



Green Team Committee Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 6:00pm

Meetings end at 7:00pm unless the committee votes to end earlier or extend the time
Hamilton Senior High School LAB Building, Second Floor Room 607
2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034 (behind Admin building)

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair called meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Aimee Zeltzer, Paula Waxman, Leo Portal, Barry Levine

Community Members Present: Karen Laramay, Saran Kirschbaum, Chaya Kamisher, Gary Kamisher, Heather Leiken, Grace Aaron, Ken Aaron.

II. General Public Comment

Leo Portal told the group that all rain barrels have been given out but that the city will provide a refund if you buy your own and send in receipt.

III. October Minutes- Review and Corrections

Corrections were made and minutes were accepted.

IV. Speaker, Gary Kamisher owner of Gary's Greenery, "Drought Tolerant Plants and Rebate Programs"

Gary brought in samples of Californian native plants Australian native plants, Rosemary, and others. Also, talked about artificial turf and plants to use on the sidewalk. Discussed the above topic and took questions from the audience regarding specifics.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Possible Motion re: Sustainable Cities Recommendations. Paula Waxman will draft outlining a plan to present for the mayor's office to use as an independent group to lay out the plan online, then have annual progress reports and a final report card on execution against the plans—Paula Waxman. This motion was passed unanimously.
- b. Tree Lighting—Discussion of idea and implementation.--Giovanni Ferdinand wasn't in attendance so this was skipped.
- c. New Garden—What area of Robertson Recreation Center should be used as community garden and how to include that in master plan for renovating Robertson. Leo Portal said there was an ad hoc meeting and there was suppose to be future ad hoc meetings. Many people expressed interest in attending these. Suggestions were to use roof as a vegetable garden and solar bulbs to ensure enough lighting.
- d. Storm Drain Clean Ups—Discussion of the program and steps on how to implement it. We need to have high school students make a list of all storm drains that are missing. Some people clean them and Crestview is looking into it. --Leo Portal

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VI. New Business

- a. Hamilton High Clean Up with parents—Discuss need for community day to help Hamilton High put things in order.--Paula Waxman
- b. Leo Portal said he would make announcement at LGBT meeting to get more people involved.
- c. The project will be all day on December 14th. Mulch, tools, rakes, gloves, as well as names and email are needed. Contact Tamar Andrews.
- d. There will also be an E-waste drive for appliances, electronics, and all things plugged in later in the year. Also, have custodian get scrap metal for money.
- e. Robertson Recreation Center Update—Need volunteer to go to meetings and report back to our group so we can include “garden” and other “green” components to new center. We need to get advance notice of these meetings so people can attend. Leo Portal went to one meeting and said he would try to keep the group posted if he got further notices.
- f. New speaker ideas—Months of December and January. Maybe try contact from Greywater again, and hear new suggestions. Sustainable works need payment but maybe we have it.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 7:13 PM

Notes:

Notes by the committee chair(s) are optional. Delete this line if you don't need it. The notes below, however, are required.

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