

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Attendees: Anne, Peter, Katherine, Richard P, Miyako, Jo

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Compost update	The compost bins will remain in the garden until mid-August at which time they will be cleaned and stored. Any remaining completely cooked compost will be added to the dirt pile	use compost	Katherine to set a mid - August date with Milton	
The Grass	We have a new hand tiller and more grass seed available to continue spot seeding our lawn. There was discussion about the merits of using weed killer to rid the grass of the huge weeds there - mowing helps spread the weeds unfortunately. At the moment the consensus is to keep mowing, keep seeding and live with the weeds.	Anne to arrange mowing schedule for every 3 weeks		
The Ivy Fence	Norma has requested help in maintaining the ivy fence	A work date will be set and an email sent out for volunteers	Katherine will get date from Norma and send email	
Miscellaneous	<p>1. Tom sent an email reporting possible vandalism of a tree on 77th St.</p> <p>2. There have been no rat sightings recently so it looks like the extermination measures taken are working. Anne mentioned mint as a good natural rat repellent</p> <p>3. The annual BBQ will take place on Sunday September (rain date September 25). Anne emphasized that the BBQ is a potluck and there is a need for participation.</p> <p>4. It was agreed that continued professional pruning of our garden is a good idea and that Urban Arborists are the people to do the work again.</p> <p>5. Peter suggested planting a tree or two on the North Lawn for beauty and shade. This may need further discussion but was met with interest by those at the meeting.</p>	<p>Investigate, if necessary, report to Danny Dromm's office</p> <p>Miyako has offered to plant some pots of mint to be placed strategically in the garden</p> <p>Bring your favorite picnic dish and join the party.</p> <p>Peter to contact Urban Arborists re: scope of work and price</p> <p>Peter to ask Urban Arborists for suggestions</p>	Katherine	

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 25th at 4 pm