

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 7/28/19

Attendees: Katherine, Arden, Norma, Stephen, Peter, Richard, Marina, Miyako, Lara, Tom, Hiroko

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Garden safety lights	Not a particular garden issue, but one that affects a few in the group. Garden safety lights are shining very brightly into some apartments, sometimes into bedrooms.	Katherine spoke to Carlos about the possibility of modification. Removal does not seem to be an option. Stephen suggested metal "blindens" for the lights to minimize glare and spillover into windows.	Norma to come up with a statement to the Board, which we can sign, asking for help with this problem.	
Stones	Loose rocks that were once a part of the stone beds in the garden have been returned to the stone beds.	Stone bed rocks will be put back into eroding beds. New path to get to Peter's hose will be constructed using cement bricks donated by Marina.	Marina and Miyako will call a work day.	
Seed Room Clean up	Our 77th Street Garden room is in need of cleaning and reorganizing. We need: (1) new tables (2) remove the leftover compost bin (3) add another bin for long-handled tools (4) clean and organize.	Marina prefers to continue to clean the 78th Street Garden room on her own. A work day for the 77th Street room will be called when the weather cools - likely September.		
Misc.	Trimming - a reminder to gardeners to keep the walkways clear of plant spillover.	This is part of The Gardeners Code of Conduct: #4- We will Keep overhanging branches and plants properly trimmed away from walkways.		
Criteria for Membership and/or removal of a member from the group	Membership in The Garden Group is open to any interested Berkeley resident who feels his or her goals are compatible with the Group's ongoing practices -- and one or more of the following: caring for one's assigned plot, participating in meetings, willingness to take part in communal workdays and other planned Group projects, such as the Garden Tour.	We will not engage in argumentative emails but work to resolve issues one on one or in meetings, as we did during the 7/28 mtg.		

Item	BRIEF RECAP	ACTION	Follow Up Person	Due DATE
	<p>Group email communications should be limited to disseminating group minutes and related garden business, not as a forum for personal opinion, best discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>We reminded ourselves of the following in The Gardeners Code of Conduct:</p> <p>#1 Each of us is a representative of the entire Garden Group and responsible for its culture. We will not be disrespectful verbally or in writing to other residents, including fellow gardeners. We will think twice or speak to another gardener before responding with rancor.</p> <p>#6 We will practice respect and tolerance toward anyone who visits or works in the garden.</p>		
Regarding Children's Garden	<p>The Garden Group will reestablish its neutrality regarding the proposed Children's Garden, a Board issue.</p>			
Hiroko	<p>We welcomed Hiroko to the Garden Group. She has been gardening with Miyako, and now wants to join us.</p>	<p>Hiroko has requested a plot of her own and is on the waiting list.</p>		

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 25, 2019, 4 pm