

Biogaian Meeting June 12, 2017

Facilitator: Laura

Notetaker: Susie

Attending: Helen, Laura, Hyra, Katie, Brent, Sylvan, Mary, Patricia, Susie, Jacob, Sadhana, Douglas

Katie - Exit Interview

Patricia will schedule an exit interview and invite Biogaians who wish to attend.

Summer Projects -

Gathering Space - Suggest work on it the week of July 10th - 15th, when Brian is available (includes leveling gravel, and one section of rabbit fence)

Suggest we do the "south section" of the Rabbit Fence (ditch with the area, install one section of the fence), tool is rented by the day. We need to take down the fence down in that area first.

Focus on the gathering space July 10-15, Maybe also do the 24th. Monday rent the ditch witch, and do the work. Note they are hard to use . . . Maybe see about asking James or Chris O or new interns . . . Patricia will organize picking it up.

Trimming Trees before - the roof gets replaced. We need to check with Patrick on date the roof is getting worked on.

Watering Trees in the Forest -

Use bucket, and carry water

We could look at hoses . . . 100 feet?

We can try with milk jugs - who wants to: Jacob, Sadhana, Sylvan, (Patricia & Hayra know where they are) Make a map/chart to explain the trees. Susie will also talk to Journeys about watering trees. We have 2 trees in the middle of the blueberries. Doug will water the lilac near his home. Patricia will water the ones near her house.

Discussions about Pesticides -

CCC idea for the Sat meeting, Biogaians report will include the history of the decision process presentation. The processing on Monday Round Table. Then Biogaians will finish making the decision at the next meeting.

Susie's awful first date was with the person who did our inspection . . he said he had never issued a fine.

What are the consequences for not doing it? Fine? What will it be? Is it worth just paying?

Brent heard from the county extension that they rarely if ever fine.

We also need to clear mud and rocks from a pipe.

We also need to get rid of woody debris.

We have gotten rid of the poopay hay - yay!

If we dig out the roots - they will be back 3 or 4 years later.

Is it OK if we don't comply?

Well no one is able to really keep it "grass only" - everywhere in WA has this problem.

Next - Think of blackberries in the ecosystem (good for bees and birds and rats and rabbits), but they are bad for the wetland, are not native, don't belong here.

Shouldn't we get rid of them if we can

Shouldn't we get rid of them in other spots on our land? Will be a continually challenge to our resources.

What is our Songaia/Biogaian Mission Statement, what are our standards? We make assumptions that group values are similar to ours.

What is our Big Tent Mission Statement? What can we all aligned around?

This needs a big community discussion, maybe sort of like the food program workshop . . .

If we figure out the above, it will lead logically to the way to how we decide the next decision.

Should we organize a Circle about Songaia Land Stewardship Values? - Sylvan will work with the CCC to pick a date.

Do we have an obligation to complete the contract?

Katie - what sort of things do we model here? What research was done? Katie has done lots of research, so has Sylvan

Laura - we tried very many work days, individual work days, piglet days it was backbreaking . . . limited, dilute. Yes it fits within our values.

Sylvan - Garden Cycles was started by people working to do show Seattle how to work in an earth friendly ways. Knowing the integrity of the people and the company, then trusts their ideas about the best alternatives.

Katie - concern that it is an endocrine disruptor - very small amounts can do harm, ALS, Parkinson's. The gut biome might be affected (it makes serotonin, b12, melatonin).

Are we compromising our Values?

Susie - what is our mission? It is OK to be good enough. To do enough. Not waiting for perfection. The Biogaians have been inviting people for months to help dig out blackberries . . . if people are unhappy that it doesn't meet their values . . . then they should come up with a plan that does meet their values.

Hayra - wants to make sure we follow the county mandates to deal with the issue this year. Would rather try to start elsewhere to get rid of invasives.

Mary - what are we going to do on Sat? Who is going to Present?

Laura - Upset over the tone of conversation in the emails. Suggest people stop and think about things before they push "Send"

Sylvan - FYI the glyphosate could we use a generic version (not giving money to Monsanto).

Sat Presentation - Helen, Mary (Laura will help with preparing it)

Monday Round Table - Patricia, Brent, Hayra, Katie, Doug, Jacob

Helen will send out an email to the whole community about the process.

Compost Shredder Stolen - last seen a week ago.

Buy a new one.

Intern Update

Zach Stated today

One will arrive Thursday

One will arrive next Monday

One will arrive Next month

Next meeting Monday, June 26 - Susie Facilitate, Sylvan Note taker

Exit Interview - Another day - Post a time Doodle Poll . . .