



Green Team Committee Minutes

Thursday September 12, 2017

Hamilton Senior High School, Lab Building, Second Floor Room 607
2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90034

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Committee Members Present: Barry Levine

Committee Members Present: Paula Waxman, Saran Kirschbaum,
Anne Geffner, Kathy Lewis, and Karen Smith-Laramay

II. General Public Comment

a. Paula announced that Tom Steyer is speaking at Temple Isaiah on
January 26th, 7:30. He is a great supporter of the environment and
children's issues and a speaker of renown.

b. Anne wanted to know if anyone else had been asked to take part in phone
surveys for councilman Paul Koretz who is running for another council
term. She is not sure who sponsored the surveys. It may have been his
opponent Jesse Creed. The vote will be in March.

c. From the DWP and Sustainable Works there will be Green Living
Workshops available for Hamilton students and adults. Dates to follow.

d. There is a Women's March Jan 21st and Paula and Karen are attending.

III. Old Business

a. The SORO Board passed the Green Team resolution to ask the DWP to
phase out the use of natural gas used to provide electricity to the grid,
in favor of renewables by 2035.

IV. New Business

a. Planning the Green Team Calendar and committees for 2017.

The following programs and classes were discussed as possible subjects
for future Green Team meetings. We will be researching these topics and
choose which ones to schedule for future meetings.

2017 POSSIBLE SPEAKERS, CLASSES, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Possible Speakers Programs/Classes

Water:

"The Pros and Cons of The Proposed Peripheral Tunnels under the Sacramento
Delta" Pro Rep. of Gov. Brown's office, con Food and Water Watch.

What is LA doing in terms of water reclamation, storage, etc.

Waste and Recycling:

Compost Class and compost bin sales-Hami Garden Project

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The Environment

- Natural Gas storage facilities: are there any in our neighborhood or nearby? Have they been inspected properly? We do not want another Aliso Ranch disaster.
- The Master Gardeners Program-Hami Garden Project
- How to lower your impact on the environment through nutrition?
- Challenges to the environment by the new administration:
Sierra Club or National Resources Defense Council on the state of the environment in light of the new administration and what they see as the challenges ahead. These two organizations have strong legal teams that specialize in defending our natural resources.
- SELVA International**, a Mar Vista based environmental non-profit, has partnered with conservation biologist and sustainable landscape professional Steven Williams to offer EcoGardens, a landscape service to help you convert your water thirsty lawn to an ecological garden.

Urban Forestry:

- Tree People on our urban forests and what can be done to preserve the trees we have and how can we increase our urban canopy.

Energy

- The DWP's Plan/Timetable for a transition to 100% renewables

Transportation:

- Field trip and tutorial on how to ride the metro
- EV Chargers in multi family dwellings

Biodiversity

- Status reports on biodiversity and how we can help locally: especially bees, birds, and monarch butterfly
- Seed Library of Los Angeles Protects our plant biodiversity

Calendared Activities

Tom Steyer speaking at Temple Isaiah on January 26, 7:30.

March, Earth hour

April, Earth Day

June 4th: Soro Festival

June 29 Los Angeles Department of Sanitation Open House West LA facility, 2027 Stoner Ave., Los Angeles

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Field Trip to a Recycling Facility: LASAN holds six "Discover Recycling" Open Houses every year. Each of our waste shed district yards will open to the public in a series of free Saturday events. The Open House program showcases LA Sanitation's residential curbside collection programs with an emphasis on proper recycling practices and bulky item collection while strengthening partnerships with City residents. The Open House will feature trash trucks and equipment demonstrations in addition to facility tours, information booths, recycling games, and refreshments. Last year, more than 7,000 residents attended the Open House events with 290 city employees who volunteered their time to "give back" to the neighborhoods they serve throughout the year. There is no charge for admission and all ages are welcome, but we do request that pets be left at home for safety.



Possible Events:

Ewaste Drive
Street Clean Up
Tree Planting on La Cienega
Rain barrel sale and/or distribution (are there still rebates?)
Possible proposed Sustainable Works Series of Workshops for students at Hamilton High School

SoRo Festival Soro Fest, organizing committee, special projects, Green Citizenship Award Nominee search, free tree distribution, zero waste management Booth (Recycle Corks, Sell Compost Bins, Worms, Reusable bag give-Away, Distribute Free Trees)
Eco Car Expo, or???

On-Going Projects and Commitments:

Hami Garden, management, grant writing, classes in composting, seed propagation, Master Gardener Program
Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Membership
Newsletter
Green Building Checklist,
Update of status of Cap and Trade Grants for transit projects
Barry Levine's Bicycle Path made with sustainable materials

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, FEB. 2, HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL, RM. 607

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