



Green Team Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2011, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 8:30pm unless the committee votes to end earlier or extend the time

Hamilton Senior High School Cafeteria

2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. **Committee Members:** Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Barry Levine, Saran Kirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman, Veronica Cabello, Sherilyn Correa, Anne Sutton, Karen Smith-Laramay, Marie Trapnell, Karen Antholis, Charmaine Colina, Anne Geffner, Elisa Leonelli, Martin Epstein, Rachel Lester, Erick Morales, Neal Anderberg, Armando Roman
- b. **Committee Members Present:** Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Saran Kirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman, Anne Geffner, Karen Smith-Laramay, Rachel Lester
- c. **Committee Members Absent:** Barry Levine, Veronica Cabello, Sherilyn Correa, Marie Trapnell, Karen Antholis, Charmaine Colina, Anne Sutton, Elisa Leonelli, Martin Epstein, Erick Morales, Neal Anderberg, Armando Roman
- d. **Vote in New Members**
- e. **Non-Memebers Present:** David Giron, Liz Carlin.

II. General Public Comment

- a. Saran Kirschbaum announced that Mark Gold from Heal the Bay has moved over to UCLA. Our committee would like to congratulate him.
- b. Paula Waxman circulated an article sent to her by Saran Kirschbaum listing home paper products that are environmentally safe and made from sustainable content. "365" brand from Whole Foods top the list in all categories.

III. New Business

- a. Coalition of Neighborhood Council Green Committees
 - i. Paula Waxman stated that the Green Team has been asked to join the Valley Green Coalition of green committees to broaden the coalition to include all Los Angeles neighborhood councils. The first meeting will be Thursday, February 23rd at 7 pm hosted by Tree People on Mulholland at Coldwater. Please contact Paula if you would like to go and we will car pool. The agenda is not set yet, but it's the first gathering of the Valley and Westside green teams.
- b. Urban Fruit Pick.
 - i. **January 22nd.** Flyer sent to Board Members, past volunteers, and home owner associations.
 - ii. **March 31st.** We are also planning a second fruit pick on the Mayors Day of Service Saturday, March 31st. Paula has asked Sienna Tsan, Karen Laramay, and Erick Morales from Hamilton and Rachel Lester from the Jewish high schools to assist in getting volunteers.
 - iii. Paula has asked Committee Members to assist in getting more trees and volunteers.
- c. Film Night
 - i. Ideas: Film on Consumerism, "Flow", "Food inc.", "Who killed the Electric Car"
 - ii. We'll ask Veronica if she can host at her school.
 - iii. Might schedule one in February on the 15th and again in May. Karen looking into it. Might have a short meeting from 6:30 to 7pm, then film.
- d. Mayor's Day of Service March 31st, "Food Theme" will be comprised of 3 related activities:
 - i. Work day in the Hami Garden. George Pessin, the Master Gardener will be giving free classes on how to grow food at home simply. Another MG will be working with volunteers in the garden and planting Spring seedlings. Other volunteers will be picking fruit.
 - ii. We would like to invite Hispanic families from Shenandoah and so will have the classes translated into Spanish.
- e. Educational seminar on the local effects of climate change
 - i. Paula would like to invite Jonathan Parfrey of Climate Resolve to speak to our green team about how we can work together. Maybe we can schedule him for our February 15th Mtg and move the film into March or on a weekend.
 - ii. Paula would like to keep climate change an ongoing topic in our green team. Members are in agreement of it's importance.
- f. Green Team Budget
 - i. \$4900 Robertson Tree Planting
 - ii. \$500 School Recycling
 - iii. \$900 Hami Garden
 - Wood, Nails for Vegetable beds
 - Rain Barrel for Shed

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- Replacement Plants
 - iv. Funds must be approved by the March Board Mtg. Please email Paula if you have any other ideas on appropriate spending of our funds.
 - g. Responsibility Sharing.
 - i. We need to have more Committee Members share in duties. Paula will be contacting each member privately to request commitment.
- IV. Old Business**
 - a. Neighborhood Tree Plantings:
 - i. Robertson Blvd.
 - Liz Carlin spoke about the tree-planting project. We are on the fast track to select the tree, organize obtaining volunteers. Need to contact Vons to see if they will participate in refreshments.
 - Will the LA Conservation Corp be responsible for curbside clearance of cars?
 - ii. Gibson
 - No Discussion.
 - b. CORRECTION TO MINUTES;
 - i. DWP Grant Update: Temple Isaiah Workshop BEGINS **April 2012**
 - c. Results of SORO Board votes on Motions to plant Indigenous California Native Plants along the Expo Line and at City Hall
 - i. City Hall Motion did not pass the board.
 - Some board members felt that denying lawn to residents downtown is not fair, when the Westside has them.
 - ii. Liz mentioned that the North Lawn will be planted with drought tolerant plants.
- V. Adjournment**

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 DONE websites.

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