

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

Location: Markward Rec Center

Monday, July 6, 2026 7:00-7:58pm

Minutes Submitted by *Peter Kessler*

In Attendance: Steve Slaterbeck, Rick Nawalinski, Scott Farrington, Cerie Goldenberg, James Harrison, Linda Zaimis, Tina Glisovic-Aplenc, Erin Aakhus, John Wagner, Peter Kessler,

Absent: Theo Aronson, Matt Thomas, Sarah Hicks,

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order and Approval of Minutes	Called to order by Steve Slaterbeck. June Minutes approved.	Steve: Post June minutes on SRPCG website Peter: Post June minutes on the garden bulletin board.
Treasurer's Report	Matt Thomas No update.	Matt
New and Old Business	Discussion of making long-standing gardeners available for interviews re the history of the garden at the workday.	Steve
COMMITTEE REPORTS		
PLOT ASSIGNMENTS	Tina Glisovic-Aplenc: LISTMANAGER@SRPCG.ORG Plot assignment ongoing; discussion of verifying CCRA sign-up as a predicate to enrollment on the waitlist.	Tina
PLOT USE	James Harrison: - Plots look to be actively gardened. - Discussion of plot usage. - Discussion of lantern flies – Steve to draft email for dissemination.	James
CITY HARVEST	Linda Zaimis: linda.zaimis@gmail.com 238 pounds to date (larger than last year). - Discussion of city harvest helper description – the Committee has voted on and approved the wording circulated, to be placed in minutes as follows: The Steering Committee has determined that responsibility for City Harvest is to be undertaken by a member of the Steering Committee, who will be the City Harvest Manager. In any given year, there may also be an additional person to help with the City Harvest, who will be designated the City Harvest Helper or City Harvest Aide. In the event that there is a City Harvest Aide, that City Harvest Aide will help out for a renewable one year term that begins on the date of the Annual Meeting, such term to be overseen and renewed at the discretion of the Steering Committee. The role	Linda

	of the City Harvest Aide is to work on all aspects of the City Harvest under the direction of and alongside the City Harvest Manager. The City Harvest Aide will be required either to have a plot in the garden or to be on the waiting list. The City Harvest Aide will automatically be granted access to a tomato garden plot during any year of service (unless the City Harvest Aide has a plot instead). Phil, City Harvest Helper to date will not be effected by the new policy change, and will be grandfathered for one year for a normal tomato plot for the 2027-2028 season.	
FACILITIES	Sarah Hicks/Scott Farrington: Steve reports that Sarah has obtained a bid for brickwork close to the compost area, and is also looking for suggestions for bids to address the same area with asphalt.	Sarah
WEEKLY CHORES	Erin Aakhus: All gardeners have signed up for their chore weeks.	Erin
WORKDAY TASKS	Rick Nawalinski - Preparation for workday is underway and appropriate tasks have been handed off to Matt and Erin. - Additional tools purchased. - Make up workdays were successful in helping gardeners to meet their commitments.	Rick
PARKSIDE PLANTINGS/SRPCG	Scott Farrington: scottfarrington@yahoo.com - The parkside plantings are thriving. - Initial discussion of how to allocate the common spaces that previously contained hedges. Questions regarding irrigation systems? Alternately, allocating those spaces for plots? Should they be treated like tomato plots? Should they be designated differently insofar as they front the entry path and are the most public facing spaces within the garden? Also, discussion of converting the space under the trellises to community berry plots that could be watered, as necessary, in connection with chore weeks.	Scott
CHILDREN'S EVENTS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS	Cerie Goldenberg No update.	Cerie
COMMUNICATIONS	Website: Steve Facebook: Steve Bulletin Board: Peter Emails: Cerie	

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026 @ 7PM AT THE MARKWARD REC CENTER