

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Attendees:, Katherine, Marina, Richard P., Miyako, Peter, Stephen, Jo

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Care of soil	<p>Thanks to Marina who gave us an excellent review of the workshop that she and Norma attended on preparing soil for winter -- including the importance of soil testing, how to make our soil healthy, and how to mulch naturally with plants and leaves.</p> <p>There was another discussion about how to solve the problem of the bare patches left by the lawn furniture. In the meantime we will continue to reseed the patches.</p>	<p>Katherine to contact Milton re mow/cut leaves to spread over on the lawn as natural mulch.</p> <p>A set of papers on soil care and mulching will be sent out to all active gardeners.</p> <p>There is also a copy of the information in the seed room.</p>	<p>A workday is scheduled for next Sunday, Nov 12, at 11am to repair garden bald patches and reseed.</p>	
Garden Pruning	<p>Urban Arborists pruned our garden on October 31. They did a lot of work including the trimming of Rose of Sharons, all bushes along the walkways, and the pruning of trees. They also removed the wisteria from two trees, pruned the raised rose bush areas, and assessed the red bud in Ira's alcove. It is dying because it was planted too deeply and has had to develop a couple of new roots closer to the surface which do not give it adequate nourishment.</p>	<p>Discussion about keeping costs down while doing the necessary work to keep our garden healthy and strong.</p>		
Ramp Repair	<p>The Landmarks Commission has finally approved the ramp work and it should begin soon.</p>			
Work Dates	<p>We will plan workdays for seeding the bare patches under furniture, mulching around our newer trees and in the stone beds, and cleaning up the seed room.</p>	<p>The first workday is this Sunday. See Follow-up, above.</p>		
Meetings	<p>We agreed to continue our policy of cancelling meetings in December and January.</p>	<p>We will send emails to schedule workdays and/or provide necessary information.</p>		

Next Meeting: February 25, 2018