

Biogaians Meeting – July 24, 2017

Notes: Sadhana

Facilitator: Brent

Present:

Sadhana

Laura K.

Brent

Doug

Susie

Patricia

Mary

Helen

Jacob

Sylvan (later)

Garden manager search

Helen, Laura, Brian, Patricia, Douglas are the task force. Job description, application form finished and going out to the world. Some inquiries are coming in, closing date is August 31st, interviews in the first half of September, goal for a choice is September 15th.

Detention pond/blackberries/GardenCycles

We haven't heard from GardenCycles about resolution of the contract.

We are still not quite ready for the inspection – pipe access cleared, swale is weed whacked. Remains to be done is removing branches and blackberries from the pond area. Have a fire? If Susie will organize, Brent will help. Deadline for inspection is August 22.

Garden plaza gathering space

We have achieved Phase 2 goal of a flat surface. Work continues on the electrical line, posts for the fence and arbor, building up the retaining walls. Our Director of Acquisitions has found a sink.

Imagining a theme for final decorations – four elements (Fire, Water, Earth and Air) – playing with ideas. The proposal included a fund-raiser – we need to pick a date. **DECISION - SEPTEMBER 9TH**

Goat fence update

No new info – plan was for Paul to buy the fencing. Brent will follow up before next meeting.

Tree pruning for common house roof

Roofers will start work second week of September, so we have to do the work before then. This will generate a lot of brush/branches. We can chip some – Sylvan wants to try using the wood chipper (up to 1-1/2"). What to do with bigger diameters – hügelkultur, burning.... Mary will lead, others to help depending on date and time.

Rabbit fence

Need to plan when the work will happen, but Sylvan will be gone a lot of August. Have to focus on the next two weeks. Need to buy sand, gravel, cement to mix our own concrete – put piles in the guest parking spots near the shed. Ditch-Witch to make a trench (rental). Build a wood form for the concrete.

Build forms, weed whack, mark lines on Monday (July 31)

Rent Ditch Witch on Tuesday (August 1)

Pour concrete and set posts (?)

Attach wire fencing (?)

Reminder – get receipts to Laura for all purchases. Need to talk with Brian about post spacing. Need to locate irrigation pipes.

Sylvan, Patricia, Brian to meet this week to plan details.

Next meeting August 14th (Monday after dinner)

Brian is note taker, Sadhana is facilitator