

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

Location: Markward Rec Center

Monday, June 1, 2026 7:00-8:20pm

Minutes Submitted by *Peter Kessler*

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

Absent: Theo Aronson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order and Approval of Minutes	Called to order by Steve Slaterbeck. May Minutes approved.	Steve: Post May minutes on SRPCG website Peter: Post May minutes on the garden bulletin board.
Treasurer's Report	Matt Thomas Budget has been approved and we are presently in good shape.	Matt
New and Old Business	Discussion of current/upcoming tasks for current/new committee members, including responding to correspondence; CCRA liaison; Facebook; annual meeting arrangements; education programs.	Steve
COMMITTEE REPORTS		
PLOT ASSIGNMENTS	Tina Glisovic-Aplenc: LISTMANAGER@SRPCG.ORG - No update/no change. - Question as to whether we have a system in place to cover watering for people who may go away on vacation during the summer.	Tina
PLOT USE	James Harrison: - Plots all look to be actively gardened. - Concern about planting of lemon balm insofar as it resembles mint. - Mint plants, blackberry plants not permitted in the garden outside of a pot.	James
CITY HARVEST	Linda Zaimis: linda.zaimis@gmail.com - Discussion of the role of City Harvest and City Harvest helper. - Peter/John/Linda to collaborate on description with Committee input.	Linda/Peter

FACILITIES	Sarah Hicks/Scott Farrington: • Many more hedges have been removed. • The ongoing removal looks great. • There is an area near the compost that is sinking and Committee would like to investigate remediation. • There as discussion of surrounding the fence or portions thereof with chicken wire to slow or stop groundhog/rabbit incursions.	Sarah
WEEKLY CHORES	Erin Aakhus: • Erin has solicited remaining gardeners regarding chores, and of the prior five, four responded. One gardener has not yet replied. • We may need a new water skimmer and may need to replace a few watering cans.	Erin
WORKDAY TASKS	Rick Nawalinski • Rick has drafted an email regarding garden lease commitments providing for Make-Up Workdays. The email was positively received, with a few suggested edits.	Rick
PARKSIDE PLANTINGS/SRPCG	Scott Farrington: scottfarrington@yahoo.com • The parkside plantings are thriving.	Scott
CHILDREN'S EVENTS/COMMUNITY EVENTS	Cerie Goldenberg • Discussion of CPR training proposal; Steve will follow up. • The Committee will research additional potential speakers for the summer workday.	Cerie
COMMUNICATIONS	Website: Steve Facebook: Steve Bulletin Board: Peter Emails: Cerie	

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026 @ 7PM AT THE MARKWARD REC CENTER