



Green Team/ Transportation Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:30pm

Robertson Public Library

1719 S. Robertson Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035 Community Meeting Room

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Board Committee Members Present: Giovanni Ferdinand, Jon Liberman, Paula Waxman, Aimee Zeltzer

Community Committee Members Present: Anne Geffner, Saran Kirschbaum, Siri Gopal Singh

Committee Members Absent: Nicole Zwiren

Guests: Joseph Galloway, Yvette Edidin

II. General Public Comment

A. The Beverlywood HOA sent out an announcement with instructions on how to dispose of hazardous waste:

U.C.L.A. S.A.F.E. COLLECTION CENTER

(For the Residents of the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles)

550 Charles E. Young Dr. West Los Angeles, 90095

(Take Wilshire Blvd. Go North on Gayley Ave. Turn right on Charles E. Young Dr. south and then an immediate left on Charles E. Young Dr. West)

Follow drop-off signs

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday* 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For Information on specific items they will accept call 1-800-98-TOXIC ([1-800-988-6942](tel:1-800-988-6942))

*They will accept electronic waste on Saturdays only.

No commercial drop-offs accepted and waste collection is suspended during rain.

B. Aimee spoke to former Green Team Chair, Grant Cohen who is a new parent. All send him congratulations!

III. Old Business:

The committee voted to table discussion of old business until the April 7th meeting.

IV. New Business : Cap and Trade Grant Funds

A. **Paula's Report on Cap and Trade (C & T) Funds:** C & T funds are collected by the State of California from high greenhouse gas (aka GHG) producers like utility companies and are granted to fund large (eg. high speed rail) and small GHG reduction projects. They are administered by the California Air Resources Board which distributes them to 14 agencies. (Those distributing to neighborhoods are Strategic Growth Council, Cal Trans, and Cal Fire). Grants can be given to neighborhood councils who work in partnership with Council Districts, City Departments, and 501c3's and which must be implemented in low income, high

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unemployment areas of the City, or which serve to connect this population to home, workplace, and services.

B. Paula Waxman (Green Team) and Jon Liberman (Transportation Committee) asked for ideas from the committees which might qualify us for these funds.

Although the majority of the SORO district does not meet the qualifications of low income, high unemployment, the population along the east border of the SORO community does qualify. It is also true that there are two Expo Train Line Stops along the south border of SORO. If these stops can be connected by bus to Century City and Beverly Hills to the north, and Culver City to the south, it would provide a way for low income folks to get to jobs from those train stops. These were the ideas that were discussed:

1. Pedestrian walkway improvements (which would include shade trees) to and from Expo stops. An enhanced focus on pedestrian safety and mobility across major tributaries like Robertson and La Cienega at regular intervals
2. Connector bike paths, and lanes. To be discussed with Michelle Mowry, DOT We need to study existing bike lanes, paths, bike friendly streets, signage to see how we can make them better serve our goals and needs.
3. Electric Buses through residential areas to Beverly Hills, Century City
4. Increased frequency of all existing bus routes
5. Conversion of alleyways to "people streets". Discussed possibly converting alley to promenades in La Cienega Heights.

C. Possible Partnerships

1. The SORO HOA's and Neighborhoods: Beverlywood, Reynier Village, Castle Heights, Crestview, La Cienega Arts District. La Cienega Heights, Pico / Robertson, Helms, Roxbury / Beverwil, West Helms
2. Neighboring Neighborhood Councils: P.I.C.O., Westside NC, Palms NC
3. City Partnerships: Beverly Hills, Century City, Culver City, Santa Monica
4. People Streets partnerships

D. Advisors

1. City of LA, Dept. of Transportation: Joseph Galloway to assist in finding the right person
Bike Lanes, Paths, Rent-a-Bike installations etc: Michelle Mowry
Buses
2. Department of Street Services
Pedestrian Walkway Improvements
3. Urban Forestry: Street Trees
4. Urban Planning: Joe Galloway to provide contact information for woman who helped with transit patterns in District 5.
5. Liz Carlin, Council District 10

E. Research requested from Joe Galloway, Councilman Koretz's office

1. Does the City DOT already have plans to connect the Expo stops at Washington/National and Palms/National by bus to Century City, Beverly Hills, and Culver City and what those plans are?
2. Who to contact at the above City Agencies for input and advice.
3. Discuss with Councilman Paul Koretz to see if he would help draft/support a possible plan
4. Specifics in the Mobility Plan 2035 that deal with future development of these transit hubs in #1.
5. Long and short term plans for the Expo Line Parking lot at National and Washington including number of parking spaces temporarily lost/gained, permanently lost/gained and how long this lot will be under construction.
6. Are alleys private or public? Can promenade/people streets be created? What are issues for consideration?



7. Who can advise us on future expected development/density allowances made under new legislation and commensurate impact on mobility?
8. Joe Galloway to provide Overland Development Plan as sample prototype and author contact information.

F. **Community Input:** Town Hall possibly moderated by urban planner.

V. Adjournment (Next meeting April 7th)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm