

Biogaian 8/26 Meeting

Attendees: Helen Anita Brian Kendall Eileen MD

Opener: Chinese Hawthorn Fruit Leather is delicious. Crew contemplates Natasha's desire to plant a tree here at songaia

-Commons path encroachment

Eileen mentioning paths that are overgrown. Brian suggesting tying ribbon on spots that are overgrown so we can see them.

-Labor items

-Helen and MD in contact about the amount of hours left. Potentially about 19 hours left. Some from nrcs in a invasive line. Song from general songaia budget: two lines general/swale, orchard care

-some work happened on the cathedral ivy. 1st priority getting lost lake embankment clear (west of west orchard). The crew unearthed the embankment Should more time and energy go there. Or more time and energy going to the forest?

We do have undesignated nrcs money, so if we have a project that doesn't quite fit, we can allocate more NRCS money.

Would compost rebuild be a focus, or BB removal and.

-Embankment is well weeded and covered with burlap.

Anita: Pruning stonefruit (summer pruning) could be a potential paid labor project

Cathedral ivy is being pushed back but we don't want to totally remove at this time because we don't have anything to outcompete it.

Ivey and Blackberry removal in upper forest

Some of this can happen during the winter since these plants wont be growing too crazy before then

-mulching of the new path on the west of the garden by compost and gate

-check with Sylvan about Songaia entryway

1. stonefruit pruning

2. berry removal from hollies in forest

3. edging back ivy in cathedral

-Budget subcommittee

Helen would love support – a person or two

Budget is mostly asking for the same fund with some tweaking.

Brian could run report if there aren't too many biogaian things submitted

Group: helen, Anita, MD maybe Patricia. Helen will convene us after Zarifah returns and can run the info

-compost rebuild

New design to incorporate easier wheelbarrel turn around with open corner

Brian: the dirt covered [path is cleared down to gravel. The bins have been empty. Almost ready to receive gravel. Little bit of work needed on the corner nearest the shed to remove one bin to assess what the fencing is looking like. Nartano and Brian talking about moving and raising tap to integrate it with the fence. Fidelity work. Close to dumping gravel

and pouring concrete. Need flowers for the reciprocity with the lady at the cement supplier. Nartano brings a bouquet. We have sand. Need to order narrow cement blocks after cement dries. Taking truck down to pick it up. No mortar needed. Woven bamboo backing for the greens.

If Brian available once a week, on a Friday for example, Reuben can be involved to help tweak it

Budget for materials – need to check with Zarifah when she returns. Most likely money in supply budget

Labor : half a day to lay gravel by 3-4 interns.

Cement pour budget an extra day interns

Setting support posts and stacking blocks: Brian, Anita, Interns

Eileen willing to donate hose

-orchard care

Mary coming either sept 2nd Tues or 3rd Wednesday morning for demo day . Sounds like interested parties can participate.

-garden and intern report

Kendal: many interns, they are awesome,

Anita: pears being refrigerated, dehydrated, pears go into the fridge after harvest for 1 week to stop the core from overripening

Pears in dining room are available for eating, processing, and interns will work with the rest of them

Green beans and tomatoes ready

Fall peas and dinosaur kale planted

Much seed saving happening from tomatoes, lettuce, umbrella fam plants

Announcement to community that they can take pears home to ripen on counter or in your fridge! Make space