

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday March 26, 2017

**Attendees: Katherine, Bertine, Tom, Marina, Ira, Richard P.,
Norma, Sandra, Kayhan, Jo**

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
"The cutter"	On the South End of the garden there are branches broken on Claire's rose bushes, on Sandra's Snowbell tree and one of her bushes and the ivy on the 78th street end of the fence is not allowed to grow. Tom has also reported an unknown "pruner" at the North End of the garden. Though there are some suspicions about who the culprit or culprits are, there is no proof.	Gardeners will keep an eye out. Katherine to write a blurb about this for the newsletter. Marina will post the blurb on the Google group		
Rain Barrels	After a discussion about the idea of putting rain barrels in our garden, the group decided against them, mainly because we have no spouts in the garden to collect water from			
The Garden Tour	Beginning discussion: For next meeting, think about pictures and text for a flyer, which Miyako will design. Sandra will consider selling cards again. Tom has offered access to paper and knows a printer for the flyer should we need that. If the North End is free from construction on the ramp wall, use that as our tour entrance. Most of the group volunteered to help out on tour day. Richard will bake cookies.	Ask Anne if she wants to bake cookies again organize times for volunteers next meeting, discuss the flyer with Miyako		
Grass seed sowing	A workday for seeding grass has been scheduled for Sunday Morning April 2 beginning around 10am.	All who plan to help seed, come to the garden		
Pathway on the South lawn	After a lengthy discussion, the group decided against trying to make a formal diagonal pathway across the lawn, where it has a lot of traffic and where the grass gets trampled. It would be expensive, the area is too small for it design wise and, the lawn is plagued by depressions caused by the rotting roots of removed trees. The whole area needs refilling again. Marina suggested planting at the corner of the lawn where people enter onto the grass. There was a mixed response to the suggestion as some feel there are enough large plantings near there. A second suggestion was to plant annuals where the footpath starts	For now, when the furniture is brought out, we will place the table diagonally across the path and see if it discourages the traffic		
Dirt	We need to order dirt for gardeners to use in their plots and in the stone beds as the new season begins	Katherine to contact Anne about ordering dirt		

Next Meeting: Sunday April 30, 4 pm