



Motion to Nominate a C-PAB Representative

Agenda Item: GB101509-3

Date: October 15, 2009

Proposed By: Ann Hammond, Co-Chair, Public Safety Committee

Summary

Motion to nominate a SORONC representative to C-PAB.

Full Proposal

Community-Police Advisory Boards (C-PABs) were created in 1993 to provide community members with an opportunity to provide information and advice to their respective Area and to take information from the police department back to the community.

Each of the 21 geographic Areas (community police stations) throughout Los Angeles has its own C-PAB. These advisory groups meet monthly to discuss crime and quality of life issues. Each C-PAB has two co-chairs, one of the Area commanding officer while the second is a civilian member voted on by the membership.

Recently, many C-PABs have formed subcommittees in addition to the general group to tackle specific crime and quality of life problems. Examples of C-PAB subcommittees include Graffiti, Youth, Homeless Outreach and Traffic.

In the past, members of the SORONC Board have informally attended C-PAB meetings as their time and interest have permitted. The consensus at the Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday, October 5, 2009, was that it would be beneficial for SORONC to have an official representative at the West Los Angeles C-PAB, who would serve as liaison between the SORONC Board and C-PAB. The Co-Chair of the West LA C-PAB, Jay Handal, subsequently confirmed that such a representative would be welcomed and could join C-PAB as soon as the individual is named. C-PAB meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., usually at the West Los Angeles Police Station.

If the Board agrees in principle to such an appointment, the Public Safety Committee welcomes a volunteer to serve in this role. If the Board or a potential representative is concerned he or she would not be able to attend every C-PAB meeting, a second individual could be designated as alternate to ensure consistent SORONC

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representation at C-PAB meetings and this motion amended accordingly.

Proposed Motion

To appoint a SORONC Board Member to serve as SORONC Representative to the West Los Angeles Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB).

Considerations

Pro

Would strengthen and expand linkages and communications between SORONC Board and LAPD.

Would expand SORONC access to information about public safety issues voiced by members of the West LA community who serve on C-PAB.

Would compensate for difficulties LAPD representatives have, due to budget cut-backs, to attend all SORONC meetings where public safety issues may be discussed.

Con

It would be an added responsibility for a Board member entailing an additional investment of time.

The representative would need to ensure he/she participates in C-PAB discussions and activities as an official SORONC representative, not in a personal capacity.

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:



Motion to pledge \$3,000 in matching funds for a LA City Community Beautification Grant, to build a sustainable learning garden on the campus of Hamilton High School.

Agenda Item: GB101509-4

Date: October 15, 2008

Proposed By: Paula Waxman and Larry Hess Co-Chairs, SORO NC Green Team

Summary

The Green Team and the students of Hamilton High School's environmental club titled Students Assembled For Earth (S.A.F.E.) request a pledge of \$ 3,000 from SORO NC as "matching" funds to fulfill the requirements for a Community Beautification Grant due October 20th, which will be used to build and plant a sustainable learning garden on the campus of Hamilton High School.

Full Proposal

The Green Team and the students of S.A.F.E. want to continue their "greening" program for Hamilton High School by planting a learning garden on campus. S.A.F.E. is one of the fastest growing clubs at Hamilton, attracting students from all academies and small learning communities. An interesting by product of the garden planning, is that it has had a unifying affect to a campus that appears to be somewhat separated by the academic specialization.

S.A.F.E. and the Green Team, have established a successful Hamilton recycling program. Our next joint project is to provide a learning laboratory for students, teachers, and administrators. They will learn to understand and to respect the environment by taking care of plants and the earth. The garden will not only provide a place for students, faculty, and staff to work, but it will also be an oasis of peace, solace, and beauty in a sprawling metropolis

The garden is designed to achieve the maximum amount of visual, educational, and psychological impact on the Hamilton community. We were given two rectangular plots of land 30' x 37' and 17' x 9' connecting to form an L-shape and located in the northwestern corner of the campus behind the Continuation School at the corner of Canfield and Cattaraugus.

The permanent plantings are designed to contain both indigenous California and drought tolerant plants. The overarching objective is to grow items that give students the greatest exposure to the many purposes that plants can serve and lessons that they can impart. Thought has also been given to the sensory aspects of plants: taste, smell, sight, sound, and touch. Pathways and seating areas have been carefully thought out in terms of available but ever changing shade, viewpoint, and proximity to a water element. Buildings mute the noise from the street, and a lacy vine will soften the chain link fence enclosing the garden, but it will not grow so

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densely that it will hide the garden from view by the community outside. We want the community to enjoy the beauty too. The drought tolerant plantings will provide structure for the garden between growing seasons and require minimal or no maintenance during holidays and breaks. The permanent native garden will be a showcase to the neighborhood on how to plant a drought tolerant garden that is both beautiful and conserves water.

Developing the garden will involve, fencing, clearing the plots, forming the hard scape, installing irrigation and preparing the soil. Once the garden is established, it will be incorporated into school life and curriculum. We have already been contacted by Hamilton’s garden club who will also help us build the garden, and two Hamilton science teachers who intend to use the garden, one who will be offering an A.P. Environmental Science curriculum beginning in the fall of 2010. We hope to have the garden ready for their use by June 2010. This learning laboratory will assist students in understanding the importance of:

1. the diversity and interconnectedness of plant , animal, and insect life and cycles
2. the environment in terms of sustainability, recycling, climate change, and energy efficiency
3. healthy nutrition and exercise
4. water conservation and reclamation

There are areas reserved for tool and material storage, composting, and potting.

Proposed Motion.

That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council pledge \$ 3,000 of the “matching” funds needed to fulfill the requirements for a Community Beautification Grant due October 20th. The remaining matching funds will come from work donated by volunteers computed at \$15.00 per hour or the equivalent of \$2,100. If awarded, the grant from the city will be in the amount of \$4,700 and will be used to build a highly self sustaining “learning” garden used by Hamilton teachers, students, and administrators and managed and maintained by Students Assembled for Earth and by the SORO NC Green Team, until such time as the school is able to incorporate the garden into its curriculum and take complete control of its management.

Considerations

Pro

It is a highly relevant learning tool given the direction that science is taking in terms of environmental issues

There is a great deal of popular support among students and teachers.

It will be a unifying force at Hamilton High School which is highly specialized into academic small learning communities.

Other LAUSD schools have found learning gardens of great value (Venice High , N. Hollywood High, Castle Heights

Con

The primary problem with any school-based garden is upkeep, management, maintenance, and cost over time.

No matter how sustainable and drought tolerant the design, a certain amount of maintenance is necessary. Gardens of this kind cannot expect ANY support from LAUSD custodians or maintenance crews. At the same time, student commitment, and academic programs are inconsistent from to year. Even SORO Green Teams ebb and flow. So the question of consistent management is always a problem.



Elementary) so there is a precedent for them.

It would be prudent to apply for the Community Beautification Grant this year rather than next year because there is a great probability that funds will not be available. (This information coming from the city granting office itself.)

It is designed to be relatively self sustaining until curriculum can be designed and implemented in the fall of 2010.

Ideally, the Green Team would have preferred that these bureaucratic issues be worked out in advance of the grant application, but because city funding is drying up, we thought it best to capitalize now on the availability of funds and the enthusiasm of the students and teachers, and work on the answers to our outstanding questions in the coming months.

The garden is not visible from the street.

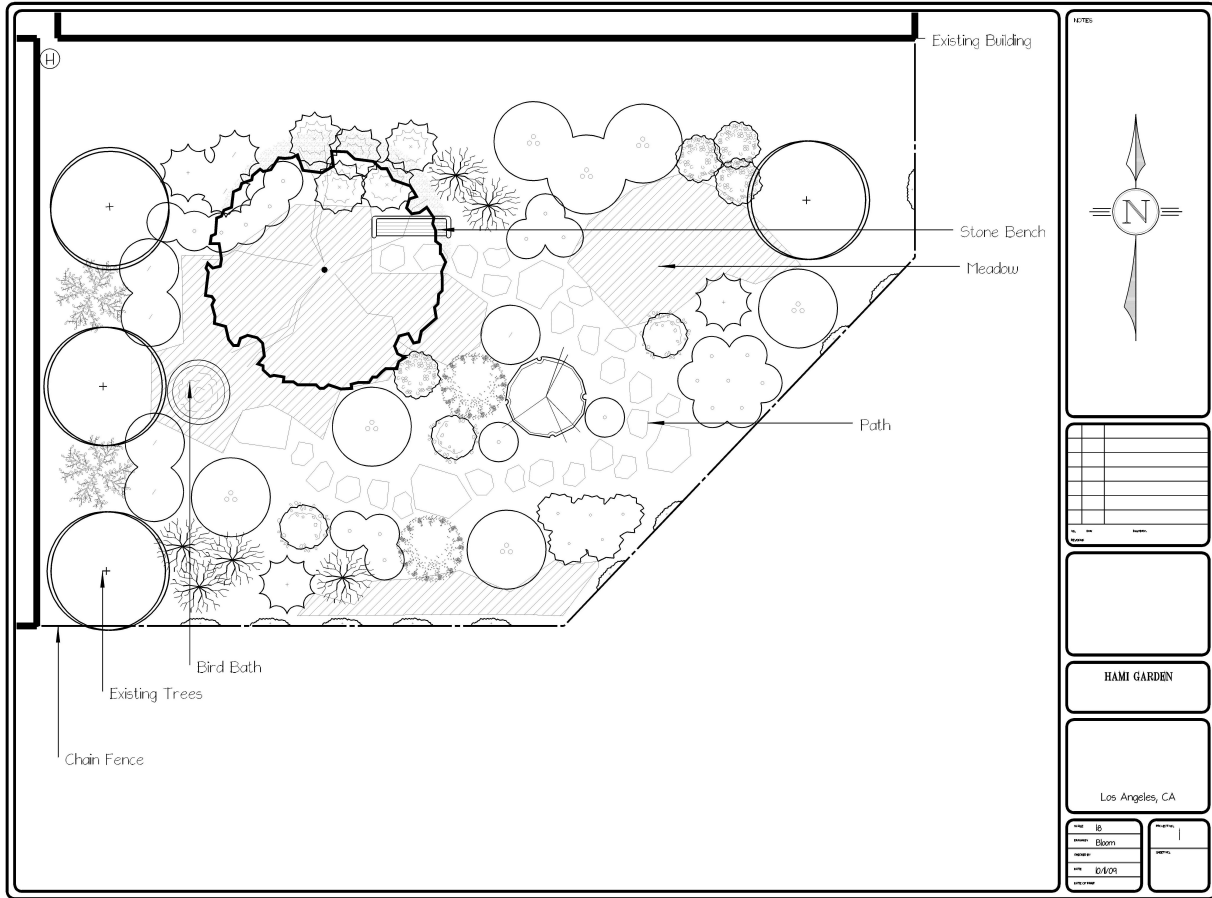
Board Notes

Votes For:

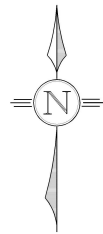
Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:



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Motion to consider variances for 2624 Cullen St.

Agenda Item: GB101509-5

Date: 10/15/09

Proposed By: Land Use Committee

Summary

Motion that SORONC support/reject applicant's request for variances at 2624 Cullen St.

Full Proposal

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Proposed Motion

Motion that SORONC support/reject applicant's request for variances at 2624 Cullen St. Details to be provided at meeting.

Considerations

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Con

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Board Notes

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Proposed Amendments:

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Motion to request that the South Robertson community be included entirely in one Los Angeles City Community Plan

Agenda Item: GB101509-6
Date: 10/15/09
Proposed By: Land Use Committee

Summary

Motion to request that the South Robertson community be included entirely in one Los Angeles City Community Plan.

Full Proposal

The neighborhoods of the South Robertson community are covered by several different Los Angeles Community Plans. This motion provides that SORONC prepare a letter to the Los Angeles City Planning Department, or other relevant public entity, requesting that the South Robertson community be included entirely in one Los Angeles City Community Plan. The Board shall decide at its October meeting, which community plan it would like the community to be a part of.

Proposed Motion

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Considerations

Pro

Land use planning for the South Robertson area will be conducted in a better fashion if the neighborhood is encompassed by one community plan.

Con

There are 3 community plans South Robertson neighborhoods could become a part of. SORO could chose to be a part of the wrong community plan.

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