

TSG STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:30PM

Hybrid in Garden and Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ycd-jviw-wwc>

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STEERING COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:			
•	Greta Baith, Secretary	X	Angie Jaszek
•	David Berch, Co-Chair	•	Luren Jenison
•	Patrick Boyle	•	Justino Navarro
X	Karen Cherubini	•	James Pavlock
•	Marcia Connolly, Chair	•	Barry Rucks, Treasurer
•	Trish DiPietrae	X	Russ Troyer
•	Ed Gruberg		
•	Linda Hennessey		
COMMITTEES & GUESTS			
	N/A		

A quorum was established.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by the Chair, MC.

- Motion to accept May & June Steering Committee Meeting Minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bank Accounts:
 - 17k in Non-Profit Checking
 - \$944 in Business Money Market (.01%)
 - 10k in new 8 Month FDIC CD at 3.2% matures 2/9/2024
 - TOTAL \$28,755
- Treasurer position replacement needed when BR leaves the end of the year.
- TSG Insurance Policy Coverage total \$2,398. 50% to be paid for by Spring Garden CDC.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- North Street Neighbor Meetings
 - Neighbors received invitations for 2 meetings via email and letter.
 - 7 out of 19 households attended.
 - Purpose of the meetings were to inform residents of the details of the CDC's plans for a Shed and Pavilion in the garden as well as listen to their feedback.
 - TSG Steering Committee is responsible for the operations of the garden only, not the capital projects led by the Spring Garden CDC.
- Motion to approve the Storage Shed project designed by Cicada Architecture for the Spring Gardens CDC to be built on the prepared foundation of NW Corner of the garden.

- 10 Approved/0 Opposed/ 1 Abstention. Motion Carries.
- Watering Hoses in Garden
 - Pros: Assists those with medical conditions, Convenience for some gardeners
 - Cons: Tripping hazard, risk of damaging neighboring plots, risk of watering inappropriately & causing waterborne fungus—downy mildew, increases the water usage (will be a bigger cost to the garden in the future)
 - A 3-person Ad Hoc Committee led by JP will be formed to discuss rules & regulations for Hose use in the garden. Outcome will be reflected in the 2024 Rules & Regulations.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Summer Newsletter sent on June 16 (Events, Rules Reminders, Design Update and Gardening Tips)
- Website updated with Capital Projects page and Steering Committee Minutes (to be added going forward)

MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION

- RT purchased extra water repair kits to have on hand as needed.
- GB purchased a new combination lock for 18th St gate.
- Porta Pot Update:
 - Current provider, National Service is not servicing. Need to find a new service provider.
 - Quotes received from United (\$178/mo) and Robinson (\$225/mo) for a standard size porta pot.
 - We plan to move forward with a standard porta pot from United at \$178 per month.
- Bennett Compost
 - Wednesday AM service has moved to later morning to appease North St neighbors.
 - Bennett Compost's trade off to the garden is taking the weeds from our workdays and City Harvest
 - MC to ask Bennett if they can also do a gardener weed pick up 2-3x a season (Spring/Summer/Fall)
- North-South Garden Paths to be updated with fabric and stones prior to next Spring.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING:

- Rental donation year to date: \$1300
- July 19 Food truck Night with Band (TBD), Face Painting for kids
- Jefferson Health inquired to shoot a commercial in the garden in August. Estimated rate of 1k/day donation to the garden

HORTICULTURE

- All plants purchased/donated for year have been planted
- New flower bed near herb garden.
- Committee is working hard distributing compost along perimeter
- Committee is requesting additional help and members to join the Horticulture Committee
- MC to email gardeners offering excess wood boards to gardeners.
- JN to plan a rubble run to get rid of any outstanding trash in the garden.

PLOT ASSIGNMENT:

- We welcomed 5 new PHA Gardeners to the garden

VOLUNTEER:

- Low turnout at Saturday Workday (8 of 20 showed)
- KC & LH to rename the committee since workday is not a volunteer opportunity, but a garden membership requirement.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/CITY HARVEST

- City Harvest to donate produce to the Congregation Rodeph Shalom food bank on Wednesday AMs.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Discussion of Green Thoughts Newsletter/Blog

- Discussed if EG wanted the newsletter to be a collaborative newsletter from the Horticulture Committee representing the garden or to remain independent.
- EG option to have the best of both worlds:
 1. EG to join Horticulture Committee with Doris to write a horticulture newsletter that will be sent to AJ/Communications Committee to send to gardeners from communications@thespringgardens.org
AND
 2. Green thoughts blog to remain a separate website that will not include garden operations information.
- Discussion on the future communication path from Spring Gardens CDC to the garden community regarding all future capital projects.
- **Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM**

Submitted by GB