

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 9/9/18

Attendees: Anne, Katherine, Richard P., Norma, Peter B., Stephen

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
<p>Plans for the slope</p>	<p>A new work date was set for weeding the slope and assessing the need for transfer or rearrangement of some of the plants there. We will also trim the south end ivy wall.</p> <p>Most in the group were very interested in a white and green color scheme for the slope. Stephen suggested a snowball tree and oak leaf hydrangea trees were also discussed.</p> <p>It was decided to continue with our oak leaf hydrangea theme interspersed with grasses on the open ends of the slope. Anne has offered the very large oak hydrangea in front of her door in exchange for the two small blue flowered hydrangeas, which are hidden on the slope. Ira may also have a hydrangea to offer.</p> <p>The Garden Group thanks Marc, the Berkeley landscaper and his crew for cleaning the newly opened area of the slope left by the ramp repair.</p>	<p>9/16 10 am</p> <p>Figure out how and when to do the transfer of hydrangeas</p> <p>Speak to Ira</p>		
<p>Budget</p>	<p>The Board approved 3 of our budget items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renting a truck to pick up free compost 2. 4 wheel small hauling cart 3. Urban Arborists for pruning our trees and large bushes. Peter asked that a tree in the outer gardens be included and that was improved. 	<p>Ask Marina to help set up a date for compost pickup</p> <p>Stephen ordered a cart online during the meeting. If we like one, we will order another as they are not expensive</p> <p>Katherine to contact Urban Arborists</p>		
<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<p>The north lawn sod is holding water and becoming swampy. Marc said that the lawn should be cut to 2 inches and aerated.</p> <p>Another discussion ensued about the difficulty of maintaining our grass throughout the garden given the furniture, heavy usage, the weeds and the sunken spots. Moving the furniture around just</p>	<p>Anne spoke to Marc and he will aerate the lawn this week</p>		

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	<p>makes more bare patches and putting surfaces underneath the furniture is unappealing or impractical. A suggestion was made to have Marc take over planning and caring for the lawn as it seems to need professional help. Or let it be what it is with the gardeners doing what they can by sowing new grass seed in the bare spots and over the weeds.</p> <p>Stephen suggested experimenting with planting ornamental grasses in the bare spots in the areas near the stone beds. He has many grasses in his plot that he can donate.</p>	<p>Anne to consider</p> <p>Stephen was encouraged to experiment and to ask for help if he needs it.</p>		

Next Meeting: Sunday October 7, 4 pm