

TATE MODERN MINUTES – COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING GROUP MEETING
Meeting held 23 November 15 October 2005, 10.00 in the Board Room

Present: Peter Graal – BOST (PG), Synthia Griffin (Chair) (SG), Edith Slee (ES), Joseph Bonner (JB), Laura Ivill (LI), Tam Giles (TG), Francois Tarris (FT).

Apologies: Colin Brewer (CB), Adam Bakkar (AB), Carole Wright (CW), Brenda Vel (BV).

1 INTRODUCTIONS

SG reported to the group that Carole Wright (BOST Volunteer & local resident) has expressed an interest in joining the Steering group and hopes to attend the next meeting. PG/SG to draw up a document outlining the aims and purpose of the steering group, process & requirements for new members etc.

SG

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were agreed by the group.

3 FEEDBACK ON RECENT COMMUNITY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

PG reported to the group that the fruit bush planting day was well attended by a good core group and the recent Tree Dressing event with over 30 children (a Sure Start group that regularly attend Mint Street Adventure Playground). It was agreed that publicity for future events could be more targeted. Recent publicity flyers were distributed via the BRF newsletter. Interested members of the steering group were encouraged to arrive 30 minutes before the start of each event to assist with the preparation. PG outlined that there is an aspiration once the garden is open for events to be led by members of the community with out representatives from BOST and Tate being present. PG to draw up a list of common weeds (x2 copies) and put in a work folder in shed for reference.

4 DESIGN

ES & TG talked through the process involved in making and installing the mosaic. ES developed a labyrinth design for the mosaic, which was the result of a community event involving school children at the Cathedral. A gap will be left around the perimeter of the mosaic for drainage and planting. Seating will also be included on either side of the mosaic. TG confirmed that enough materials (broken Victorian roof tiles) had been foraged to use for the labyrinth line. Different options were presented for the 'fill in' material such as crushed glass, peashingle, snowcrete & colour pigment. It was agreed that more exploration would be done by PG/TG/ES on the kinds of materials that could be used and that they would be put in situ in the garden in advance of the next steering group meeting after which a decision would be made. ES, PG, TG & SG to meet in January 2007 to map out design considerations, the dates for

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community based mosaic workshops and installation.

5 ACCESS TRIAL OPENING/FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN

SG reported to the group that 98 have registered as 'Friend's of the Garden' and have the password to gain entry to the garden. Feedback from Security Control and local residents confirms that the entry system seems to be working well.

6 FUTURE STRUCTURAL WORK

Bog Garden – PG to meet with Alan Scott on 1st December to talk through on going maintenance.

Volunteers Group - PG reported to the group that he would like to develop a rolling group that will be involved in intense activity to finish the garden in advance of the opening. FT pledged his support to be part of the group. If anyone else would like to get involved contact PG.

Future Planting - seeds will be planted in March 2007. PG presented the design of the herb bed which will be made using cut pieces of larch made by Arthur De Moberay. PG to work up options for the raised beds and get a quote for the trellis.

Furniture – Riverwood have made another bench, which will be positioned at the river end of the garden. PG to get a photograph of it.

Pond Border – PG reported that boulders could be used around the pond for delineation.

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7 FORMAL OPENING

A provisional opening date for the garden has been set – Thursday 7th June 2007.

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8 COMMUNITY STEERING GROUP MEETINGS

18 January 2007 6pm Meeting Room, L3 Tate Modern