

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Attendees: Katherine, Maurice, Sandra, Norma, Richard P.

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Budget	<p>The petty cash fund, that Katherine maintains, holds \$520. \$400 of that fund is from the Flea Market Amelia McCready held for the benefit of the garden.</p> <p>Garden funds allocated by the Board and held by Wavecrest stand at \$682.</p>	It may be time for the Board to allocate more funds for large expenditures	Katherine to follow up with Anne	
Urban Arborists	We discussed having Urban Arborists return for a yearly maintenance of our garden, particularly the trees. We have questions about tree fertilization and need trees pruned	Peter volunteered to contact Urban Arborists	Katherine to follow up with Peter	
Tree planting on the North Lawn	<p>The members present today had mixed feelings about tree planting on the North lawn.</p> <p>Both Marina and Ira have fig trees that might be possibilities but there are questions as to whether they could survive the winter, although there are varieties which do.</p> <p>Some people do not want big trees.</p> <p>Some people want only 1 extra tree if any.</p> <p>Perhaps we should utilize the NY Tree give away again.</p>	The discussion was tabled as no action can be taken without more members in attendance and more discussion.		
Grass Seeding	<p>Given that a decision has been made in favor of heavy furniture and a lot of foot traffic, the lawn, such as it is, will continue to suffer. The members of the Garden Group present today discussed whether we should be asked to continue to work on the lawn. It is a big project and perhaps one the Board should now consider getting professional help with.</p> <p>Members were agreed that furniture and a user-friendly garden are preferable to a beautiful lawn, although it would be better to have both.</p>	<p>Volunteers from the group can continue to seed patches of dirt, but this is not enough</p> <p>There was a suggestion to put aquarium pebbles at the bottom of the stairs into the center garden.</p> <p>There was also a suggestion to construct physical "pads" for underneath furniture.</p>		

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The ivy	<p>The ivy needs periodic attention, both weaving and clipping.</p> <p>Norma showed the group that someone is destroying the ivy at the end of the fence on the 78th street side across from the compost bin. This has been happening for 3 years.</p>	<p>Norma to contact Katherine when it is time to call a work day for the ivy fence.</p> <p>Norma has asked Milton to help in solving the mystery.</p>		
Compost bin	<p>It was noted that the compost bin on the south end has not been emptied or removed.</p>	<p>Katherine to notify Anne</p>		

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 7, 4 pm