I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.  
**Board Committee Members Present:** Paula Waxman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Aimee Zeltzer, Martin Epstein  
**Community Committee Members Present:** Anne Geffner, Saran Kirschbaum, Nicole Zwiren  
**Committee Members Absent:** Barry Levine  
**Guests:** none

II. General Public Comment

The date and place of our committee meetings are incorrect on Soro website.

III. Old Business

a. Update on the trimming of Pico Trees.  Nicole Zwiren reported that Terrence Gomes indicated that should the Board decide that the trees should be trimmed on an annual basis, we would need to have a contract.  This should be discussed as part of the next fiscal year budget.  
b. Motion to hire an arborist to give us a second opinion on whether the Robertson Rec. Center trees will be harmed by construction of new Rec. Center was not passed by the Board at the November Board Meeting.  
c. Robertson Rec. Center Playground Recommendations Motion: Passed at the November Board Meeting.

IV. New Business

a. Aimee Zeltzer has resigned as Committee Chair due to health concerns.  Aimee was thanked for her service.  Paula Waxman was nominated for Chair of the Green Team by Saran Kirschbaum.  Passed unanimously.  
b. NCSA Report:  Paula Waxman reported that there will be a Climate Conference on Saturday, Dec. 5th dealing with the mayors Sustainability Plan and how NC's can implement the plan in their own neighborhoods.  
c. Saran Kirschbaum has been researching the use of porous cement in rebuilding city streets, sidewalks, and alleyways.  Timely discussions given the mayor's plan to fix city sidewalks.  Porous sidewalks help with flooding, and replenish aquifers.  Cost is lower than cement.  Saran was given the name of James Galloway to contact to see what type of material will be used in replacing city sidewalks and report back.  
d. Bottles and Cans:  Saran raises money for our neighborhood schools by collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans.  If anyone is interested in helping her in these efforts please contact Paula at paulawaxman@soronc.org for drop off information.  
e. Topics for next meeting agenda:  Newsletter, instagram account for SoRo, where to have meetings, time of meetings, mission statement (Paula will send out Mission Statement written in years past), ad hoc committee to discuss green building requirements, ways to contact other religious green committees.  The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.