Green Team Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 18, 6:00pm
Hamilton Senior High School Lab Building, 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 6:00pm.

Board Committee Members Present: Paula Waxman, Grant Cohen, Barry Levine, Aimee Zeltzer, Marj Safinia

Community Committee Members Present: Karen Smith-Laramay, Heather Leiken, Anne Geffner, Saran Kirschbaum

Committee Members Absent: Bette Billet, Charmaine Colina, Martin Epstein, Erick Morales, Anne Sutton, Leo Portal

II. General Public Comment
a. Neighborhood Sustainability Alliance – Paula attended mtg, they are not quite ready for advocacy issues but plan to work with the mayors office on sustainability. The first issue is Koretz’s motion of 50% by 2050, which they are pushing to have NC’s support. Sherri Akers can’t make it to tonights mtg so we will postpone her inclusion.

b. LADWP letter – Anne’s friend on the MarVista NC is working on a letter to DWP in support of them creating a regulated solar program for residences

II. Old Business

   c. eWaste Drive – Went extremely well and filled a 26ft truck twice over with eWaste from the school and community. Still waiting on final amount to be confirmed. Big thanks to the student volunteers.

   d. Town Hall on Drought / Water Conservation – Confirmation of event being scheduled for 5/17 from 12-3p at Castle Heights. (space held from 10a-4p for set up and clean up)

      i. Location – Application completed and costs built into funding motion (Safinia)

      ii. Speakers – Panel to cover key topics around causes of the drought and what individuals can do to conserve water. Specific speakers to be lined up:

         • Confirmed:
(i) Tree People (Waxman) – confirmed speaker to talk about rain barrels and tips from their trip to Australia
(ii) Payne Foundation (Waxman) – Lisa Novick to speak about drought tolerant plants and gardens
• Semi Confirmed:
  (i) LADWP (Waxman) – will provide a speaker, can confirm who specifically once we know if we have an academic confirmed to be on the panel
  (ii) Sustainable Works (Cohen) – confirmed availability and fee (which is included in funding motion), but need to find out if they have a BTRC
  (iii) Rebates Specialist (Waxman/Leiken) – waiting to see if George’s program gets renewed, if not we should connect with SoCal H2O Smart and/or LADWP
• Need To Confirm:
  (i) Academic (Waxman) – Alex Hall from UCLA or Jay Famiglietti, UC Irvine
  (ii) Mayor/Councilmen – Koretz (Waxman), Garcetti (Cohen), Bloom (Cohen)

iii. Tables – Available for speakers and other parties to come provide additional info to the community in 1:1 conversations. Setting up Castle Heights tour to confirm we have all needed space for approx. 10 tables, etc (Cohen)
  • Confirmed:
    (i) Food & H2O Watch – confirmed (Waxman)
  • Need To Confirm:
    (i) Surfrider – ocean friendly gardens (Waxman)
    (ii) Grey Water Corp – install H2O recycling systems (Waxman)
    (iii) Green Gardens Group (G3) – confirm they don’t compete too heavily with Payne Foundation (Waxman)

iv. Promotion – Using the name “Save Water, Save LA”
  • Getting yard signs and eFlyer / landing page designed and ordered (price included in funding motion) (Safinia)
  (i) Providing content to include in these marketing materials (Cohen)
  • Outreach Cmte to get this marketed around the neighborhood, as well as promoted through our CD reps, the mayors office, Beverlywood Homeowners Assoc, Reyneir Village community, etc (Safinia)
  (i) Local Schools – Canfield (Waxman), Hamilton (Safinia), Catstle Heights & Green Beginnings (Cohen)
v. Additional Components – Confirming with Outreach / Exec around what can be done or not with outside businesses (Cohen)
   • eWaste Drive – Also doing annual CH eWaste drive during this time (Colina)
   • Landscaping Prize Giveaway – Working with vendor to provide info and some free assessment to winning attendee (Leiken)
   • Swag Bags – Getting giveaway materials to provide in SORO NC bags to attendees
     o Dept of Sanitation (Leiken)
     o Office of Sustainability (Leiken)
     o Others?
   • Food Trucks – logistics of including and whats needed to book (Cohen)
   • Rain Barrel Giveaway – to be included during event for sign up with actual giveaway a week later at Hamilton (Safinia)
     o Contacting Tree People to get set up (Waxman)
     o Andy Shrader for city supported event (Cohen)

   e. Paper Towel Stickers – postponed plans for handing out stickers and distribution (Cohen)
   f. Tree Trimming – Motion approved and trees are trimmed

IV. New Business

   a. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance – Sherri Akers coming to speak about collaboration opportunities postponed

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm