

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Sunday February 28, 2016

Attendees: Katherine, Kayhan, Richard P., Jo, Philip P., Norma, Stephen, Marina, Maurice, Tom, Peter

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Philip's Report from the Board meeting	<p>Philip confirmed that the Board is open to considering Urban Arborists and alternative bids for exterior garden care. They will gather bids and proposals. Jo suggests contacting the Horticultural Society of NY.</p> <p>Phil announced that he will not be seeking re-election to the Board this year but will continue to maintain the Berkeley Facebook page he has begun. The Garden Committee can submit postings to him.</p>	<p>Phil to update</p> <p>You will be missed Phil. You've been very helpful to the group</p>	<p>Another Board member will become the Garden Committee's Board Liaison</p>	
Garden Tour	<p>The Garden Committee wants to participate in the tour on June 11th. Issues around the work being done on the garden side is something to track and consider. One big consideration is the work on the ramp – it will completely upend the entrance that we usually use for the tour.</p>	<p>Committee will change the entrance to be used for the tour to the South side, 78th street gate.</p> <p>Arrangements will need to be made once we learn the work plan for the ramp so that Tom can move his plants (and probably a tree). The compost bin will also need to be relocated.</p>	<p>Phil to get more information from the Board about the schedule for all the work being done and any details about the plans to fix the ramp.</p> <p>The group offered to help Tom.</p>	
Stone Bed plantings	<p>Richard will order a ground cover called Vinca and will experiment with different plants in one stone bed to see what flourishes and under what conditions.</p>	<p>Richard will order the Vinca and experiment with other plants</p>	<p>Gardeners working in stone beds will help assess and upgrade areas that are not flourishing.</p>	

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Lawn maintenance and repair	<p>The lawn needs upkeep and a plan to address multiple issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sink holes – throughout the lawn but especially around the tree near Norma’s plot. Old root system? Concrete slab underneath? Old pipes leaking underneath? ■ Do we need a new type of grass - A heartier variety like a bluegrass blend? 	<p>evaluate and create a plan for dealing with the multiple issues Contact Urban Arborists to find out if they do lawn maintenance</p>	Phil	
Miscellaneous	<p>Jo reported that the short length of hose used for bucket filling at the North End is missing.</p> <p>Placement of North End hose caddy near Jo's plot sticks out over the walk, making it difficult to access the water faucet and the hose is too long and cumbersome</p> <p>Marina followed up with the plants being wintered in the 78th St. laundry room and spoke with the “helper” and there are no longer any issues with the plants or water flooding.</p>	<p>Norma will give Jo her piece of hose to use.</p> <p>Katherine will follow up with Umberto to see if caddy can be reinstalled, if not gardeners will create a stone path to make walking around it easier.</p> <p>NONE</p>	<p>Norma & Jo</p> <p>Katherine</p>	

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 3, 4 pm