

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 2/25/18

**Attendees: Katherine, Bertine, Tom, Marina, Ira, Richard P.,
Kayhan, Maurice, Peter, Stephen, Miyako**

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Wall Repair	<p>The ramp wall repair should be completed by the end of March. The wet weather has slowed the process.</p> <p>Concerns from gardeners: that the children's garden, the slope and the North Lawn will need considerable reconstruction. Does the wall repair contract include help with the work of putting our garden back together and will the Board help financially?</p> <p>An additional concern was the large tree on the slope. We recommend doing an assessment of it to know if any damage was caused to the root system while under the tarp and additional dirt for months.</p>	Breaking news: The workmen as of yesterday 2/28 were seen moving dirt back to the Children's area	Bertine and The Board	
Foliage	Maurice reported that tree foliage outside of the 77th Street South entrance is obscuring the security cameras located there	This is an outside landscaper job which will be reported to Anne	Bertine and The Board	
Squirrels	Norma has reported that it is squirrels "trimming" the ivy to construct fire escape nests on the 78th street South end of the building near the fence. Norma. Norma reports that someone is feeding the squirrels which encourages their behavior.	nests need to be removed quickly and residents should be reminded not to feed the squirrels	Bertine and The Board	
The Garden Tour	Daniel Karatzas has sent out his annual invitation to participate in The Garden Tour in June. Gardeners unanimously agreed that they do wish to participate.	The invitation was forwarded to Anne. We await the Board's okay	Katherine to respond to Daniel on receipt of Board approval	
Blue Stone slate	The Board has contracted professionals to repair our garden walkways. The slate is bluestone and will compliment what is there now. Repairs have been made previously by the maintenance staff, but we need expert and long lasting repairs			

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Compost	<p>Marina reported that there are some bags of compost left from the supply we got from the city last Fall. We discussed doing this again as the compost we get is excellent, odorless and easy to use.</p> <p>If you use any of the remaining compost, please return the empty bags to the area where you picked them up. We will hand those bags back to the garden in LIC.</p>	Marina will apply to receive compost for our garden	Recruit volunteers for pickup	

Next Meeting: April 8

***(March 18 does not work.
March 25 is Palm Sunday)***