

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Attendees: Katherine, Kayhan, Miyako, Stephen

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
A donation	Ed Leahy has offered to donate a dogwood tree and have it planted on the North Lawn. Thank you for your generous offer, Ed.	As we were very few at this meeting, we tabled further discussion until we further develop our plans for the slope and until we have a meeting, which is better attended - opinions are mixed about more trees.	Katherine to email Ed	
Urban Arborists update	The Board approved the Urban Arborist proposal for pruning. However, UA's schedule has been pushed back due to rainy weather and tree planting priorities. They will get to us when tree planting season ends, and have said that winter is actually prime time for pruning.	Katherine to get some advice from them re: rose pruning and about staking Sandra's small tree.	When a date is set, Katherine will send an email announcement.	
Compost	60 bags of compost were delivered and are against the wall next to the seed room. We will be using it on the trees, the slope, and the stone beds. We ask that gardeners take only as much as they need for individual plots and save at least 10 bags for common use. Thank you to Marina, Ted, Michael, Katherine and Kayhan for getting this accomplished. Stephen mentioned that Starbucks will donate free coffee grounds for gardening compost. If you are interested Stephen can help you to do that.	PLEASE put all emptied compost bags in the seed room. We will return them for reuse at Big Reuse.	\$200 was paid for two men with a pick up truck. Katherine paid out of petty cash Anne will reimburse \$175.	
Miscellaneous	WORK DATE - to rake leaves to be mowed for making mulch and to compost trees, the slope and the stone beds. Stephen suggested that we use some of our \$1000 donation from Cindy Leahy to buy allium bulbs to use all over the garden. 78th St Laundry vent - Katherine concerned about the amount of thick and invasive lint being discharged from the vent onto the stones, plants and planter pot in front of the vent. That area has become an eye sore again as well as unhealthy to breathe.	SUNDAY, 11/18 10AM Part of ongoing discussion re Cindy's donation. Katherine to ask if the filters can be cleaned more often as a first step		

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	<p>Peter Brams is in Rehab in downtown Manhattan. He is okay, but recovering from a minor stroke, which affected his speech. We look forward to his return to the group.</p> <p>GARDENERS, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING AS WE HAVE BUSINESS TO WRAP UP. WE CAN DECIDE TOO, AT THE MEETING, IF WE WANT TO SUSPEND FUTURE MEETINGS FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS, AS WE OFTEN DO, IN WINTER.</p>	<p>Katherine to visit him soon, take him a card and let him know that he is missed.</p>	<p>Katherine has a # for Peter, if you wish to contact him.</p>	

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 2, 4 pm