

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 3/22/2015 4:00pm

Attendees: Katherine, Kayhan, Jo, Richard P., Bristol, Peter, Norma, Sandra A.

MINUTES

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up
Budget	Sandy confirmed that there is 5K in remaining funds. Marina used about \$24 for seed room supplies.	Budget will be updated	Katherine
Donated Tools	Pam from the 78 th Street building has not reached out again to let us know if she is back in town. We will wait to hear from her.	None	
Free "Fruit" Trees	The City is giving away free fruit trees to be planted in people's personal gardens. The trees are not actually "fruit" trees but Red Bud; Japanese Snowbell; Service Berry, and Witch Hazel. Sandra A. will replace her dead Red Bud with a Japanese Snowbell. Katherine will order a Witch Hazel for the North Slope. If it gets uprooted with the renovations, we will deal with it at that time. We can only get one tree per building/address.	Order Trees	Katherine
Seed Room	Marina has bought the supplies and the room is read to use.	None	
Renovation of South End	There is no update. Committee agreed to enjoy the North slope while it's there and plant knowing that whatever is placed there might be destroyed or moved later on.	None	
Common Area Plantings	We discussed who will go to buy the plants we agreed on planting in the common areas, where we may go, and how we will transport the plants back. One option is Tom's go to nursery in Bayside. Sandra A. mentioned the Brooklyn Terminal Market which has a huge selection and native plants. It was of interest to many committee members. No definite plans made as we will not be planting anything till mid-May. Will confirm plans in April meeting.	Find location and hours of Terminal Market	Kayhan
Jackson Heights Garden Tour	Committee agreed that we should do the tour again this year. Sandra A. presented a lovely photo book she printed of flowers in	Bring sample	Sandra A.

	<p>the Berkeley garden. The idea of printing a book or notecards as a fundraiser during the tour was raised. Committee voted on notecards as they are cheaper to print and will offer more room to recover and raise funds. Sandra will print a number of cards as a sample for next meeting.</p>	notecards to confirm	
Miscellaneous	<p>Norma recommends members join the JHBG email list. They send very few notifications (every few months) and it's a good way to learn about events and happenings in the neighborhood. Thank you to Marina and Bristol for caring for the seed room. Tom willing to host an excursion to take cuttings from current plants for transplanting to other spots. Next month we will think about shrubbery for the inner garden. Sandra A. suggested we make an investment in a box of ladybugs later in the season as a natural way to keep Aphids in check. Committee was interested in this idea. Committee encouraged to plant indigenous milkweed and yarrow to support monarch butterflies who are in great danger. Committee was interested. Some nice new materials are being used for potted plants, can the committee re-visit our pot recommendations? Phil has stepped down as co-chair as his work and other priorities have shifted. We thank him for his excellent work and wish him well.</p>	<p>Look into ladybug process and prices, look into indigenous milkweed and yarrow</p>	<p>Sandra A.; Richard P.</p>

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 4pm