

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 2/2/2015 4:00pm

Attendees: Katherine, Phil, Kayhan, Tom, Jo, Ira, Stephen, Richard P., Marina, Peter, Norma

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up
Budget	Katherine will speak with Sandy about an updated budget. The group believes there is 5K in remaining funds.	Updated budget from Sandy	Katherine
Donated Tools	Pam from the 78 th Street building has donated tools to the garden committee. 3 heavy rakes, 1 leaf rake, 3 shovels, 1 garden fork, something that looks like a hook, 1 hoe, 1 pair of pruning shears, 1 lopper, saws, 1 pair of hedge clippers.	Will arrive in March	
Common Area Bed Plantings & Trees	The Committee approved the following plants for the planting beds in the pit. Creeping Thyme, Calladium, Yellow Sedum, Ageratem. The purchase of these plants will come out of Committee funds. It was determined that the trees at the north end of the garden were fertilized when planted. Compost (from bins) will be used to fertilize the plants going forward.	Committee to purchase plants in spring	
Seed Room	Marina will buy two bags of potting soil for the seed room. Seeds will be planted mid-March. Marina will supply labels, stickers and pens to identify seedlings. On March 15 at Noon the Committee will clean the seed room to make room for seed trays.	Marina to buy potting soil & provide ID labels.	Marina
Renovation of South End	Katherine will ask Sandy for an update on the renovation of the North end of the garden		Katherine
Center Square Repair	The Committee chose to delay the repair of the center square. Some plants will grow over the damaged areas. Richard P who maintains the square would prefer to leave it as is.		
Fence vines.	Committee members volunteered to maintain the vines along the fence on the north side of the garden. Norma, Katherine, Richard, Ira, and Steven will maintain the vines this season.		
Watering	There was concern about a perception that the recent increase in coop maintenance fees was due to increased water use by the Berkeley gardeners. It was pointed out a city water rate increase is not based on water consumption. However, Marina pointed that gardeners should be conservative with water usage anyway and be mindful of watering just before rain is forecast.		
Miscellaneous	Jo asked that the watering can left on the seed room floor remain there. It is a reminder to look out for the raised floor pipe that she trips on. Thank you to Marina and Bristol for lovingly caring for the plants in the seed room. It is worth a trip there to see their "nursery" Tom is willing to host an excursion to take cuttings from current plants for transporting to other spots. Next month we will think about shrubbery for the inner garden.		

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