

## Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation

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Meeting minutes from last week.

On a separate note I finally takes with Robert Benson, from Robert & Company, to let him know that he didn't get the project. He was very cordial and understood. He also offered some view points about the project that I thought should be shared with the team.

Food for thought. Robert offered, on his own accord and without the knowledge of what we discussed with Root Design, the following items:

- He suggested that the group seriously consider moving the garden to the side yard, similar to what Mack Cain had recommended, for several reasons.
- Robert thought that trying to change the slopes for the garden to go on the front yard would take significantly more budget than was available.
- He believed that taking out the large oak on the front lawn would have been contrary to what the project was trying to achieve.
- Without taking out the large oak tree the size of the garden would have to be significantly reduced to keep the garden out of the shade from the tree.
- He also noted for a point of reference that the formal garden at the UGA botanical gardens originally cost \$1 million dollars for just the "bones" of the garden. That number included NO PLANTING as that was all done by staff and that it took 5 years for the garden to reach a somewhat mature level. That garden is almost an acre where we are closer to 1/5 of an acre.
- In his opinion, with the budget, we should forgo the idea of installing the cistern and just make future provisions for it.

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Keith,  
Here are our notes from the kick off meeting. Please distribute as appropriate and let me know if anything needs to be added, deleted, revised, etc.

**Michael Kidd**, ASLA, LEED AP