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Green Team Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2015 6:30PM Robertson Public Library 1719 S. Robertson Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Committee Members Present: Aimee Zeltzer, Nicole Zwiren Paula Waxman, Barry, Saran Kirschbaum, Monica Nascimento, SiriGopahl Singh

II. General Public Comment

Paula: Doug responded to her letter. He had a problem with their being solar canopies in the parking lot because it is close to the basketball court and there are big trees in the way that would block the sun.

Doug suggested that all trees that get damaged should be replaced at a 2 to 1 ratio. If there will not be room at the park then we can plant the extra trees at 7-11. Doug also questioned the theme of the park being vague to encourage imagination, and the request for more sand and less rubberized surfaces. Aimee will ask STAR for a letter that recommends the vague theme and more sand at the park. She will also ask to have alternative outdoor exercise equipment at the park.

Siri: He spoke with the manager of the post office off of Pico to get much and other plants in the lot. He wants to do layered mulch with strips of cardboard. He thinks a gallon of water a week would be fine for the 6 or 7 agaves that he has to plant. Wants volunteers and people to "adopt an agave." And if anyone is throwing away succulents, he can pick them up from the person. He can possibly have people come out and help him plant the succulents at the post office on Oct. 16th, 17th or 18th.

III. Old Business

- a) Fall E-waste drive with Hamilton High (Laramay) Oct. 25th from 10-3pm.
- b) Arborist and opposing person. Barry isn't here. Nicole will follow up with him on contacting the arborist and Peter.
- c) Paula says to make a proposal for a notice to the neighbors to clean out their drains. Email blast to people to tell gardeners to clean out their storm drains.
- d) Smart Meters Presentation at 7PM with Josh Hart from Stop Smart Meters (<u>www.stopsmartmeters.org</u>) This portion of our meeting was video-taped. The video of this presentation can be viewed here: <u>https://vimeo.com/141285002</u> If you live in an apartment make sure you band with the other tenants to tell the utility that you do not consent to their installing any smart meters in your building. If you fight back you can retain your analog meter for no additional charge. The organization takes donations at <u>www.stopsmartmeters.org</u> where you can also buy radio frequency testing machines.

- For the Pro's of smart meters, which were not addressed in this





presentation, go to www.blueplanetfoundation.org

IV. New Business

- a) Aimee: Terry said to try to get LEED compliance policies implemented wherever possible at new developments. The seed has to be planted in order to get the work done. Paula says we want the minimum requirement to be Silver.
- b) Nicole called Jesus back from Moreno Five Star tree service. He had her email him the list of trees that need to be pruned so he can send a new estimate
- c) Composting (Zelter) Aimee will call the point of contact after the Jewish holidays.
- d) Open garden on Sundays. Paula says to talk to George, the master garderner. People can get "Bonded" if they talk to Gary Garcia to go through the LAUSD clearance process. If it requires money we can ask the neighborhood council for funding. Monica will ask the Hamilton principal if we can get a scanned paper to fill out so we can turn in finger prints.
 - Monica will also find out who is in charge of the empty lot

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm