

Biogaians Meeting – August 24, 2015

Present: Sadhana, Doug, Patricia, Helen, Steven, Susie, Laura, Sylvan

Facilitator: Sadhana

Scribe: Patricia

Interns: Rebecca leaves on Thursday, Kai leaves on Tuesday the 1st of September, Renee arrives on Sunday or Monday. We could offer an extension to Steven and Renee to help with the fall work in the garden. Patricia will check with Life Song Commons and if they are in agreement will ask Steven and Renee if they want to stay longer.

Northwest Permaculture Convergence Garden Coverage: Katie, Helen, Sadhana and perhaps Phil. Patricia will put out the schedule and check to see if Phil can help.

Rabbit Fence: Douglas was going to do more research on the cost but he has not done that. Need to get it in the budget and talk about if a phased option is possible. Douglas will work on the cost estimate.

Potting Shed Roof: Is not going to be replaced but we need to keep it on the agenda for the winter and push it for next year.

Winter Garden Planning & Labor: The garden is mostly planned for this winter. Maybe move Piglets to Saturday morning so that more Biogaians can be active. Helen might put out a Doodle poll to find a convenient meeting time. Susie talked to James about doing compost during the winter and he was interested. Douglas can train him. Sylvan might have some time this winter.

21 Acres Collaboration: We have begun some collaboration with the Permaculture@21Acres. Patricia has joined their Permaculture committee. We will be cohosting a cob oven cobbing event on Tuesday evening September 1st.

Toby Hemenway: We will be helping 21 Acres to host Toby's book tour on Tuesday, September 15th at Phinney Neighborhood Association.

Cob Oven Events: In addition to the 21 Acres collaboration we will be hosting a cob workshop on Saturday, September 5th.

End of Season Garden Celebration - Saturday October 10th? We will begin planning for it at our next meeting.

Internship Possibilities: There are many young people who are in need of internships and pay tuition for these, how can we collaborate with Susie or educational institutions that could help meet the demand for internships. We need to do some more research and thinking around the possibilities for funding some of the garden manager position with this. Maybe we could have a Permaculture certification program as part of the internship.

Gathering Space: We need some more talking and planning about the gathering space.

SIPN Meeting: Usually we host a SIPN meeting in January. We should be thinking about a speaker if we intend to do this this coming January.

Current Bush: The current bush next to the cob oven will be moved in the fall.

Next meeting – September 28th. Patricia facilitator, Brian scribe.