

TATE MODERN MINUTES
COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING GROUP MEETING
Meeting held 28 February 2006, Meeting Room

Present: Peter Graal – BOST (Chair) (PG), Synthia Griffin (SG), Edith Slee (ES), Colin Brewer (CB), Adam Bakkar (AB), Joseph Bonner (JB), Laura Ivill (LI), Joyce Bellamy (JB), Francois Tarris (FT).

Apologises: Nicola Hart

1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

ES objected to the ‘special thanks’ given to FT, PG explained this was due to the extra support he offered on the day including assisting with the delivery of pants and equipment. Thanks and gratitude is offered to all participants who participated.

Health & Safety – PG confirmed that briefing notes will be distributed at the planting day on 8 April 2006.

Those that are interested in finding out more about BOST activity should email PG.

SG reported to the team that the Curator: Access, Marcus Horley had been taken on a site visit and was briefed about the development of the garden and felt confident that reasonable measures had been made to meet DDA regulations.

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2 FUTURE ACTIVITIES/PLANTING DAY

PG informed the group that a hose pipe ban was imminent and expressed a concern that although the pond has supplementary water it may dry out and will need to be replenished regularly as well as the plants. The group responded with various suggestions to address this including a drip system in place to prevent the plants from drying out, a water collection point/water butt or a rota system to water the plants. PG to follow up on most appropriate methods.

PG

PG recorded suggestions for shrubs to plant at the forthcoming planting day (Saturday 8th April), which included espalia trees, wisteria and vine.

JB suggested forming a sub committee to lead on communicating the progress & vision of the garden with the volunteers who have participated in the development of the garden as well as local communication networks including the BOST newsletter. This could work in tandem with the steering group. PG, SG & JB to meet to discuss this further. JB to write a framework of how this will operate and report to the group.

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SG
JB**

Roles were defined in preparation for the forthcoming planting day to ensure that PG is supported and that members of the community are welcomed on arrival and given relevant H&S guidance.

3 PROGRESS UPDATE

Bridge & Pond/bog – The bridge supplied by Filcris, made from recycled plastic has been installed by Alan Scott/London Wildlife Trust and divides the pond/wetland environment in two, on one side is a bog area and on the other is a small area of open water, 75cm at the deepest point.

Security Measures – SG reported to the group that the CCTV activated door system with a sprung activated closing device is now in place, connected directly to Security Control at Tate Modern. An existing Tate Modern security camera will be permanently repositioned to point directly at the garden area to monitor the space as well as a movement activated lighting system which will be positioned on the perimeter fence. SG told the group that due to staff absence (External Works Manager ill health) it has meant that progress has been delayed. SG reported to the group that Community Wardens will be in post in April 2006 and that it would be possible to incorporate the community garden as part of their route.

Shed/Pergola/Benches – SG reported to the group that the shed and pergola had been installed by Riverwood who work in partnership with Greenwich Mencap. The remaining work to finish cladding the shed with driftwood will take place on 11/12 April 2006.

Water Supply – a permanent water supply has been installed in the garden.

4 ACCESS

ES & CB presented a letter addressed to Donald Hyslop, Head of Regeneration & Community Partnerships following written correspondence that was sent to them both about access and security.

SG asked the group to agree to several systems that would allow access to the garden during the trial opening in winter 2006 which included people saying their name to enter the space, as well as allowing people to gain access to the space by just pressing the buzzer. It was agreed that further discussion was needed before any decisions could be made. FT suggested restricting access so that only a certain number of people were allowed in at any given time.

5 SIGNAGE/INTERPRETATION

PG suggested to the group that a glass box could be installed, which could display notices that could be easily updated, facing outwards so that passers by could be kept informed this was agreed by the group. Further discussion needs to take place at forthcoming meetings regarding interpretation in the garden.

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20 April 2006	6pm	Meeting Room, L3 Tate Modern
16 May 2006	6pm	Meeting Room, L3 Tate Modern
27 June 2006	6pm	Meeting Room, L3 Tate Modern