

NOTES FROM GROUNDS GROUP MEETING 2/16/09

From Steward Faith-Mind.

Thank you all for coming on this Holiday and day off for Center people, and Rain!

Welcome to new **members** to the Garden Group; Andy, Ando and Lynda; Old members. Faith-Mind, Jotai, and Mary. Consultant: Roshi and Lilly. Jotai is the liaison to Pundarika; Lynda to the Nilotpala; and Faith-Mind to the EC.

Agenda Items addressed:

- Walkway in front of Zendo; cement walkway with steps (going to EC) FM
- Planting in front of Zendo will be determined once Path established. (grounds/consultant)
- Porch in front of BH with little garden (Roshi to design and develop with Sensei Yoshin)
- Retaining Wall along driveway outside of Roshi's; incorporating a seat perhaps (EC) (Safety)
- Sitting areas to be among Main Gardens (open)
- Lighting at the Kanzeon (Jotai)
- Kinhin Path along Pine house (wait and see)
- Roshi's Front Yard (Roshi and Lilly)
- Parking area outside DH; look at and work on.... (Mary and FM)
- Possible sprinklers for DH planting and Pots outside Dokusan Room (Andy/Jotai/Fm)

Action Items: (to do list)

- Rock for Nilotpala Irolo side (Andy suggested a no roll type) (FM and Mary; to be ordered)
- Planting of Native Plants on Irolo N. garden (Roshi, FM)
- Hose for DH Parking lot side (Jotai will take care of) Irolo side (fm)
- Sprinklers in front of Buddha Hall (FM and Luis)
- Gardens in front of Buddha Hall and Dharma Hall (mostly take out items; FM, Mary, Roshi and anyone who will join) Sprinklers taken care of by FM and Luis
- Trimming of tree outside interview room (Andy)
- Planting in front of DH; parking lot side (Andy as agreed with Roshi)
- Cleaning and care of Kanzeon Statue (FM and Lynda; group to form)
- Hose to be placed inside gate at Nilotpala; with quick attachments; bibs and sprinklers to be fixed at this area. Will need to teach to residents and Disaster Preparedness' group. (Fm and Luis)
- Spring reseeding of Lawn (FM) getting old and will need some help (Trent?)
- Fence on the Back side of Pine House: (FM to call Tony about removing trees)
- Take out Nectarine Tree by Gessho's Apartment (FM, check in with Jotai)
- Mary to ask John to build box for Memorial Hibiscus (Roshi)
- Painting of Arbor (Contact and identify paint—no planting)
- Fountain in Inner Yard to be moved to Pundarika yard: (Jotai)
- Residents discussion on Nilotpala inner yard (Lynda) then bring to grounds group
- Residents discussion on Pundarika inner yard: (Jotai) bring to grounds group

Future Projects:

- Retaining wall and fencing on Irolo side of DH, driveway and BH (get a bid????)
- Fire Pit Area; clean up and design (Garden Group)
- Niche for Mahaprajapati; (Go to EC; FM could get a bid)

Points to Ponder:

Project Funding. FM will Contact Muso (president of the Board of Directors) about future projects with bids and possible contributions; perhaps dear to someone's heart. This will happen after the bids come in.

BG Group salad planting. I forgot to discuss that the Brown Green Group wants to plant a "Salad" In the little space along side the work shed. I said yes but to please contact Yudo and work with him. I also said for them to plant among the flower garden any edibles they desired; to be addressed.

We looked at the Rock Pile and agreed for any project on the grounds they could use the Rocks. I hope to one day establish a composting area where the rocks are now.

Apartment gardens. Lynda will meet and organize the Nilotpala gardens and Jotai will meet with the Pundarika residents. They will bring their ideas to the Grounds group before we implement any changes, so we will keep with the Centers philosophies.

I, Faith Mind am the liaison to the EC, so if something comes up contact me and I will take it to them.

Next meeting. We discussed the next meeting time. I feel we have many Action items already decided and because of the weather we are a bit restricted. What I see is that we catch up with some of these and after the Feng Shui happens, and the pathway in front of the Zendo is established, and some of the other items are taken care of, we will plan another meeting. At this point everything named seems to be under the Action category. There is no hurry for most of these items, but my experience is to function heavy in the spring when everything is opening and blooming; it is an exhilarating and aspiring time of year with much growth developing, so as the flowers bloom, so shall we.

As the reports come in from the two resident areas and some of the smaller items are done and bids for the larger items, I see another meeting in one month or so. If anything comes up or your ideas differ we have a yahoo group so please post your statements. As completion of work happens I will post these, either weekly or bi-weekly. If you are completing an item on your own, please note to the group your completion. We will Congratulate You!