

**Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting
Markward Recreation Center
May 6, 2010**

Present:

Derek Freres (A-1), Chair
Linda Zaimis, Recording Secretary (B-4)
Fran Levi, Treasurer (J-7)
William Harger (L-1)
Chris Henningsen (F-3)
Al Kelman (J-6)
Cecily Kihn (I-2)
Allison Rulon-Miller (C-2)
Joan Wells (K-5)

Not Present:

Doug Ross (H-6)
Joyce Frye (H-6)

The meeting was called to order by Derek at 7:05 pm.

Al made a motion to accept the April minutes. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The available balance of the regular Garden Budget is \$3,124.60. The available balance for the Maintenance/Capital Budget is \$23,046.58.

Special Guest: Lisa Armstrong gave a presentation of behalf of Greening Greenfield (Greenfield Elementary School). She would like to recruit Gardeners or Waiting List members to volunteer to help maintain the Greenfield Garden over the summer months. Lisa will prepare a formal invitation to take a tour of the school ground to see the new gardens and we will send it out to the Gardeners and Waiting List members

Special thanks to State Representative Babette Josephs for her grant to the Garden for \$5,000 for the continued replacement of our plot borders with the recycled plastic lumber.

Programs in the Garden: The Garden will host free one-hour seminars in the Garden on various topics by the staff of PHS to be coordinated by Sally Frazza (H-3) and Worm Composting in Your Home by Robin Kohles (E-7). Al made a motion to support these educational programs in the Garden as long as they do not conflict with official Garden events. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Plot lease extension: A verbal communication was made by the 2007 Administration to extend the lease of plot holder B-1. Al made a motion to honor

the commitment for only one additional year on the contract, to expire October 31, 2011. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Parkside Plantings: Alison replanted the patio planters in the cistern area that had been donated by Dick Atkins (G-7). Derek made a motion to extend special thanks to Dick for his in kind donation of plant material for the planters. Seconded and unanimously approved.

The Ladybug Release Party has been scheduled for Thursday, June 10 at 5:00pm.

Fran made a motion to send an email on June 1 to Gardeners who have not started to work their plot. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Derek made a motion to change the lease agreement (with permission of Mark Focht, Fairmount Park) to move the date requirement from May 1 to May 15 for gardeners to begin working their plot or have their agreement revoked. Seconded and approved (two votes opposed)

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Linda Zaimis,
Recording Secretary