

# Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday June 26, 2016

**Attendees: Katherine, Kayhan, Marina, Ira, Yelena, Maurice, Stephen, Peter**

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
<b>Garden Tour</b>	Congrats to everyone on another successful tour! We had over 300 visitors and MANY compliments and appreciations. For next year, Miyako has offered to design a one-page "About the Berkeley Garden" handout.			
<b>Budget</b>	Katherine has the check from the Board to reimburse the petty cash account. Limited items under \$100 can be reimbursed	Katherine to deposit check		
<b>Outdoor Plants &amp; Grass</b>	A notice will be put in the newsletter for residents NOT to touch or take it upon themselves to adjust the sprinklers or to water the plants. We almost lost plants due to over and under watering because people were turning on and off the sprinkler system. We will not rotate the lawn furniture as of now. It was decided that moving it would only cause more bald patches. Kayhan and Stephen to test a once-a-week seeding process with a hand tiller versus rake.	Anne to put in newsletter.  Kayhan & Stephen test seeding. Ira to buy hand tiller.		
<b>Rats</b>	While the discussion of the rats was going on said rat came out and was foraging and investigating the garden, in and around Ira's patch - completely without fear, not 15 feet away from the meeting. Anne has been working with Dromm's office and the Department of Housing to put the traps out and to check if any rats have been caught. They were supposed to come out and check the traps last week and didn't. Dromm's office is getting in touch with DOH directly. Due to the potential to be a food source for the rats, as some residents don't follow the composting directions properly, and the bins draw other garbage and dumping, the compost bins will be locked and removed until we can deal with the rats. One very large concern is that if the situation isn't managed over the summer, the rats will start looking for, and creating, nests for the winter. We do not want rats' nests in and around the buildings and gardens.	Anne to work with Dromm and DOH and keep us informed.	UPDATE:  The bins have been locked and gardeners are using up the remaining compost in order to empty them.	

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<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<p>We welcomed Anne as our garden liaison.</p> <p>If anyone has anything for the flea market, contact Amelia. Date set for Sat. 8/14. Rain date Sun. 8/14</p> <p>Hose caddy replacement part, hoses, and nozzles needed. Ira to pick up from Home Depot.</p> <p>Grass will be mowed on a three week schedule. Anne to set with the staff.</p>	<p>IRA</p> <p>Anne</p>	<p>UPDATE: Ira purchased hoses and nozzles. New handles will be shipped to us free from Home Depot. Ira was not able to find a hand tiller at Home Depot</p>	

***Next Meeting: Sunday July 24, 4 pm***