

# Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 8/5/18

Attendees: Anne, Kayhan, Katherine, Marina, Richard P., Peter, Ira, Norma

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
<b>Slope Plantings</b>	<p>Discussion around what to plant on the slope focused on what large structural things to plant in the back (by the rail) as well as what to fill in the other levels with. Structural/large plants discussed were many varieties of hydrangea – snowball, lace cap, and tree hydrangea. The idea of Bush Dogwood was raised. Later on neighbors passed by and said they will have two Magnolia trees to donate in about a year. Those might be very nice on either end of upper slope.</p> <p>Other ideas for the lower levels of slope was to have color and variety of flowers and plants, possibly something evergreen, and possibly some grasses.</p> <p>It was decided that before buying anything new a proper assessment of what is currently there should be made. Gardeners can decide on what to keep and move, as well as what can be donated to other gardeners. Some items on slope can be donated to mesa/children’s garden.</p> <p>Ideal time to replant is early Oct, work day called for SEPTEMBER 9, 10am-12pm, to start moving and rearranging some plants. Will give us enough time to order new plants if needed.</p>	<p>Work day set for SUNDAY SEPT. 9, 10am – 12pm to look at current plants on slope and rearrange.</p>		
<b>Slope Soil</b>	<p>The mesa was nicely tilled and prepared but the side of the slope is still very rocky and impacted. Anne will follow up with our landscaper to understand what the issue with that area is.</p> <p>There is a part of the slope that is eroding and washing dirt on to the new sod. It’s choking the sod. Idea to create a trough with plantings that can withstand soil erosion to be a buffer in that area.</p>	<p>Anne to talk to landscaper and report back</p> <p>Review erosion problem during work day on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.</p>	Anne	
<b>Misc</b>	<p>A note asking folks to let us know if plants or bushes are blocking the walkways or causing a hazard to go into Newsletter this month. Overhanging plants and branches are being broken and cut – understandable if they are in the way. All gardeners need to</p>	<p>Blurb sent to communications committee for newsletter.</p> <p>Katherine to write</p>		

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	<p>be diligent with propping up or trimming the plants that hang over walkways. As well, someone dug up and took an entire plant from Phil's plot ☹️ The news blurb will address the taking of plants too.</p> <p>Children's garden is moving forward, though the Mesa will not be planted until next year. Lara and Marilyn ask that if anyone has advice on what will or will not grow in the children's areas to please reach out. They are also looking for donations and cuttings that will grow in their areas.</p>	<p>note to all gardeners.</p> <p>All gardeners to be mindful and trim their plants regularly.</p> <p>The gardeners are glad to advise and invite Marilyn and Lara to contact us. A suggestion was made to contact Tom and Peg as they have experience in the Mesa area. Any gardeners with plants to donate please contact Marilyn or Lara.</p>	Katherine	

***Next Meeting: Sunday September 9. 4pm.***