

TATE MODERN MINUTES – COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting held 30 October, at 6.00pm in the Meeting Room

1 APOLOGIES/INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Synthia Griffin (Chair, SG), Brenda Vel (BV), Laura Ivill (LI), Peter Graal (PG), Joyce Bellamy (JKB), Francois Tarris (FT), Joseph Bonner (JB).

Apologies: Ian Sutherland (IS), Carole Wright (CW), Michael Osbourne (MO), Edith Slee (ES), Colin Brewer (CB).

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Amendment for minutes from LI – annual open event should be available to members of the garden rather than members of the public. Amendment has been made – 08/11/2007

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Metropolitan Garden Association sponsored bench is now in place
- SG mentioned that the BOST AGM hosted at Tate Modern was very successful with excellent presentations from BOST staff. JB & LI are now Trustees of BOST.

4 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STEERING GROUP –FINALISED DOCUMENT

- SG asked the group to read through and make any final comments. It will be circulated to the group for final comment with the minutes of this meeting.
- Small amendment of document from LI: 2.9. ‘Allocated trustee BOST representative is Laura Ivill and Joseph Bonner.’

SG

5 NO OF ATTENDEES OF GARDEN USERS

SG announced to the group that 175 people had now registered as ‘Friends’ of the Garden.

6 FINANCE

- SG to prepare monthly reports and summary of last financial year.

SG

7 FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- JKB reported to the group that the garden goes a long way to compensating for William Cortes’ ‘Lost Garden’ it celebrates bringing nature back and should be seen within the context of the wider public realm and greenery surrounding it. JKB suggested at an appropriate time putting a celebratory gate in place to commemorate the garden being established. JKB circulated a memo advocating this and said we could make tentative links to Jubilee Walkway Trust about a small donation. JKB also

suggested designing a leaflet asking for donations to support the gate.

- Design of garden gate: All are encouraged to forward pictures demonstrating good garden gate design to PG. PG to get a proposal together and recruit a number of designs from key designers with specialities in different materials such as wood, metal etc. SG to approach Tate Development to identify local and London wide sources of funding (9JKB suggested the Woodland Trust for pledged amounts of £10,000). PG to identify BOST's strategy for public donations, 'gift aid' and match funding. All are encouraged to think of potential projects for the garden that will need funding.

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SG
PG

PG to follow up with either Tam Giles or an external contractor about skimming the surface of the mosaic to make it less of a slip hazard as a matter of priority.

8 MICROSITE

- FT recapped on the progress to date – an initial meeting in September took place with Digital Programmes, Tate. JB, FT & SG Presented a provisional structure of the microsite/archive. JB & FT have spent time sourcing and dividing photos / archive materials. Another meeting with Digital Programmes on 9th Nov 07 to present content & update. FT explained that there would be a blog but that it would be the responsibility of the group to make a regular comments & have live & fresh content. SG will report back following meeting and draft designs.

SG

9 COURTESY TO VISITORS TO THE GARDEN

- At the next meeting we will revisit the 'guidance notes' document. The welcome letter will be amended to ask if anyone needs a special welcome or accessibility planning for people with mobility issues.

SG

10 UPDATE ON FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES AT TATE

- Summary of Family & Programmes – SG explained that there were a number free programmes that were taking place in the gallery that might be of interest to the group including the Community Film Club, daily workshop programme for groups called Art in to Life and the family programme Start on every weekend and during the holidays. Current exhibitions include the Louise Bourgeois, World as a Stage and Doris Salcedo – Shibboleth installation.

12 AOB

- Compost/non-biological & biological waste - 3 ton bags of rubbish has been accrued. PG to get a costing for a medium-term electronic chipper.

PG

- 'Put the Garden to Bed' Sat 8 Dec: add social element (mince pies & mulled wine). Maintenance of garden, tidying, deconstructing. SG to update the publicity flyer.

SG

Schedule of dates 2008: SG/PG to meet to draft a provisional schedule of events.

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- Update buzzer – SG to approach contractor directly to arrange the buzzer limit to be changed to shorter setting.

- JKB – when the garden is mature, develop a leaflet with more detailed information about the plant species as it has such a unique micro climate, a potential funding opportunity. PG to take temperature and identify a more exotic plant to grow in wall near the entrance.

- PG mentioned BOST will have a new temporary Director from 12th November 2007

- Highgrove: report back in January 2008

- Note to add ‘London In Bloom’ to January’s agenda

D.O.N.M –

28th of November 2007 (apologies JB)

16th of January 2008

JB

SG

ALL