

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday April 17, 2016

Attendees: Peter, Katherine, Phil P., Maurice, Tom, Marina, Ira, Richard P., Norma and two new people Michael and Miyako

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
So long to Philip	Philip Papas announced that this was his last meeting but that he would maintain the garden Face Book page he has begun. THANK YOU Philip for being a terrific garden liaison for us. Your timely and complete reports, good cheer, and helpful attitude have been much appreciated. You will be missed.	We will welcome a new Board Liaison		
New Gardeners	We welcomed Michael Castenero and Miyako Taguchi to our group. As Richard Tsao has decided to give up his plot, Miyako will take over care of that area. Michael is interested in helping to seed grass and other short term projects. A new couple, Jessica and Josh could not be at this meeting but have agreed, according to Tom, to work with him in his area near the compost bin.	Ira offered to rake the plot which Miyako will adopt and to help her get started. Tom will get Jessica and Josh started		
work days	Sunday April 24th at 10am , gardeners will meet to sow grass seed. There was a discussion about the "holes" in the lawn	Group considers the subsidence in the ground a Board issue and will go ahead with the seeding	update:The north lawn was seeded on Monday 4/18	
Mulch Mower	Lengthy discussion about merits of buying a mulch mower. It was decided by the group not to invest as good mowers are too expensive, we actually do not have enough leaf volume to make it worthwhile, and the landscaper does not think it is worthwhile.	Group interested in an aerator for the lawn - not expensive and more useful for our needs	Marina and Katherine will research	
Stone Beds	Richard has begun experimenting with various small plants in one of the stone beds. Group seems to have moved toward "freeing" up planting choices as the beds vary in soil quality and light. The important thing is that stone beds be well maintained and watered and pretty. General policy is that individual gardeners be responsible for the stone bed nearest their plot.	We need an order of soil for stone bed upgrades and for general use Richard made a comprehensive list of planting possibilities for the stone beds.	update: soil has been ordered. An order of mulch is already here contact Katherine for list of planting possibilities for stone beds	

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Garden Tour plans	<p>Philip reported that the ramp repair will not be done until after the Garden Tour. The work is still not progressing and is still at "the soil sample stage"</p> <p>Brief discussion about logistics of the tour At the meeting on May 15 plans will be finalized and volunteers recruited.</p>	<p>Anne and Richard to bake cookies.</p>	Katherine	
miscellaneous	<p>We will be buying more of the aluminum wall mounted hose caddies, non swivel as the swivel caddies break. We also need more hose nozzles and sprinklers for watering our newly seeded grass.</p> <p>Our current budget: \$150 in petty cash, \$1,187 in Board allocated budget. A suggestion was made that we ask the Board for a set regular per year budget</p> <p>Philip mentioned new tree surrounds on Northern Blvd. which are paid for by the City. We wonder why there and why not here too.</p> <p>Tom pointed out that the Berkeley has a wholesale garden supply company account.</p> <p>Norma has been taking care of the Ivy fence and could use help with this task</p>	<p>Marina has agreed to research and order</p> <p>needs further discussion</p> <p>needs more research</p> <p>Ask Anne about this</p> <p>contact Norma if you want to help out</p>	<p>Marina and Katherine</p> <p>Katherine</p>	

Next Meeting: Sunday May 15, 4 pm