

**Tate Community Garden  
Steering Group Minutes  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2006**

Chair - Peter Graal, Minutes - Leah McNally

**Present:**

Synthia Griffin (Tate), Peter Graal (BOST), Leah McNally (BOST), Helen Firminger (BOST), Joyce Bellamy (Metropolitan Public Gardens Associations), Francois Tarrisse (Local Resident), Colin Brewer (Local Resident), Edith Slee (Local Resident), Joseph Bonner (Local Resident)

**Apologies:** Donald Hyslop (Tate), Laura Ivill, Ellie Jones.

**Matters Arising**

Special thanks to Francois for all his help before, during and after the tree-planting event.

Action points to be noted in the minutes of meetings

**Agenda Items**

**1. Update on Funding**

It was re-iterated that funding was in place from EDF energy for the progression of works on the community garden to cover the implementation of the security measures as agreed by the Steering Group, the installation of a bog/pond area with bridge and a permanent water supply.

**2. Progress Schedule**

This works progress schedule was brought to the attention of the group. It was noted that the various contractors needed a long lead-in to work being carried out. S.G has met with Cliff Edwards - Head of External Works at Tate Modern regarding the installation of security measures for the community garden. From the 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb onwards the following will be carried out:

Security Measures

- Re-alignment of the gate of the community garden.
- Installation of the CCTV door entry system.
- Re-positioning of an existing camera on the wall that neighbours the HSBC building.

Garden Infrastructure

- Current temporary water supply to the garden to be become permanent.
- P.G has talked to Alan Scott regarding installation of pond/bridge this should take 7-10 days
- Movement activated lighting for the garden agreed by C.B and E.S. S.G said that this would be monitored once in place.

**Action: S.G** to inform and follow up with The Globe and HSBC Garden Shed.

- S.G has been in contact with Phil Meakins from Riverwood Project regarding the building of the shed and pergola with participants from

Mencap using re-claimed wood from the Thames. Building workshops will happen off site before the items are installed in the garden. It was noted by H.F that as many groups of people as possible should be encouraged to use the garden.

**Action : S.G** to speak to Michelle Fuirer community Artist about documenting both on site and off site activity

**Action: S.G and P.G** to continue to document the changing space particularly whilst work is going on. It was noted that the garden has earlier photos as 'before' but more records should be developed as an 'after' view to document the development as it happens in order to build an archive for the garden.

### **3. Future Planting days**

It is hoped that the garden will be open on a trial basis from Autumn 2006. A formal opening ceremony was discussed and it was decided that this should not happen at this time but at a later date when access and management of the space has been trialed and plants have matured and are in bloom. It was proposed that the next planting day will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2006. This will be the time to plant wild flowers and shrubs.

**Action: P.G** to alert all volunteers to upcoming planting day date

**Action: All** future planting days dated to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting

### **4. Community Garden Plan**

P.G presented an updated garden plan, which included the proposed extension of the herbaceous borders already in place, a wildflower meadow and a shrubbery. It was noted that some trees would probably have to be moved.

**Action: All** to put comments to P. G regarding the updated garden plans before the next meeting

**Action: P.G and S.G** to produce a plan of what will happen and when for use after the progress plan have been carried out.

**Action P.G and S.G** to finalise mosaic plan in discussion with Edith Slee.

### **5. Unplanted areas**

**Action: All** to be discussed in the next meeting.

### **6. Garden Signage**

- Garden Signage was discussed for the gate.
- Directional and safety signage were discussed for inside the garden with reference to the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). The DDA was discussed with regard to the garden and inclusion of visitors who are wheelchair users or visually impaired.
- Signage for wildlife and plants were also discussed. It was agreed that signage should be trialed as laminated before permanent signage is produced.

**Action: S.G** to talk to the Tate communications team regarding defining the space from the outside.

**Action: S.G** to talk to Tate Access Officer regarding the planning of access to the garden.

**Action: All** to discuss signage in more detail at the next meeting regarding wording of space explanation and access.

**Action H.F** to put a paper together on safety signage

#### **5. A.O.B.**

J. B said that the next grant funding meeting of the Metropolitan Public Gardens Associations was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Action:S.G** to write a letter with wish list to J. B before this date

#### **6. DONM**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2006