

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 30 , 2017

Attendees: Ira, Katherine, Marina, Richard P., Miyako, , Tom, Eve, Norma, Cindy, Bristol

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
New member	We welcomed Eve Siegel to the Garden Group. She is new to the 78th St. building and attended the Welcoming Committee gathering where she expressed interest in the garden to Katherine	For now Eve is interested in helping out in the garden and not in a plot of her own		
pruning	<p>The group is in favor of hiring Urban Arborists to do a yearly pruning of our garden trees and bushes</p> <p>Gardeners were reminded to prune back any plants encroaching on the sidewalks</p> <p>Gardeners have requested instructions on pruning back "suckers" on trees and bushes.</p> <p>Tom said that the large bush in Maurice's plot needs to be trimmed professionally.</p>	Katherine to contact Anne for Board approval of funds		
Construction	So far there is no date set for construction work on the ramp wall to begin.	Anne will keep us posted		
Two Meetings	<p>Katherine reported on 2 meetings she attended in the last month.</p> <p>1 A Welcoming Committee gathering was held at Bertine's home, which was attended by three new households of mostly younger people. The gathering was pleasant and apparently helpful for the new people.</p> <p>2. An informal meeting with Peg Russell, Katherine and two young Mother's about garden courtesy. The meeting was not intended to blame gardeners for anything, but to talk about how everyone who lives here, people with children and without, can share the garden by assuming individual responsibility for the rules and behaving courteously when confronted with those who break rules. A dislike of and fear of picture taking and videoing of others was expressed.</p>	<p>1. Welcoming Committee Socials may be held monthly and other Garden Committee members are welcome to volunteer to attend.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Board rephrase the rules to sound friendlier and that the Gardener Code of Conduct be modified as a Code of Conduct for everyone</p>	<p>Katherine will post next Social</p> <p>Peg to discuss the meeting with the Board.</p>	

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Miscellaneous	<p>Marina has found a free compost organization in LIC and will research whether or not we can get compost from them.</p> <p>Some discussion about whether, given the city plans to do neighborhood composting and possible availability of free compost, we need to have our own compost bin.</p> <p>Tom is willing to provide sawdust if and when we set up a bin.</p> <p>Tom said that the date for the Berkeley Annual BBQ is Sunday 9/10 (rain date, 9/17)</p>	<p>Marina to contact Katherine with information</p> <p>To be continued</p>	<p>UPDATE - an email has been sent to the gardeners with Marina's findings</p>	

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 24, 4 pm