



Green Team Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2016 6:30pm

Robertson Public Library, 1719 S. Robertson Blvd., LA, CA 90035
First floor meeting room

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Board Committee Members Present: Giovanni Ferdinand, Paula Waxman, Aimee Zeltzer, Martin Epstein, Barry Levine

Community Committee Members Present: Anne Geffner, Saran Kirschbaum, Nicole Zwiren

Committee Members Absent: Martin Bowler, Menachem Gottlieb, Karen Laramay, Siri Gopal Singh

Guests: none

II. General Public Comment

a. Paula said that she was contacted by Gina Garcia, Head of Sustainable Works, an organization associated with Santa Monica City College. They were awarded a grant by the DWP to give Three-Evening Water/Energy Conservation workshops in our neighborhood. They asked for appropriate locations for the workshops. Paula gave them Robertson Library, The Museum of Tolerance, Temple Isaiah, Westside Pavilion.

III. Old Business

a. **Care and Maintenance of Trees Planted by the Soronc:** It would appear that the city is unable to trim and maintain any of the trees we have planted. The trees planted along Robertson was a project initiated by an Ad Hoc Soronc Committee dedicated to improving the look of Robertson Blvd. in order to attract businesses. We researched other areas of the City to see which trees most successfully accomplished this and decided to model our trees after a project in West Hollywood along Santa Monica Blvd. They planted Chinese Elms but what made this project so special was how uniformly they were trimmed. This uniformity created a cohesive look to the boulevard.

Barry Levine will discuss with the Executive Committee how they would like to deal with this issue going forward. Do we want to pay for trimming c. \$3000-5000? How frequently? Which trees? We planted trees along Pico and Chitalpa trees (prior to 2009) and Chinese Elms (2011) on Robertson. Ideas going forward:

Try to get a yearly budget for tree maintenance in the Green Team Committee and we would be in charge of ongoing maintenance.

Turn it over to one of the following committees: Land Use and Economic Dev. or Robertson Revitalization.

Share the financial responsibility with the other committees.

b. **Robertson Rec. Center Motion:** suggestions on how to design the exterior. PASSED

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IV. New Business

- a. Annual Backyard Fruit Harvest:** The committee decided to conduct the harvest on Jan 31st 2016. Saran will allow us to store the fruit in her garage overnight. Sova Food Pantry will pick up the fruit from Saran Monday morning, Feb. 1st. Paula will write a letter on Soro letterhead requesting donations of backyard fruit. Send to Anne, Saran, Barry, Aimee.
- b. Religious and Social media outreach:** Paula will contact Steve Fox to see if we can combine green efforts. Barry suggested Scott Krieger, Har Simran Khalsa. Aimee will get Paula names of religious leaders in the Orthodox community.
- c. Time and place of the meetings:** the committee was satisfied with the Robertson Library. 6:30 is a bit early for some but it was understood that they might arrive slightly late. All were fine with that.
- d. Amended and updated Mission Statement.** Committee members were requested to study the 2013 Mission Statement at home and submit changes to Paula via email for discussion at the next meeting.
- e. Green Building Checklist for Land use Committee:** committee members who wish to be on this ad hoc committee will let Paula know evenings good for them. Paula will schedule 2-3 hours to go over LEED Platinum Standards that we wish to include in a checklist that will cover single/ multi residential homes, and businesses. The meeting will be at Paula's house.
- f. Cap and Trade Funds:** once it is established that these funds will actually be available for community projects, Paula will put together an ad hoc committee to work on projects that would involve neighboring NC's.
- g. Green Team Newsletter:** Giovanni Ferdinand will help Saran and Paula start a newsletter via Mail Chimp so that subscribers can unsubscribe and that we can send to more than 25 recipients at a time.

V. Adjournment: 7:45