

Schuylkill River Park Community Garden (SRPCG) Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Markward Rec Center

Monday, September 8, 2025 7:00 PM-8:20 PM

Minutes Submitted by Cerie Goldenberg,

In Attendance: Steve Slaterbeck, Rick Nawalinski, Linda Zaimis, Erin Askus, Cerie Goldenberg, Sarah Hicks, Matt Thomas, Scott Farrington, Tina Glisovic-Alpenic, Peter Kessler, Bhavisha Patel

Absent: 0

Guest: 0

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order & Approval of Minutes	Called to order by Steve Slaterbeck August minutes approved.	Steve: Post August minutes on SRPCG website Cerie: Post August minutes on the garden bulletin board
Treasurer's	Matt Thomas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increasing the cost of leasing a garden plot. ● Anne Boyd did receive her honorarium and thanked the steering committee. 	ALL: Reimbursement forms should be sent to Travis Oliver at (centercity@centercityresidents.org) cc the Steering Committee (srpcg@srpcg.org) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matt will attend a zoom meeting on 9/12/2025 with the the Parks Dept. re approval to increase the cost of leasing a garden plot.
New and Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft email to plot holders re the nude bather around the spigot on the east side of the garden (25th St.) ● Post Information re who to contact if someone witnesses inappropriate behavior, on the garden bulletin board. ● Minimize the use of plastic bags. More paper bags will be purchased. ● One plastic trash can will be left out for weeds/ trash without a plastic bag liner to see if the trash company will empty the can without a plastic liner. The goal is to use paper bags if possible. Additional paper bags will be available. ● St. Joseph University request for a garden tour. Response to be sent. ● Nuisance wildlife policy was added to the SRPCG Guidelines and Rules. ● The policy was sent to all plot holders and to those on the WL. ● In 2025-2026 those gardeners that do not honor their work commitment to the garden will risk losing a year off of their plot lease per the SRPCG Guidelines and Rules. ● Gardeners are expected to attend three of the four required events. (Annual Meeting / Workdays.) ● Garden commitments and obligations are highlighted at the Annual Meeting. 	Peter Matt Sarah Steve Tina
PLOT USE	Bhavisha Patel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft email will be sent to gardeners about City Harvest Making them aware of the distribution dates. 	Bhavisha
PLOT ASSIGNMENTS	Tina Glisovic-Alpenic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improving the look of garden emails ● Adding logo to email. ● About 70 people on the WL 	Tina and Rick
CITY HARVEST	CITY HARVEST (Linda Zaimis: linda.zaimis@gmail.com) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 486 lb. harvested to date ● CH will have an additional seedling pickup on 9/10/25. 	Linda

FACILITIES	Sarah Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Painters will be contacted, again. ● Shrubs are being cut. ● Fence being put up in the pollinator garden. ● Discussion on how to deal with the ground hog. ● Discussion on what goes into the compost pile. ● Refurbishment of the water fountain. Can be done this fall. ● Determine if water is intended to come from the bottom of the fountain. ● Wheelbarrow tire replacement 	Steve Sarah and Scott Sarah Cerie and Steve
WEEKLY CHORES	Erin Aaknus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weekly Chores are going well. 	
WORK DAY TASKS	Rick Nawalinski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send email to the 7 gardeners that have makeup chores to complete. ● In 2025/2026 create a list of chores that need to be completed and another list of those gardeners that have make-up chores to do. This would be posted on the bulletin board. ● Gardeners will be reminded ONCE of makeup chores. 	Rick Rick Rick
Parkside Plantings/ SRPCG	Scott Farrington (scottfarrington@yahoo.com), Joan Wells <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall order of native plants will be ordered in mid-September. ● These plants will be planted in mid-October. 	Scott
COMMUNITY EVENTS	Cerie Goldenberg (cerie@srpcg.org)	
COMMUNICATION	Website/ Facebook: Steve Email correspondence/bulletin board: Cerie Goldenberg NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, October 6, 2025 AT 7PM Markward Rec Center	