

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Thursday, May 12, 2016 7:00- 8:00 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Nicole Gortian, Secretary

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Carol Eaton (E-7), Jane Epstein (G-3), Christine Guiliano (G-2), Nicole Gortian (J-6), Michele Langer/Alan Cohen (C-7), Tom McKeon (D-4), Steve Slaterback (H-06), Laurie Taylor (E-04), and Linda Zaimis (K-5)

Not Present: Alan Cohen (C-7), Wayne Rosenberger (E-5), Jim Wells (J-7), and Joan Wells (H-2)

Recorded by Nicole Gortian, Secretary.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Carol moved approval of Minutes of April 15 Steering Committee Meeting as circulated, seconded by Linda.	Motion was unanimously approved. Nicole Gortian will post on website and garden BB & notify gardeners.
Treasurer's Report & Discussion of Revised Categories	Wayne presented April 2016 Treasurer's Report via email ahead of the meeting to the Steering Committee. There is one waiting list fee that has not yet been received. One Waiting list person paid \$100 (\$85 more than required) for their plot and does not want a refund. It was decided to donate the extra funds to the Garden History project. Michelle moved approval, seconded by Lillian.	Motion was unanimously approved.
New Business	<p>One Riverside Construction: There have been numerous instances of construction debris found in the garden area and in plots. A notice was sent out to gardeners to notify them of this. The Steering Committee has been in touch with representatives from One Riverside to notify them of the issue. Gardeners are encouraged to document any debris noticed in the garden and send to the Garden steering committee at chair@srpcg.org. The outside work is almost complete and the remainder of construction should be internal soon which should hopefully reduce the burden of debris on the garden.</p> <p>Community Gardens Network: We decided to participate.</p> <p>Community Garden Tour: Lillian and Wayne will be in the garden on June 18th at the required time to meet the bikers.</p>	<p>The Steering Committee will continue to monitor this and notify One Riverside management to resolve the issue.</p> <p>Carol will fill out the survey.</p>

Committee Reports	<p>Facilities: Jane checked plots to identify plots that had noncompliant items or had not started working their plot by May 1st. Going to check in on this again in a week. The water fountain was turned on but it doesn't work. The plumber was consulted and indicated that it needs to be repaired.</p> <p>Waiting List Plot: There is one plot that is not being used that is being assigned. There are two people on the alternative list.</p> <p>Weekly Chores: There are still two people that haven't signed up for a weekly chore assignment.</p> <p>City Harvest: We donated our first delivery of 13 pounds of produce last week.</p> <p>Web Site: Laurie followed up with Sally into cleaning up of old items on the website.</p> <p>Waiting List: There are 46 people on the waitlist. One person needed to give up their plot which was assigned to the next person on the waitlist.</p> <p>Workday: There were 40 people that weren't represented at the April workday. Two people have not responded about doing a makeup chore. The bollards are going to be painted. The hedges will be completed soon. Grills: recommend in the future that users bring their own tools for it. Might want to consider purchasing new grills at the end of the season. Considering ordering stones for the end of the year workday (November).</p>	<p>Jane is going to give another week and check on the plots that have not been worked yet.</p> <p>Tom will get a quote from the plumber to fix the water fountain.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steering Committee Thursday June 9 • Lady Bug Release Party: 5pm on Thursday May 19th. 	