

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday January 15, 2017

Attendees: Bertine, Katherine, Kayhan, Marina, Stephen, Sandra A.

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Pruning	Board allocated \$1,500 for interior garden pruning. Urban Arborists came on the Jan. 4th and lightly pruned all areas including most Rose of Sharon bushes. An invoice for \$915 was sent to the board accountant.	Bertine to check on invoice to make sure it is paid in a timely manner.		
Street Side Watering	Bertine and Marina checked with Milton and were told that the automatic watering has been working. Sandra A. noticed that it is going on earlier than usual (around 2am). We're not sure how much water is getting to plants and will only see the results in spring.			
Seeding and Grass	Committee to order more seed/ground cover which is a mix of clover, ground cover, and traditional grass. We will not rotate the lawn furniture. It was decided that moving it would only cause more bald patches. Committee to seed more frequently to see the effect of regular cultivation. How to protect south lawn grass as people walk through it. Create a stone delineated path? Put the table on a board/plank to limit grass loss.	Committee to create schedule and work days for members to volunteer to seed. To be continued.	Katherine	
Children & Garden Care	Bertine to write a short piece for the newsletter asking people to take extra care in walking through and using the garden: To notice things are growing and need space and gentle care to grow. Sandra suggested creating a photo contest/exhibit for youth in the coop to take photos of garden and plants to be exhibited during summer BBQ. This may serve to encourage children to look, not touch or pick flowers and to engage with the garden in a different way. Another idea for engaging young people is to create vegetable planters for children's garden. Young people to grow veggies and herbs to give more of a connection to living things.	Bertine to write up draft and send to Katherine. Sandra and Bertine to talk to Peg about the idea.		

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Miscellaneous	<p>If individual plots seem to be neglected, we will talk to each other one on one and offer help. And, if anyone feels the need for some help, they are encouraged are to ask.</p> <p>Marina volunteered to be the overall caretaker of the slope and to call workdays when required.</p> <p>Ongoing discussion about north lawn and how to inexpensively make the area nicer and more harmonious with different small trees and plants.</p> <p>Discussion about what, if anything to plant around trees as due to foot traffic and shade those areas are problematic.</p> <p>Committee to reassess ferns and stone bed plantings and make an effort to split and share what is thriving in the successful beds toward an upgrade of less successful beds.</p>			

Next Meeting: Sunday Feb. 26, 4 pm