



# GREEN TEAM Committee Minutes

Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:30 pm

Robertson Library, 1719 S. Robertson Blvd, first floor meeting Room, Los Angeles, CA 90035

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## 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,

**Community Committee Members Present:** Siri Gopal Singh, Saran Kirschbaum, Nicole Zwiren

**Committee Members Absent:** Barry Levine, Anne Geffner, Noa Zarur

## II. General Public Comment

**Sustainable Works** will be holding 3 FREE workshops on ways to reduce your energy and water bills: Feb. 29, Mar. 7 & 14 from 7-8:30 pm at the Westside Pavilion Community Room A, 10800 W. Pico Blvd, LA, 90064. Register at [sustainableworks.eventbrite.com](http://sustainableworks.eventbrite.com)

## III. Old Business

A. Maintenance of Trees in the Soro Business District. Paula will ask Barry Levine to discuss at the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting, the cost of maintaining the Pico/Robertson trees planted by the SORONC to see if it is something that we should pay for. Paula will not be available that night. These are the Robertson Chinese Elms (17), the Pico Chinese Flame Trees (7); Robertson Chitalpa Trees (?), and the removal of 3 dead ficus trees at Alcott at Robertson.

B. Robertson Rec. Center Trees: Paula will discuss with Siri the monitoring of the trees during the Robertson Rec. Center construction.

C. 2016 Mission Statement. The committee voted 7 to 0 to add to the Mission Statement under "Action Areas", #6. "To push the boundaries for scientific research for environmental health."

D. Green Team Newsletter: Giovanni Ferdinand and Paula Waxman have been discussing how to use Mail Chimp in the transmission of our proposed Newsletter. They will try to get the newsletter up and running by March meeting.

E. Green Building Checklist for Land Use Committee. Aimee reported that in her meeting with Land Use, it was decided that they would like a short list of recommendations. Paula felt that we needed some guidance on current green building codes and how they differ from LEED criteria. We will devote an entire meeting to this subject in April or May.

F. Cap and Trade Funds: This is moving along slowly. Paula reported that she finally heard back from Ridley-Thomas's office and the California Air Resources Board. She will follow up with Liz Carlin at Herb Wesson's office to find out deadlines, and grant guidelines. The committee wanted to devote the March meeting to a discussion of a grant partnership, project ideas, etc. Much depends on deadlines. She will keep the committee informed.

G. Annual Backyard Fruit Harvest: It was discovered at the eleventh hour that the City of LA will not insure volunteers on projects if the injury occurs on private property. Paula will explore the possibility of turning this project over to a non profit called Food Forward which does insure their volunteers and supports our local food bank SOVA.

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#### **IV. New Business**

- a. Nicole Zwiren has been concerned with the issue of “dirty electricity” that presumably results from converting DC to AC current. She will be researching this issue and reporting back.
- b. Saran Kirschbaum has read that porous cement allows rainwater to seep back into groundwater and is less expensive than asphalt. She would like to know if the City of LA has studied this material and are they using it? If not, why. She has already contacted Joe Galloway in Koretz’s office with no response. Paula will dig further and report back.

#### **V. Pending for March 3rd Meeting: Cap and Trade Grant**

- a. Fix a Leak Week March 16 through 20
- b. EV plug ins and hybrids for Soro Festival June 5<sup>th</sup>
- c. Speaker’s program

#### **VI. Adjourned: 8:15pm**