

## Biogaians Meeting

November 28, 2016

Scribe: Sadhana

Present: Patricia, Helen, Laura, Douglas, Jacob, Sylvan, Susie, Brian, Brent

### Water drainage problem

Water is coming down the hillside from the new developments (Quadrant Homes Project number 14116242FSD) to the east. This is threatening the integrity of our septic drainfield and the basements of 2/3 and 4/5. Brian et al installed some drainpipe and a catch basin to send some of the water downhill into the hügelkultur area. This has helped somewhat but we may need a political or legal resolution to get the development to fix their drainage. Barb has contacted the county (last month) but they don't have authority. Potential parties to this problem – health district, Seattle City Light, Pacific Ridge?

For a next step, Helen will write a complaint to Snohomish County PDS and send a bill to Quadrant Homes. Copy to other interested parties. Andrew Goluska, Snohomish County, 425-388-3311 x2764.

### Intern program for 2017

Patricia has sent out a proposal for having more interns and sharing work with 21 Acres and Journeys. There would be 4 interns, 3 garden work days, 1 learning/field trip day, 2 days at 21 Acres. Potential issues – meal program, laundry, housing, toilets. Should the new housing be near Journeys kitchen?

All these plans are still in initial stages. Eventually we need a proposal to Songaia Community. Patricia is meeting tomorrow with Nick at 21 Acres. Biogaians are in support of the preliminary proposal and await further details.

### Arborist for sidewalk

We don't know how much this would cost for a consultation - \$50-\$100? Scott Selby – Patricia will call and get an opinion (already contacted and will be coming).

### Fencing money – should we use it for blackberry removal instead?

We agreed to buy the fencing last month, but it hasn't been done.

We don't really know how much it would cost to hire someone for the blackberries. Now would be good because the plants are dormant and the ground is soft. Questions about how to get it done correctly. Check on volunteers (Americorps, Conservation District)? Brent will call the CD & coordinate with Brian, if we need to hire people. Doug has the information about fencing – he will get it to Sylvan and she will make the purchase.

### Tree planting

We are planning to buy some trees for the forest and have some money in 2017 budget. Brian and Patricia will organize an order from the Snohomish CD. There are maples and a walnut tree that can be moved soon.

Next Meeting: 12/26/16? Facilitator: Sadhana Notetaker: Brian