



Green Team Committee Minutes

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2010, 7:00pm

Hamilton Senior High School Cafeteria

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

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Committee Members Present: Rachel Lester, Sherri Lester, Larry Hess, Saran Kirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman, Anne Geffner, Veronica Cabello, Keone Kealalio, Paula Waxman, Brian Kite, Barry Levine, Charmaine Colina, Karen Laramay, Elisa Leonelli, Raymond Yu

II. General Public Comment

Pageantry Productions spokesperson, Raymond Yu, told of events, for further information go to Pageantry Productions. com or call 562-531-3150.

1/17-Martin Luther King Blvd. Parade-Kingdomday.com

1/20-from 1-2 pm. City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation, Media Technical Center, 2714 Media Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90065, Upstairs Training Rooms A & B Watershed Council-LID Ordinance Stakeholder Meeting. Stormwater pollution, water shortages, flood control, climate change, and the availability of natural green space have all become pressing environmental issues for cities around the nation including the City of Los Angeles. Many of these environmental concerns can be addressed by Low Impact Development

1/20-SoRo Education Committee will meet at Shenandoah at 2 p.m. in the library to discuss putting in a garden on the campus. Sara Baily Field Deputy for LaMotte will be in attendance as will the principal.

2/1-Happy Chinese New Year

3/20 LA Marathon from downtown to Santa Monica.

III. Old/New Business 2011

A. Hamilton High School S.A.F.E. Club

1. Wants to do an E-Waste Drive on Jan. 28/29th. Students need to get date approved through Principal Garcia before Green Team can promote. Larry Hess also wants to have a truck to pick up hazardous waste such as batteries and paint. Laramay to follow up with Sarah Leider, head of S.A.F.E.
2. Principal Garcia wants S.A.F.E. and Green Team to make recycling Hamilton's outdoor trash a priority. S.A.F.E. to research cost of outdoor recycling receptacles and monitors during lunch period to educate students on how to deposit their trash.

B. Soro Festival-June 5, 2011

1. Booth Theme-please send Paula ideas for a booth theme.
2. **Outstanding Green Citizenship Award.** Each year at the festival, the Green Team and Soronc, and Soro Inc., give an award to a business for displaying Outstanding Green Citizenship. To judge this award in a fair manner, criteria is needed. We also need to solicit businesses to apply. We can use as a model the checklist being developed by the City of LA. There are 3 categories that the City will issue a Green Certificate, restaurant, auto shop, and offices. (The City gives out only one certificate per Council District.) We need a volunteer

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committee to determine criteria and solicit businesses. **Email Paula if you would like to be a part of this committee pwmw100@soronc.org.**

3. Last year, Athens supplied containers for compost waste generated at the festival, but no training on how to get people to use them properly. Phyllis volunteered to train a Volunteer team to help people to use the containers properly. Hamilton High School SAFE students should be asked to volunteer.
- C. Tree Programs
1. Councilman Wesson sponsored the Tree People fruit tree day, Paula sent out his flyer to everyone.
 2. Neighborhood/Urban Fruit Pick: we did two last year, one in the winter (Citrus) and one in May in conjunction with the Mayors Day of service. It was very successful last year, over 1500 pounds of fruit was donated to our neighborhood food bank, SOVA. It was suggested that we get donations of trees and volunteers from the local schools. Charmaine Colina will put a request for volunteer pickers in Castle Heights Elementary and Green Beginnings will put on web site. Paula will contact Canfield and Shenandoah. **If you know of friends or neighbors with a tree loaded with fruit, see if they might want to donate all or part of the crop to the food bank. Inform Paula of any trees.** Karen Laramay suggested that we could also donate fruits and vegetables to Govinda's Restaurant. They do a huge cookout for the homeless every Sunday and we could donate some of the fruit we pick there too.
 3. Residential Tree Planting Program: We have tabled the So. Robertson tree planting project until the Ad Hoc SORONC meeting determines how to approach Robertson beautification holistically. Larry will do a pilot residential program, pick a street, see how it goes, before doing an overall plan for South Robertson for the tree planting.
- D. Robertson Clean Up: Last year there were 21 people who volunteered to clean up Robertson from National to Gibson area, and they did a great job. It prevented trash from going into the sewers and causing flooding before the rains because filters were also cleaned out. Our next stretch of Robertson is Gibson to Guthrie. Date in Feb/Mar to be determined.
- E. Outreach
1. Newsletter is in the works, we will use our own Soronc logo until we get the official one.
 2. We would like to get more members from private schools and religious organizations. Rachel from Shel Hevit High School will help.
 3. The 18th Street Farmer's Market has offered to give us a free booth at the market on Thursdays. Sylvia Ojeda and Larry have discussed our Green Team having a table one day a month, from 3-7pm. Larry will man it to start with. **Please contact him if you would like to help out!**
- F. Education: Paula and Larry are looking for someone to Head this sub committee
1. Topics for speakers: **Paula is looking for topics and speakers to educate our community, send your ideas.**
 2. Field trips: . Saran can set up a field trip to Ballona wetlands.
 3. We are looking for someone to represent our Green Team at the LADWP-BOS Recycled Water Advisory Group which is comprised of customers and stakeholders who are providing public input on the initiatives to increase use of recycled water for industrial and irrigation purposes as part of its efforts to conserve drinking water and develop a sustainable water supply for Los Angeles. **Contact Paula if you would like to serve on this very important advisory panel.**
- G. Compost Bin and Rainbarrel Sales: It was decided that we should continue these sales but distribute during the Soro Festival. Compost bins sales- sign up at Festival, pick up at Paula's? Sell there or just presell? Invite Heytanks as a vendor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.