

Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee minutes, 19th April 2023

Present Dot Baldwin, Marg McCahon, Jo Hamilton, Lyn Box, Ros Small, Deirdre Freeman, Brenda Proctor and Janelle Patching

Apologies Lindy Parry

Lyn Box-moved, seconded Jo Hamilton

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

Matters arising previous meeting

Plaque – yes we will install on new seating, Lyn did investigate with Jenny Bibby but now requires the wording for plaque. It was decided “Seating donated by Friends of the Queen Mary Gardens 2022”

Palms – it was advised by Jo supplies are hard to come by but still investigating suppliers. Looking to obtain foxtail and bismark, European fan palms.

Long bed watering system – plants have been planted and the watering system now installed and working.

CFA signage- Dorothy had a meeting Friday 14 April with CFA and a representative from council and the sign will be removed, but a new place is yet to be determined.

A discussion about the silo art sign, this also needs to be moved from Queen Mary Botanic corner to an earlier intersection, the Railway Hub are happy, but contact is required with Shire.

Signage brick wall–starting date sitting with Shire and Jarryd Ezard. Ready to go.

Gala Day -refer to General business

No other items from previous minutes moved Marg McCahon and seconded Lyn Box

Business arising

Janelle clarified email list and Advisory Group members. Read out Dorothy’s email advising clarity of Advisory committee members.

Advisory committee members can attend the Friends meetings but Friends of the Gardens committee members cannot attend the Advisory meetings.

Discussion on how to invite Advisory committee members into the future as positions become vacant, as it's not the old shire process anymore. A process may need to be determined.

To organise an extra ordinary meeting to discuss how we invite future committee members.

Bev and Len Reid have resigned as working members.

Hedge- it was an anonymous decision that the hedge must be maintained, not only for appearance but for safety reasons due to the intersections and the give way sign on Millett Street. To prevent it becoming a traffic issue.

Jo was happy to raise with Bud, if needed a formal letter could be drafted to present to the NG Shire stating the concerns from the Advisory group.

Next working bee 06.05.2023

Gala Day update- The day appeared slower due to it being so cold, the same funds were raised as the prior year. The produce supplies were down, but all sold. The Gala Day looked good with extra stalls including the Pebble Church and outside vendors. It was decided outside vendors would be charged \$10.00 going forward.

Moved Brenda Proctor and seconded Dot Baldwin

Gardeners report

Nil gardeners report

Other business

Deirdre advised members were invited to the AAFBG AGM on Thursday 4th May, \$94 for tour of gardens. Nobody was going to attend at this time.

Discussion held on possible garden tours and trips as fund raisers into the future.

Next meeting 21st June General Meeting

Meeting closed. 6.39pm