

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Sunday January 8, 2016

Attendees: Ira, Katherine, Richard P., Jo, Philip P., Sandra

| Item | Brief Recap | Action | Follow Up | Due |
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| Philip's Report from the Board meeting | <p>Philip confirmed that Skyline won't be responsible for plants damaged during building work. Gardeners have found workers pleasant and know that they do not do damage purposefully, but feel disheartened by the damage.</p> <p>Sandra wonders if we will recoup enough to participate in the Garden Tour in 2016</p> <p>The Board is interested in engaging Urban Arborist for our overall garden maintenance but will want to do a proper search with bidding before making a decision. Jo suggested a man from the NY Botanical gardens who submitted a proposal in the past.</p> <p>Katherine would prefer petty cash as actual cash on hand to reimburse gardeners for small purchases. Submitting receipts is cumbersome and lengthy when dealing with small purchases. Katherine currently holds \$259.51 in cash.</p> | <p>Gardeners can request plant replacement help from Garden Committee budget</p> <p>Katherine to contact Beautification Group about dates of Tour</p> <p>Philip to update</p> <p>Philip to revisit petty cash policy at Board meeting</p> | | |
| Posting Garden Committee news and articles | Philip has agreed to be in charge of communication for the Garden Committee. Gardeners are concerned that some plants have been stolen, that residents are reducing the south lawn to dirt paths walking across it, that plants have been stolen. Posting articles and pictures could help increase respect for the garden and the investment that individual gardeners have made in it. | Philip will submit to the newsletter and has begun a facebook page | Gardeners to discuss and submit to Philip news, pictures, articles for newsletter and/or facebook | |
| Stone Bed plantings | We have a comprehensive list of possible plants to add to the stone beds | final decisions to be made nearer Spring | | |
| Mulch Mower | Milton says that the current lawn mower cannot accommodate a leaf mulching attachment | Philip will talk to The Board about purchase of a mulch mower down the line | | |

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| Miscellaneous | <p>Will the garden hoses be removed during cold weather this year?</p> <p>Jo reported that the short length of hose used for bucket filling at the North End is missing</p> <p>Placement of North End hose caddy near Jo's plot sticks out over the walk, making it difficult to access the water faucet and the hose is too long and cumbersome</p> | Katherine to talk to Milton | | |
| Suggestions | <p>Ira suggested that any company hired to maintain our garden, take care of the inner garden lawns - seeding grass, filling holes etc.</p> <p>suggestion that we look into placing more cameras in the garden for safety and to identify vandals</p> <p>It was mentioned that plants being wintered in the 78th St. laundry room are being overwatered and the water is flooding the floor. It may be that people are "helping" to water and should be asked to stop with a sign or a newsletter comment.</p> | <p>Philip to bring suggestions to The Board</p> <p>Katherine to investigate</p> | | |

Next Meeting: Sunday, FEBRUARY 28, 4 pm