



Green Team Committee Minutes

Thursday Mar. 2, 6:30

Hamilton Senior High School LAB Building, Second Floor Room 607
2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034 (behind Admin. Building)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Paula Waxman, Saran Kirschbaum,
Anne Geffner, Kathy Lewis, and Karen Smith-Laramay
Guests: David Menkes and Corey Menkes

II. Public Comment

- a. Paula wanted everyone to be aware of Earth Hour on March 27th 8:30 to 9:30. Everyone should look for satellite pictures. June 29th is the Department of Sanitation Open House.

III. Unfinished Business

- a. The SORO Festival – Paula attended a committee meeting and reported the festival has new leadership and will happen again this year in June. This will be the 20th anniversary of the event. The Green Team will be in charge of planning the Eco Village, which will feature: the 15-gallon tree give-away sponsored by LA Plants, an Eco Car Expo showcasing electric vehicles and EV hybrids with consultant David Eagle, a recycling game for kids, and possibly a flower booth. The shops along Robertson will be allowed to participate in the festival and will have tables and chairs in front to create a more inviting street scene.
- b. Speakers Program – Paula and Ann will invite DWP to come and give a presentation to the Green Team. Possible topics: City of LA infrastructure, water reclamation, and the challenge to eliminate fossil fuels as an energy source by 2035 based on the legislation passed by the City Council.
- c. Newsletter Update – Everyone was pleased with the new addition of the newsletter published on line. It consisted of 2 articles and a calendar of local events. It went to over 300 emails. It will be sent out three to four times a year. Please advise Paula if you have any corrections or suggestions for new articles. For example: Saran could provide an environmental tip for each addition.
- d. March for Science is scheduled for April 23rd in downtown LA. If you are interested in getting together to go as a group please let Paula know.
- e. Canfield EL and Hamilton HS E Waste Drives - Kathy has scheduled the Canfield E Waste Drive for April 1st from 9:00 to 1:00 in the teacher's parking lot. Conservation Corps is handling the event and Kathy recommended them to Karen for Hamilton. Kathy will send the Canfield flyer to Paula so can help promote the event.
- f. Trash Bin Education – A Rabbi has invited Saran to come to his Congregation to explain the dos and don'ts of blue and black bin recycling. She will also include information about where to recycle hazardous waste.

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IV. New Business

- a. Great Street Grant – SORO was rewarded 100,000 to give Robertson Blvd. a facelift to revitalize the street. For example: Landscape and build street medians. Public input will be solicited from merchants, SORO committees and at the SORO Festival. Paula proposed a motion that would go to the SORO Board and request \$4000.00 to hire Moreno Five Star Tree Maintenance for tree trimming along Robertson Blvd. Kathy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Hami Garden – Paula has had a lot of trouble coordinating a Kellogg delivery of donated bags of soil to the Hami garden. She did not gain access to the garden for five weeks and is frustrated in general with Hamy officials lack of communication.
- c. Computer Classes – SORO is offering computer literacy classes at Robertson Library free of charge, covering subjects such as Microsoft Word.

V. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35. Next meeting April 6th.

NEXT MEETING: To be scheduled. Consult Soro Website.

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