

Berkeley Garden Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 10/7/18

Attendees: Kayhan, Richard P., Phil, Anne, Norma

Item	Brief Recap	Action	Follow Up	Due
Slope Plantings	<p>In the morning Ira, Phil, Richard P. and Phil's friend Camille distributed the dirt around the slope evenly. They also moved back one of the Oak Hydrangeas a bit. The roots are pretty shallow so it wasn't too difficult.</p> <p>The blue hydrangea on the slope is to go out to the street side, where the oak hydrangea near Anne's door will come on to the slope. Committee still waiting on quote from Urban Arborists as to cost of transplanting those.</p> <p>Richard P. and Phil have agreed to co-manage the plans and ongoing work on slope so that the work is done systematically and according to the plans drawn up. Phil will resurrect his drawing and update it.</p> <p>Question about rail on top of slope. Anne said Board was investigating work on all the garden paths. If that work is done those rails will come up. In the meantime the idea of growing Akibia or Porcelain Berry (a curly vine) at the base of the rail was floated. Akibia may need more regular pruning and maintenance than Porcelain Berry. No decision made, we can leave that as one of the last things we think about.</p>	<p>Katherine to get estimate from UA</p> <p>Phil to revamp his drawing/plan as a reference document for slope work.</p>	<p>Katherine</p> <p>Phil</p>	
Pruning	Katherine did walk through with UA. Date TBD for pruning.		Katherine	
Donation	<p>Cindy Leahy has made a generous donation of \$1,000 to the Garden Committee. (Thank you, Cindy!) We discussed how that money might be used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informal stone "terracing" and stone barriers for slope. Buying and getting stones delivered. 2. Walkway across the South Lawn, where the old one was. 3. Lawn Care: sunken area on South side and South Lawn have large dips in the ground that can be filled in with dirt. Thorough weeding of lawns where weeds have pushed out grass should be done and grass re-seeded. Can hire laborers to do that work. 	Further discussions and pricing needed to see what budgets we will need for various work.		

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Compost	Marina, Katherine and Kayhan have made an appointment for free compost pickup. 10/17 between 4-6pm. Still looking for someone to drive a van. Kayhan found a flyer on 76 th street advertising man with van, she will call and find out his rate and if he can do this. We will repost in Google group for a volunteer.	Call man with van and post request again in Google group	Kayhan	
Misc	Spiders in the ivy. Richard got a very bad bite which sent him to the hospital. All gardeners be careful when working in the ivy, wear gloves and long sleeves. In the meantime, we will spot treat the ivy fence with some store-bought pesticide.	Buy some pesticide	Norma/Richard P.	

Next Meeting: Sunday Nov 4. 4pm.