

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Markward Recreation Center

Thursday, September 13, 2018 7:00- 7:35 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Steve Slaterbeck (H-6)

Present: Lillian Cohen (E-2), Jerry Faich(I-1), Mary Lou Gross (I-2), Al Kelman(J-8), Andy/Karen Nicolini (E-1), Steve Slaterbeck (H-6), Joan Wells (H-2), Linda Zaimis(K-5), and Barbara Halpern CCRA representative

Not Present: Mike Kihn (B-1), Katie Tremont (A-1),

Recorded by Steve Slaterbeck, Secretary. Approval by the Steering Committee October 11, 2018.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	There were no further comments on the minutes for August. Motion to accept made and seconded.	Approved by unanimous vote. Steve: Post August minutes on bulletin board and on website.
Treasurer's Report	Joan reported. Expenses this period: Rittenhouse Hardware (contractor bags and mosquito dunks) \$69.67; Bank Fee \$5.00. Revenue this period: none. Discussed building up a reserve at July meeting, writing grants for big expenditures such as plumbing, shed repair (Mike volunteered Cecily). and insurance.	
New Business	CCRA: Barbara reported. House tour Sunday, October 14. Looking for residences to be on the tour. Saturday lunches to feed homeless, starting September 22 at Liberti Church 17 th and Sansom. Showers and computers available. CCRA to participate on September 29. Calling for food prep and cleanup volunteers any Saturday. OneRiverside: A gardener observed OneRiverside routinely blowing leaves , weeds, and debris from their property on to the north garden pathway and adjacent plots.	All: Spread the word that CCRA is looking for residents who would like to open their homes for the tour. All: If you see this, go immediately to OneRiverside manager and report.
Committee Reports	Plot Assignments: Barbara and Laurie to assess whether or not Wild Apricot meets our needs, and makes maintaining Waiting List less tedious than the current process. CCRA would allow us to use the program at no cost. There are 66 names on the Waiting List as of September 13. Plot Use: Nothing new to report as season winds down. City Harvest: Linda reported almost 400 pounds harvested since last month, bringing this year's total to 977 pounds, compared to 1,040 pounds this time last year. Great job Linda!	Barbara: Meeting with Laurie and Travis tomorrow. Steve: Post new Waiting List on the bulletin board and on the web site.

	<p>Facilities: Mike will be storing the hedge clippers, and sometime this fall Ted Reed will take them to be sharpened. Karen has scheduled Don Shump of Philadelphia Bee Company to our November meeting to explore possibility of starting a beehive in the garden vicinity. If we move forward suggested have him speak at the annual meeting to educate gardeners on vegetation that could help local bees and other pollinators.</p> <p>Chores: Linda emails to gardeners the week before assigned chore week.</p> <p>Workday: Jerry sent email with assigned chores and dates for gardeners to make up missed summer work day. Fall work day icontract to stress work day start hours. All gardeners are required to fulfill work day requirement.</p> <p>Parkside Plantings: Joan asked for volunteers to sweep around Parkside Planting areas. Hedges were clipped and ivy trimmed over the holiday weekend, thanks to Joan, Ted Reed, Gerry, and Mike. Discussed seed, sod, fencing to repair bare spots in the park outside the east garden gate.</p> <p>Website: Steve keeping website updated.</p> <p>Community/Children Events: SRPCG will be among 3 community gardens on Saturday’s tour given by Emma Kate Martin of Parks and Rec. Harvest Supper was well attended. Katie secured speaker for November 3 workday. Elizabeth Daily of PHS will give 30 minute talk at 11:30 about Preparing Soil for Winter/Cold Weather Crops.</p>	<p>Karen: Follow up with Don Shump.</p> <p>Joan: Email Sean O’Rourke of FSRP about coordinating and funding this project.</p> <p>Steve: Meeting with Sally as needed.</p> <p>Katie: Follow up with Elizabeth regarding time and honorarium.</p>
	<p>Next Steering Committee Thursday, October 11, 7pm.</p>	<p>All: Think about prospects for the Steering Committee.</p>

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