

Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee minutes, 15th February 2023

Present Dot Baldwin, Marg McCahon, Jo Hamilton, Nola Lloyd, Lyn Box, Ros Small, Deirdre Freeman, Dorothy Patton (Pre)

Apologies, Janelle Patching

Marg McCahon Small-moved, seconded Jo Hamilton

Minutes from previous meeting true and correct, Ros moved, Lyn seconded .

Matters arising previous meeting

Seats done and dusted.

Watering system still not sure if it's targeting the small, tender new planting.

Plaques – yes we will install, donated by the Friends of Queen Mary gardens 2023, Lyn to investigate with Jenny Bibby.

Sink-nothing has been done as of yet, Jason was not at meeting when this was discussed. Leave until Gala day.

Gala Day 25.03.2023 Friends meeting changed to 15.03.2023 at the gardens in the new section.

Discuss with Jason further information on Palms required and where to plant, number of foxtail and bismark, European fan palm and cycads as options?

Jo will check availability Jo suggested Grass Tree, general discussion about them being stolen as they are quite expensive and slow growing. Perhaps put surveillance camera sign up. Well try one grass tree ad see how it goes.

We don't put pieces in the local paper as it would draw attention to new planting and possible left, perhaps just public things like gala day and working bees.

Put add in North Central news, St Arnaud buy sell and swap, Facebook (Deirdre)

CFA signage discussed still not happy with its positioning in gardens discussed what to do about it i.e. write a letter.

Signage brick wall in new section – put to vote and solid brick wall with sandstone capped voted on, recycled brick, unanimous.

Wisteria planting to remind Jason/Health Pohl about the alterations required to the paving around poles to be able to plant wisteria.

Still happy with working bees 1st Saturday of the month @ 10.00am

Discussion re: relocating mosaic from market square to gardens, deemed not viable and won't happen, too much work and Sally Pritchard said it cannot be moved.

No other items from previous minutes moved Lyn Box seconded Deirdre Freeman

Business arising

Nil business arising

Gardeners report

Nil gardeners report

Other business

Next meeting 19th April General Meeting

Meeting closed 6.47pm.