Jesse Cohen	G-06	x2025
Scott Farrington	C-05	x2025
Cerie Goldenberg	F-02	x2026
Dave Peachey	A-01	x2024
Bhavisha Patel	J-06	x2025
Steve Slaterbeck	I-01	x2027
John Wagner	K-03	x2023
Linda Zaimis	A-04	x2026

  

Chair	Steve Slaterbeck
CCRA Liasion	Cerie Goldenberg
Chores	Jesse Cohen
City Harvest Zaimis	Linda
Harvest Supper Slaterbeck	Linda Zaimis, Steve
Facilities Kihn	Dave Peachey, Mike
Ladybug Release Peachey	CerieGoldenberg,Dave
Parkside Plantings	Scott Farrington, Tom McKeon
Plot Assignments Bullard	John Wagner, Jesse Cohen, Chris
Plot Use Patel	Bhavisha
Website Frazza	Steve Slaterbeck, Sally
Workday	Cricket Brosius

## **New Gardeners**

### **Lottery Plots**

**(Annual)**

Doris Yen

Kevin You

Cameron Eberly

Alexandria Lampard

Devon Volpe

### **CCRA Member**

**(New or returning six year plots)**

Richard and Tina Aplenc

Sara Clemens

Fred and Priscilla Murphy

Chris Tully

Ashley Vesay

Sam Ferguson

Terri Grossman

Madhavi Reddy

Tim and Jill Crimmins/Auerbach

Sarah/Faiz Pierce/Ahmed

Lawrence and Toba Kerson

Kim HaebeI

Alison Ercole