

**TATE MODERN MINUTES  
COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING GROUP MEETING  
Meeting held 25 October 2006, Meeting Room, Tate Modern**

**Present:** Peter Graal – BOST (PG), Synthia Griffin - Tate (Chair) (SG), Edith Slee (ES), Joseph Bonner (JDB), Michael Osbourne (MO), Laura Ivill (LI), Joyce Bellamy (JB), Francois Tarris (FT), Colin Brewer (CB), Brenda Vel (BV).

**Apologies:** Donald Hylsop – Tate (DH), Adam Bakkar (AB), Chris Bateman (CB), Charles Diddems – Better Bankside Ranger (CD).

**1 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The minutes were agreed and the actions discussed.

PG reported to the group that he is developing a volunteering policy based on the existing one currently in use by BOST & will present at the next meeting. Part of this would include offering members of the steering group and other volunteers the opportunity to induct other volunteers. It was also suggested that PG develop a series of seasonal laminated sheets/including a list of plants to be on display in the garden shed for volunteers to reference. PG

ES suggested that Chris Bains (Gardening enthusiast/BBC London Breathing Space) would be a good local figure to open the garden in Spring of next year. The opening is to be discussed in greater depth at the next Steering group meeting. SG to include on agenda. SG

**2 FEEDBACK ON RECENT COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENTS (GARDEN PARTY & BULB PLANTING)**

PG reported to the group that the attendance at the past two events was very good, attracting a broad age range of age groups with a good atmosphere. PG to follow up on sedamins. PG

**3 FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

SG reported to the group that a programme of events had been finalised from now until December 2006 to include foraging on the foreshore, fruit fest and a Tree dressing day. Several members of the group requested more instructional and educational weeding. PG to invite Agnes Knoll to one of the future events to brief those interested if possible. PG also briefed the group that in advance of the formal opening a ‘tidy up’ will be scheduled to ensure all weeds are removed. PG to contact those interested in advance to see if they would like to take on specific roles during the planting days to assist. PG

**4 ACCESS/TRIAL OPENING – PROGRESS UPDATE**

SG reported to the group that feedback regarding the current password system seems to be working well. The steering group were asked what their experiences had been to date; all reported that system seemed to be working well. The current Tate Modern security team are administering the system successfully and the Better Bankside Rangers continue to patrol the garden 3 times a day. SG reported to the group that repairs to the sprung action part of the entry gate are taking longer than anticipated but were in progress. The additional security measures such as the movement activated lighting system and repositioning of the existing Tate camera are working well. SG reported to the group that this would continue to be monitored.

The group agreed that the promotion of associated events taking place in the garden should be advertised in the Bankside area. More efforts could be made to target some other residential blocks such as Sea Containers House and Riverside Court. It was also agreed that the garden should be open during daylight hours throughout the year and the criteria for those that would like to register should be kept broad and not defined by a geographical boundary this will be monitored accordingly based on the popularity of the space. The password system will be monitored and changed periodically if misused.

## **5 MOSAIC**

SG reported to the group that a meeting between ES & Tam Giles had taken place to map out the stages that are needed to complete the mosaic. Two opportunities for community participation were outlined: to assist with completing the labyrinth line (8cm wide – foraged red tiles) and to make circular smaller pieces which could be used around the edge of the mosaic to include some of the more decorative foraged materials. Tam Giles/SG to present a design drawing of the mosaic /potential materials for the path at the next meeting.

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## **6 PARTICIPATORY ART PROJECT**

SG reported to the group that Michele Fuirer continues to map visitor's experiences of green spaces at each garden event. The conclusion of the project will form part of the opening of the garden in Spring 2007.

## **7 COMMUNICATIONS**

SG reported to the group that promotion for the events in the garden continued to be done through local networks such as inSE1 and Bankside Residents Forum. JDB reported to the group that progress although slower than anticipated continues and will develop in advance of the formal opening in Spring 2007.

## **8 FUTURE STRUCTURAL WORK**

PG reported to the group that Riverwood (a charity that works in partnership with Greenwich Mencap) will develop some additional furniture to include an arch, sheltered bench with green roof & planters. ES suggested that PG would need to look at the dimensions to ensure it is unobtrusive. PG to photograph the model presented by

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Riverwood and bring to the next meeting. PG outlined the patioed areas in the garden, which will be covered in hard standing/gravel. PG is following up with London Wildlife Trust the maintenance issues regarding the bog in the garden. PG to suggest options outlined by FT to have a crescent/bank to ensure a more distribution of the water to maintain it. HSBC are supportive of a trellis to run across the perimeter wall that neighbours their building. PG to follow up with Andrew Gleave Coley regarding the soak away. PG mentioned the timeline to complete these elements is February/March 2007 sufficient time before the opening

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**8 AOB**

**9 DONM**

Thursday 23 November 2006 at 6.00pm in the Tate Modern Meeting Room