

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 8/25/2019, 4:00pm

Attendees: Katherine, Phil, Christina, Kevin, Eric, Mee Hee, Richard, Tom, Norma, Miyako, Marina, Kayhan, Sandra

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Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up
New Members	We welcomed new members Christina Frey and Kevin Doyle to the meeting. They are interested in joining the Garden Committee and at this point are happy to help out and will consider being on the waiting list for a garden plot.	Katherine will add them to email list.	
Lawn Seeding	It was proposed to rope off 1/3 of the pit for one year in an attempt to repair the lawn. The Committee noted it has tried for several years to grow grass, and that grass tends not to grow under the garden furniture and under shrubs. The Committee decided to postpone discussion until the next meeting.	Next Meeting	
Mesa Grass	The grass planted on the Mesa in the spring has not grown as expected. The area is shaded, and the soil the sod was planted on may not drain well.	Katherine to report to Anne	
Stone Path Renovation and "staging area" for workers	Company that previously constructed the stone paths has been identified. Eric noted that the construction should start in October. He also confirmed no garden plots would be utilized as a "staging area" for the work.	The upper North gate walkway will likely be used for "staging".	
Annual Pruning	Katherine will contact the arborist for the annual pruning. The Committee noted many large limbs are blocking sunlight into the pit, creating a "Tunnel" effect and blocking light. Several committee members will mark branches they feel should be pruned. The date will be Sunday, Sept 1 at 4:00 PM.	mark limbs for Urban Arborist to prune. 9/1 4 PM	
Seed room clean up.	Committee members will clean up the seed room on Sunday, September 8 th at 11:00 AM.	Seed room clean up. 9/8 11 AM	

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Composting	The Committee discussed the resurrection of composting at the Berkeley. The committee noted past issues with composting: attracts rodents, inappropriate items in the compost bins, lack of usage or enough supervision. The Committee elected not to resurrect composting and to continue to use the Big Reuse for compost. Marina will contact a truck owner and arrange for compost delivery.	Marina to find truck and arrange pickup and price. Katherine to contact Big Reuse for a pick up date	
Review of policy on plot adoption	In a 2014 Garden Policy decision, The Garden committee said that if a gardener is relinquishing a plot, said plot can be passed to someone who has been or has become a co- caretaker of the plot. Peter, who cannot continue to garden at this time, has passed his plot to Miyako and Hiroko who have been helping him for some time. The Committee thanked them for the construction of a path to the water faucet, with Marina's help. Going forward, the plot will be maintained by Miyako and Hiroko, with Peter assisting when he is able. Currently Marina and Federico are helping Rodica, who is in Europe They will continue to maintain the plot, at Rodica's request, should Rodica decide to give it up. .	In the event that there is no one to transfer a plot to, it will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.	
Ivy Fence	Richard will coordinate ivy maintenance on Labor Day (Sept 2). It was also suggested we have standard scheduled maintenance days – the weekend before the garden tour, and the week before the garden party.	Richard to coordinate ivy maintenance. 9/2.	
Petty Cash	Katherine alerted the Committee that there is \$150 in petty cash funds available for small Committee expenses.		

THE NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22