

Green Team Committee Minutes

NOTE TIME AND PLACE CHANGE! Thursday, November 5, 2015 6:30 pm

Meetings end at 7:45 pm because library closes at 8:00 PM

Los Angeles Public Library-ROBERTSON Branch

1719 S. Robertson Blvd., first floor meeting room

Los Angeles, California 90035

I. Call to Order & Roll Call 6:38

- a. Committee Members:
Saran Kirschbaum, Barry Levine, Paula Waxman,
Nicole Zwiren,

Mendel

II. General Public Comment

Monica and Aimee requested Thursday. The library closes at 8.

III. Unfinished Business

- a. Update on mulching (Zwiren) Need for succulents

Steve Lopez – LA times, send him the photos. Send flickr link to committee chairs. Paula: Terry Shoanwald, has tons of succulents in yard or nurseries. She's fighting against rec center. Ask post office to put sign up to say donations from people. Paula : even succulents need some irrigation. Saran: Think about what will happen with huge rains. Paula may donate her drip hose.

- b. Report on E-Waste drive (Zwiren/Laramay) Paula: Karen said bring the biggest truck because there is never a big enough truck. This time, they brought a big truck and they were done by 2. They should bring two trucks. Saran: if they're having it in the spring a lot of people will get new ones in the holidays.
- c. Update on Pico Trees (Zwiren). Paula had Jesus get rid of her tree in the front yard. Nicole needs to find out if he trimmed the Pico trees already. Jesus started trimming the Robertson trees y accident.
- d. Composting: Mendel...presentation. Compost just happens....don't be afraid to try anything. Aerobic v. anaerobic composting. Aerobic is more environ friendly. Doesn't emit as much methane. This is why composting on our own is so helpful. Our garbage never decomposes properly. Didn't have a bin. Just a pile. Digs a hole for traction. Puts water and dirt and leaves. Doesn't cover it. It takes a little commitment. Paula and Barry love composting (for 25 + years). It's rewarding. Mendel has been doing it for a year and has seen no "critters" yet. Maybe on Sundays we can do a compost presentation at people's houses. Paula donates her garden for

one. Vegetable gardening presentation. Paula volunteers the Hamilton garden. God made such power with the abundance of seeds in a pepper.

- e. Arborist and Opposing person (date December or January) (Levine/Zwiren/Zeltzer). The maximum amount was arbitrary. We need something more concrete. WE need to ask Jan Scrow for his maximum figure because this is the city entity. Barry: regardless, city will be held responsible for what happens to the trees. Paula: the prevailing thought is the trees will all get damaged so we should negotiate a different deal 4:1 or 3:1 ratio since it takes 20 years for the trees to grow. Saran: Have him examine only healthy trees. Paula: the councilman doesn't want dead trees.

Corrections to motion...1. Add on that Jan was recommended by Tree People. 2. "To have an indie arborist examine the trees at the rec center prof opinion with cost not to exceed ____\$..."

Title 3. Healthy Trees...4. Max amount.

All in favor: UNANIMOUS 4 VOTES

- f. Joint Standards w/Land Use (Zwiren/Zeltzer). No UPDATES...? Paula: Important element.

IV. New Business

- a. Robertson Trees (Zwiren). Liz called Paula saying we are on a 90 year cycle for trimming trees. They won't trim street trees before Residential Trees. Because blvd's don't vote, "don't quote me on that" we need to open discussion about trimming the trees we planted. Jesus accidentally started trimming Robertson trees and that was good. Nicole should present that we need to maintain our trees on Pico and Robertson on a regular basis if we want the Blvd. to look nice we need to or we could get a deal if we have a contract with Moreno. Every year please book us and budget us. Barry could help talk about it. Someone should take a picture of the nice trees on Melrose or Santa Monica or Doheny to show an example of what we need. Nicole should look up executive Committee meeting date on the SoRo website to present in front of them instead.

- b. Children's area playground letter and possible motion (Waxman/Zeltzer).

Paula's motion met vehement response from Doug. Defined feasible in the solar panel section of the request. "if...then." To appease Doug. Paula fixed the motion to replant trees, 2:1 at minimum and as mature as possible. Plant trees nearby to resist heat island effect. The sand. Changed letter to say "rubberized should be adequate enough...limit the use of sand but do not eliminate it." Paula says we need sand to put toddler in. her kids didn't die of parasites from the sand. What proof do we have that it limits creativity if themed playground? Found two sources via Aimee and Paula, we should use landscape as play setting and nature instead of theme as much as possible. UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

Paula will submit the motion to Doug.

- c. NCSA- Any update as to day and time? (Waxman)

- d. Hamilton High (Nascimento). Not here...

- e. Recruiting new members (send your emails to add to the list to Nicole Zwiren). Paula has some emails to add to the list. Research how to get contacts from someone's gmail.

V. Adjournment at 7:54

Notes:

Dates of our meetings have changed to the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm except for when rescheduled for holidays or other calendaring conflicts.