



# Green Team Committee Minutes

Wednesday , April 13, 2011, 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 7:05.

**Committee Members Present:** Barry Levine, Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Bette Billet

**Committee Members Absent:** Rachel Lester

**Guests:** Saran Kirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman,, Sherilyn Correa, Veronica Cabello

## II. General Public Comment

A. 4/14 Hamilton High had a school clean up.

B. Canfield Elementary School is having a week long ECO Fair beginning on 4/25, with many activities for students and parents, as well as an E-Waste drive on 4/30.

C. DWP Recycled Water Forum, Tuesday, May 3 in South LA, from 6-8 pm at LADWP Crenshaw Service Center, 4030 Crenshaw Blvd. LA, CA 90008

D. DWP has suspended its Solar Rebate Program because it was so popular that it was over enrolled, and outpaced the DWP's ability to monitor it.

## III. Old Business

### A. **Soro Festival:**

Goal is a ZERO waste event. We will be plastic water bottle-less because DWP is making available drinking fountains, Athens will be composting our vegetable matter.

Green Team Soro Festival Booth: There will be a grocery bag exchange program-(donate an extra bag or get one free if you need one), cork collection site -(ask a restaurant to save corks for the festival, they will be recycled into useful items. Start now to take advantage of Passover), compost bin sale, canned food collection site for SOVA

B. **Robertson Beautification:** Larry and Paula have a meeting tomorrow with Million Trees , a dept. of the in Mayor's Office. As members of the Soronc Redevelopment Committee Larry wrote a cost analysis on planting trees on S. Robertson Blvd. between Pico and National, which has gotten support from Councilman Wesson's office. In addition, Barry Levine, Steve Coker and Paula Waxman met with Senator Price's office about greening and cleaning up the Cal Trans property at the 10 FWY Robertson off and onramps, the "gateway" to our neighborhoods.

C. **Soronc Residential Tree Planting Project:** Larry is in discussions with Million Trees to plant trees within Soronc residential areas. Homeowners have to sign a form stating the tree will be taken care of before they will permit a 15 gallon tree to be planted. For a bigger tree, the homeowner must pay a fee.

D. **Outreach update:** Our Facebook page will be incorporated into the SoRoNC's Facebook site.

## IV. New Business

A. **New Committee rules** as per new SoRo By Laws: One has to be a standing member of the Green Team Committee in order to vote on motions put before the Board. No quorum required, but only standing members can vote. Minutes are now mandatory. Saran Kirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman, Veronica Cabello, and Sherilyn Correa were voted in unanimously as standing members.

B. **SoRo needs to develop a strategic plan for the Green Team.** It was decided by the members that our plan should include the following: 1.) providing environmental education (field trips, debates, lectures, workshops, classes), 2.) learning the environmental concerns of the community , 3.) continuing ongoing activities such as neighborhood clean ups and beautification, conservation (water, energy), organic gardening, 4.) environmental advocacy, 5.) grant writing, 6.) forming liaisons with other Neighborhood Councils and Green Teams, 7.) supporting the Hami Garden and food bank assistance.

C. **Support for the EPA:** Phyllis Rothman would like the Green Team Committee to recommend that the Board thank our government for its decision to continue financial support for the EPA. Paula will draft a motion to be discussed next meeting. Please contact her with ideas on how to word the motion.

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- D. **Tree People** “Green City Fair” will be held Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 4 pm at Tree People
- E. **The Hami Master Gardener**, George Pessin, will be conducting “Grow LA Victory Garden” classes in the Hami Garden, at Hamilton High School. The 4-week class is every Sunday in May from 1-4 pm. Cost \$50 (1/2 proceeds go to support the Hami Garden) Contact George to enroll at: [gp305@yahoo.com](mailto:gp305@yahoo.com) or (310) 779-8816.
- F. **Canfield School’s Recycling Program**: Canfield collects campus plastic and aluminum and asks parents to bring plastic and aluminum in once a week from home. They have also visited businesses within SoRo, asking if they would serve as plastic/aluminum collections sites. They have a man who collects this material from the school and businesses and gives them money. Castle Heights, Green Beginnings (preschool) and Hamilton are also doing things on their campuses. Paula suggested that the May meeting be partially devoted to the greening programs being conducted in the schools within the Soronc. She will invite representative from the various schools to present their programs so that they can learn from each other.

- V. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 8:40