

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

Location: Markward Rec Center

Monday, April 6, 2026 7:00-8:07pm

Minutes Submitted by *Peter Kessler*

In Attendance: Steve Slaterbeck, Rick Nawalinski, Matt Thomas, Peter Kessler, Sarah Hicks, Tina Glisovic-Aplenc, Scott Farrington, Cerie Goldenberg, James Harrison, Theo Aronson, Erin Aakhus,

Absent: Linda Zaimis, John Wagner

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order and Approval of Minutes	Called to order by Steve Slaterbeck. March Minutes approved.	Steve: Post March minutes on SRPCG website Peter: Post March minutes on the garden bulletin board.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Matt Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion of putting together budget for upcoming period ● Steve: we may need masonry work on bricks near picnic table ● Steve: we may need to spend money on the website ● Rick: refreshing the planters (may be on this year's budget) ● Rick/Sarah: discussion of securing the gates ● James: question on status of the wood on the pergola – latest information is that the wood is fine ● Scott: budgeting for additional hedge removal/replacement/installation 	Matt
New and Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion of positive feedback on annual meeting, including presentations ● Discussion of current/upcoming tasks for current/new committee members: Facebook monitoring, arranging annual meeting, responding to correspondence, CCRA liaison, coordinating with City Harvest, orientation of new gardeners ● Topsoil will be delivered this week; gardeners will be asked to refrain from using it prior to workday 	Steve
COMMITTEE REPORTS		
PLOT ASSIGNMENTS	<p>Tina Glisovic-Aplenc: LISTMANAGER@SRPCG.ORG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One plot became available today 	Tina
PLOT USE	<p>James Harrison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update 	James
CITY HARVEST	<p>Linda Zaimis: linda.zaimis@gmail.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update 	Linda

FACILITIES	Sarah Hicks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current project is to repair the gate • Several old hedges died in the winter and are ready to be replaced • Will do a test run on irrigation system; pumps are working fine 	Sarah and Scott
WEEKLY CHORES	Erin Aakhus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin is working on soliciting remaining unsigned gardeners for chore week 	Erin
WORKDAY TASKS	Rick Nawalinski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed chart of plot soil levels for topping off on work day • Workday tasks are in place 	Rick
PARKSIDE PLANTINGS/SRPCG	Scott Farrington: scottfarrington@yahoo.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parkside plantings are thriving 	Scott
CHILDREN'S EVENTS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS	Cerie Goldenberg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of outside proposal for concert in the garden. Discussion respecting conflict with current "Policy On Hosting Events In The SRPCG" posted on the website • Peter to draft a response to outside proposal • Discussion of CPR training proposal 	Cerie and Peter
COMMUNICATIONS	Website: Steve Facebook: Steve Bulletin Board: Peter Emails: Cerie	

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: MONDAY, May 4, 2026 @ 7PM AT THE MARKWARD REC CENTER