

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 12/9/18

Attendees: Katherine, Bertine, Norma, Stephen, Anne, Richard, Maurice, Miyako, Ira, Eric, Mihee

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
New members of Garden Committee	We welcomed Eric Koch and his wife Mi-Hee. They will be adopting the plot that Bryce Bermingham and Claire Smith have cared for. Bryce and Claire are moving and we wish them the very best in their next adventure.	Katherine to contact Claire regarding her family roses. Does she want to take them with her?		
Gardening opportunities	Anne has offered to write a blurb for the newsletter letting residents know that there are gardening opportunities available for those who are interested. They include adoption of a plot or partial plot, helping to maintain an ongoing plot where the caretaker needs assistance or volunteering for occasional work days.	Interested parties can contact Katherine and/or Kayhan		
Plans for the Slope, the walkways, AND A Work Day	Phil and Richard are working on an overall design for the slope, which may include the small area where Jo's pots are currently located. Jo has given us permission to empty and remove them as they are falling apart. Concurrently, The Board plans to replace the walkways surrounding the North Lawn including the walkway under the slope. Eric, our new garden member is on the Board and helping to finalize the walkway plans.	A work day will take place on <u>SUNDAY, MARCH 24</u> to "walk through" and comment on the slope plan, to dismantle Jo's pots, AND for Eric to give us any information he has regarding the time frame and plan for the walks.		
Ed Leahy's offer of a tree	Ed has offered to donate a dogwood tree on the North Lawn and while we are interested in pursuing this idea, it is once again tabled until the walkways are completed and the slope plans are underway.	We thank Ed for his patience.		
Cindy Leahy's donation	Continued discussion about how to best use Cindy's generous donation. We may want to purchase some special plants or stones for the slope and Stephen suggested that we use part of it too to reimburse individual gardeners for special plants for their plots. He is especially interested in alliums for both the slope and his plot.	The discussion is ongoing and it is a nice problem to have going into Spring. Thank you Cindy		
Jo	Kayhan and Katherine visited Jo. Though her interest is alive, she will no longer be able to garden much as it is now physically too difficult for her. Anne then asked the Board if we could provide a planter along the fence	Anne will have our landscaper (Mark) install a planter and the group will help Jo, where	Jo was pleased with this idea and says she	

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	near her back step area so that, when she is able, she can garden.	needed, to continue her love of gardening	will plant herbs	
Plans for the "Mesa"	The Mesa is the large plot inside the North gate on 77th St. That area will have sod laid on it and be left, until a decision is made by the Board about what to do with it.			
Miscellaneous	<p>Maurice mentioned the rattraps that remain in the garden. They were put there during the neighborhood rat infestation of 2 or 3 years ago. The poison in the traps is no longer effective nor is there a rat problem.</p> <p>Fund raising ideas: Stephen wondered if a penny per resident share could go to the garden. It was pointed out that not all residents would want to do that and that Garden Group independence might be compromised if such an idea were instituted. Stephen also thought individual Go Fund Me Campaigns might work and said he might try that for his plot as a test case.</p> <p>We have received donations, had cards printed for sale at The Garden Tour, and a flea market in the past and those too are good options going forward.</p> <p>WE WILL BE DOING THE GARDEN TOUR AGAIN THIS YEAR. IT WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 8 FROM 12 UNTIL 4</p> <p>Kayhan and her partner, Tamiru, expect a baby boy in early April. We want to do something for them and decided to ask what they need.</p>	<p>Old rattraps can be handed in to the maintenance men. They can either re-bait them or discard them.</p> <p>All of these suggestions can be revisited if a need to raise more money for the garden arises.</p> <p>Katherine will RSV</p> <p>Katherine spoke to Kayhan who said the best gift of all would be some healthy dinners for a week or 2, home cooked or ordered in. They have lots of baby supplies at this point and would just like someone make sure they eat while they feed and care for their baby and get used to being parents.</p>	<p>After the baby comes Katherine will help Kayhan circulate a sign up for anyone who'd like to cook or order in. It will include a date for a contribution and a list of local restaurants and dishes they like, making ordering easy to do.</p>	

Next Meeting: Sunday April 7, 2019, 4 pm