

ROOKWOOD GARDENS MEETING OF THE BOARD 8/26/2014

Attendance: Mark O'Brien, Janet O'Brien, Gary Fisher, David Walker, David Galloway, Marianne Honquest, Alice Hancko

Stairs

David G has applied for the permit and will follow up with Carlos per status with Historic Preservation review.

Concrete Repairs

Alice has bidding packet and will solicit bids from two contractors

Budget report:

Still waiting for \$24,000 tax rebate for garden property – have been assured it will be coming – report back at next meeting.

Financial year ends October 31 – David W will bring financial packet and proposed budget to September meeting for review.

Consider parameters for assessment – any raise should be based on cost of living increases but also take into consideration tax increase.

Tax attorney looking into whether we can get our taxes lowered but need to be prepared for the likelihood that there will be some increase.

728 Redecorating

Lisa and Kathleen have some suggestions but so far have not offered a formal proposal.

Laundry:

Lease for current laundry provider is coming due and Board agrees to not renew that contract – Alice will solicit proposals from other providers.

Garden:

Mark spoke with Salinas about bush trimming and it was done correctly this time. Mark will have second meeting to walk the property and get bid to replace rotted timbers in east garden and replace tiers in front of 724. Bid will include cost to replace with lannon stone rather than wood timber. Also get bid to pull up patio in east garden, add screening and enlarge with additional limestone pavers.

Salieas has also agreed to provide a person who can help Qifang with the physical labor portion of the garden – heavier use in spring and fall with some lighter weeding duties throughout the summer. Still need a volunteer with a car who would be able to drive with her to garden centers.

Still need a gate for the Sherman Ave. fence and a spring closer for the east garden gate