

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Attendees: Katherine, Tom, Stephen, Ira, Richard P., Phil, Sandra, Peter

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Review of June 24 Committee meeting on cleanup and landscaping of the slope	Because of the extent of the debris and the difficulty of the job, the Committee asked the Board to hire a crew to clean the debris from the West side of the slope and "The Mesa" or proposed Children's Garden and to lower the existing dirt levels in order to supply the areas with fresh dirt. They proposed too that the Slope be expanded to include the former dirt pile on the East side of the slope, as there is no longer a need to order and store large piles of dirt.	Board has agreed to provide for clean up of the areas mentioned. There is no date and we do not yet know who will do the work. Board plans to have sod laid on "The Mesa/Children's Garden".	Katherine to follow up with Anne and report back to the Garden Committee	
Planting the slope	The center of the slope has many nice plants though it needs to be cleaned up. Gardeners would like to purchase a couple more large plants to match or compliment those in the center and to plant tall grasses in between those plants. Some plants could be harvested from what is already growing in our garden.	As the slope is a collective effort we have added to our list of budget items funding for buying any additional plants for the slope		
Budget List	We were asked to submit a list of budget items and approximate costs for the Board to consider. 1. The hiring of Urban Arborists this Fall for tree pruning \$2,500. 2. Truck rental for a couple of trips to pick up free compost for all to use \$200. 3. A small 4 wheeled cart for transporting compost and dirt to garden locations \$100. 4. Replenish petty cash \$300. 5. Plants for landscaping the slope \$500. 6. 10 bags of soil and 10 bags of mulch \$200.			
Miscellaneous	Anne's donation - Anne donated a large pot to the garden to cover the cement square by the South Lawn steps. The new pot will be planted by Richard and Phil. MANY THANKS TO ANNE FROM ALL OF THE GARDENERS. The gardeners plan to submit to the newsletter, a request that residents and their guests not help themselves to plants or flowers from the garden without asking and that if plants or tree branches are overhanging the walkways that they report it rather than breaking or tearing trees or plants.	Katherine to write and submit to Newsletter		

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	<p>Concern: concern was registered about control of weeds in the new grass area and what is the plan to control them</p> <p>Suggestion: A suggestion was made to lay large flat "bricks" under the tables and to keep the furniture in designated spots.</p> <p>Suggestion: a suggestion was made to place large heavy planter pots at the entrances to the buildings</p> <p>Suggestion: To further clean and reorganize the small tool room at the end of the 78th Street ramp to accommodate the children's garden tools and to get rid of all but one wheelbarrow as the wheelbarrows are difficult to maneuver on the walkways and one doesn't have a wheel.</p> <p>Katherine reviewed an email sent to Board outlining the Garden Committee's policy for adopting a garden plot.</p>	<p>Katherine will check with Milton as to whether his crew needs or wants the wheelbarrows and whether the broken one can be fixed</p>		

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 12, 4 pm