



Green Team Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 1, 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.

Committee Members Present: Paula Waxman, Saran Kirschbaum,
Karen Smith-Laramay, Barry Levine, Giovanni Ferdinand

Community Members Present: Marilyn de Vasconcellos, Joanna Bogos,
Steven Edwards, Sandy Nevler

II. General Public Comment

a. Paula reminded committee of the **June 29** Los Angeles Department of Sanitation Open House West LA facility, 2027 Stoner Ave., Los Angeles <https://www.lacitysan.org/san/faces/home/portal/s-lsh-es/s-lsh-es-yoh> 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.

III. Old Business

- a. Sorofest: Paula demonstrated the recycling game made by Anne Geffner to the members to get their input.
- b. Newsletter: work on the Newsletter had to be put on hold to work on the Sorofest.
- c. Hamilton E-waste Drive: has been postponed indefinitely because the date selected by the school conflicts with SAT exams. It will probably be rescheduled for early fall.

IV. New Business:

- a. Tree Motion: The community has been disturbed by the posting of notices on 18 Tipuana Tipu Trees indicating that they will be removed sometime after late June. The Tree Motion, passed unanimously in committee, will be sent to the Soronc Board for their consideration on June 15th. It reads:

Motion: Unless the Tipuana Tipu trees along Cadillac which are scheduled to be removed, provide a serious and eminent danger to the community, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council would like a moratorium on their removal until representatives from the Soronc and representatives from the community impacted by their removal can meet with representatives from the appropriate city departments at a time to be set up by Councilman Wesson's office to discuss in depth, reasons for their removal and possible alternatives.

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- b. Tree Trimming Along Robertson: The Committee has a budget of \$3000 for tree trimming in this fiscal year.
- c. Paula is still working on a new meeting place for the Green Team. We were turned down by the Robertson Library.
- d. Paula reported that the Executive Board's Strategic Plan for the Green Team this year is consistent with that of the Green Team.
- e. The Hami Garden will be giving two new gardening classes conducted by our master gardener, George Pessin. To sign up for these classes contact Paula Waxman at paulawaxman@soronc.org. These classes are titled:
 - 1. **How plants flower, fruit, make seeds, how to save seeds, hand pollinate**, & breed your own varieties. Sat. June 24, 10am to noon. \$15.00
 - 2. **Fall/Winter Vegetable Gardening Class**, Sat. Sept. 23, 10-1pm. \$20.00

f. A sad farewell and thank you was given to Karen Laramay, our teacher liaison at Hamilton High School, for the years of service to her students and to the environment. She lives in the San Fernando Valley so she will continue her environmental work there. Mrs. Laramay is retiring as a teacher from Hamilton after 30 years. She will be missed.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

NEXT MEETING: To be scheduled. Consult Soro Website.

Please note: Under the Brown Act, the committee is prevented from acting on matters brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue may become the subject of a future meeting. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the Chair.

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 Department of Neighborhood Empowerment websites.

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