

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday November 5, 2016

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

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Introduction	Bertine Lafayette was introduced as our new liaison to The Board.	Bertine will be with the Garden Group during the winter months. Probably Anne during the summer		
Garden Budget	Katherine holds \$520. in petty cash for small expenditures. \$400. of that was a donation. Wavecrest holds the \$680. left of the \$6250. which the Board approved in May 2014.	We will need another infusion of money to be held by Wavecrest in order to pay for professional pruning and any other large expenses	Bertine to take this request to the Board	
Pruning	Peter met with Bill Logan of Urban Arborists. UA did a major pruning for us last year, which we were pleased with. Bill suggested a light pruning this year. General agreement that professional pruning is important for preserving our investment in a beautiful garden and is not something that the Gardeners can do themselves.	Peter to get an estimate which will be forwarded to Bertine		
Trees for the North Lawn	General agreement that one or two flowering trees on the North Lawn would enhance it. As well, Ira and Marina each have small winter hardy fig trees that need a sunnier location and would work nicely with the small cherry tree already there. In order to have room for trees the group agreed that the forsythia bush should be removed and that the butterfly bushes, should we choose two trees, might need to be re-located.	Peter will talk to Bill Logan at UA about trees. Apple trees and crepe myrtle trees were suggested. Katherine to talk to Rodica should the butterfly bushes need to be relocated.	This is in the planning stages at this point, but there was agreement about doing something	

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Miscellaneous	<p>Raking leaves and sowing Fall grass seed. Ira plans to work this Sunday, Nov13, at 10am.</p> <p>A second grass seeding workday may take place on Sunday, November 20.</p> <p>Jo suggested a meandering, hole free and safe path through the central garden</p> <p>Marina is concerned that the 78th Street outer gardens are not being watered. Plants and bushes are dying not only from the scaffolding but from lack of water.</p> <p>Marina suggested that we pay more attention to continued beautification of the slope.</p> <p>Norma reported "the ivy cutter". This person has been cutting back the fence ivy across from the compost bin at the South end. It is an ongoing annoyance.</p> <p>The Holidays are coming and the garden is starting to sleep so we will meet again in January.</p>	<p>Anyone who can help please join Ira in the garden.</p> <p>An email confirming date and time will be sent</p> <p>General agreement that filling all the holes would be up to The Board and that our center garden is too narrow to accommodate a path.</p> <p>Hoses may need to be put there as the sprinkling system is not functioning</p> <p>We can revisit this when we meet to make Spring plans</p> <p>We can keep our eyes open for garden mischief makers and We might try putting up signs</p>	<p>Katherine</p> <p>Bertine to check into this</p> <p>Katherine</p>	

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 15, 4 pm