



Green Team Committee Minutes

Wednesday, October, 12 2011, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 8:30pm unless the committee votes to end earlier or extend the time

Hamilton Senior High School Cafeteria

2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. **Committee Members:** Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Barry Levine, Saran Kirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman, Veronica Cabello, Sherilyn Correa, Anne Sutton, Karen Smith-Laramay, Marie Trapnell, Karen Antholis, Charmaine Colina, Anne Geffner, Elisa Leonelli, Martin Epstein, Rachel Lester, Erick Morales, Neal Anderberg
- b. **Committee Members Present:** Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Saran Kirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman, Anne Sutton, Charmaine Colina, Anne Geffner, Karen Smith-Laramay, Martin Epstein
- c. **Committee Members Absent:** Veronica Cabello, Elisa Leonelli, Neal Anderberg, Rachel Lester (excused)
- d. No new members.

II. General Public Comment

- a. From Saran: Just talked to our DWP. A problem they are having, is that when sod is put in, the water meters get covered. The DWP is having a hard time finding them under the sod.
- b. Jill, a parent of a student of Hami, will pay for and build the planter boxes for Anne Sutton at Shenandoah.
- c. Thich Nhat Hanh, The World We Have, good environmental book.

III. New Business:

a. Education:

i. Evening Presentation:

Jason Benavidez of The Pharmacy Depot: "How, Where and Why to Correctly Dispose of Medications". The Pharmacy Depot, 4972 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019 (323) 965-0580 Provides a local drop-off site for unused medications and is helping to educate about the negative effects of improperly disposing of pharmaceuticals.

Walgreens sells envelopes for \$2.99 where you can put your unused prescriptions in and ship them out. Also Police departments will accept them. But only 2 pharmacies in LA accept unused prescriptions.

ii. Future Presentations:

1. Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. Paula suggests having a presentation at Isaiah Temple. We were all in agreement to do this.
2. Lisa Novick, of the Theodore Payne Foundation. Paula mentioned that one of the Foundation's goals is to promote the use of native plants because they are habitats for California Wildlife. Saran mentioned that we should have TP at the Soro

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Festival in June. Also TP could bring plants for sale at their presentation.

3. James Brennan, Community Solar Program. Paula was approached by him to help promote Solar programs in our neighborhood and get a reduced rate.
4. Denise Ritchie, of Malibu Compost on biodynamic compost. Paula will find out more information on this.
5. Paula Daniels, LA Food Council . The Los Angeles Food Policy Council (LAFPC) is a collaborative network of 35 Los Angeles regional food system leaders, working to make Southern California a Good Food region for everyone- where food is *healthy, affordable, fair and sustainable*. Through policy creation, new cooperative relationships, and systemic change, its goals are to reduce hunger, improve public health, increase equity in our communities, create good jobs, stimulate local economic activity, and foster environmental stewardship.
6. Committee members agree that we should book presentations in order of importance: Climate, Native Plants & Food Policy Council.

IV. Other Comments:

- a. Paula mentioned that Neighborhood Councils have been really successful at writing letters and making a change in policies. Ex. Paul Koretz sponsoring plastic bag ban.
- b. Paula suggested a tour of the Environmental Charter School. Members were in favor.

V. Old Business

- a. Greening Our Schools: School Conservation Project. Paula and Charmaine both have received confusing information regarding the program and are frustrated with the disorganization of this project.
- b. S. Robertson Tree Planting Project: The tree planting is set for Sat. March 24th/Sun. Mar. 25th. This will be a larger community event.
- c. Twitter update:
 - i. We now have a real time Twitter feed to our committee page.
 - ii. Any post from the @soronc account that includes the #sorogreen tag will show up on our page, up to a maximum of 5.
- d. Cisterns for SORONC public schools: Progress Report, Saran Kirschbaum discovered that they are too expensive at the moment.
- e. Hami Garden. Food usage. Jason mentioned Culinary Health Outreach Program (CHOP) as a great program.

Special thanks to our official posting locations:

Demers & Associates, The Robertson Blvd Library, The Robertson Recreation Center, The Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz, Malcolm Brown Insurance Co., Hamilton High School, and the SORO NC and DONE websites.

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