



# Green Team Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 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

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## I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. **Committee Members:** Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Barry Levine, Bette Billet, SaranKirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman, Veronica Cabello, Sherilyn Correa, Anne Sutton, Karen Smith-Laramay, Marie Trapnell, Karen Antholis, Charmaine Colina, Anne Geffner
- b. **Committee Members Present:** Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Barry Levine, Anne Geffner, Charmaine Colina. Saran Kirschbaum, Elisa Leonelli
- c. **Committee Members Absent:** Bette Billet, Phyllis Rothman, Veronica Cabello, Sherilyn Correa, Anne Sutton, Karen Smith-Laramay, Marie Trapnell, Karen Antholis,

## II. General Public Comment

- a. Hazardous Waste Roundup, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 ,9:00 to 3:00 at the National Guard Armory Front Parking Lot 10808 Culver Boulevard, Culver City, enter from Culver Blvd. at Elenda St. Open to all LA County residents. Charmaine is going to it. There is a 125 pound limit on batteries. Larry suggested that it might be possible to use the blue bins for batteries. Paula is following up on this.
- b. Waxed cartons, milk and juice boxes can now be put in the BLUE bin
- c. **PLASTIC BAG by Ramin Bahrani:**  
<http://futurestates.tv/episodes/plastic-bag> , a compelling 19 min. film about the Garbage Patch told as the personal story of a single plastic bag(voiced by Werner Herzog). We cannot underestimate the effect the plastic bag and plastic is having on our oceans, health, and aquatic species.

## III. New Business

- a. Vote in New Members. Saran Kirschbaum and Elisa Leonelli were unanimously voted in.
- b. Ban on Styrofoam: The West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (WLANC) unanimously passed a resolution calling on the City of Los Angeles to support Long Beach Sen. Alan Lowenthal's SB-568, a statewide ban on restaurant food containers made from Styrofoam. Former Mar Vista Council member Andy Shrader introduced the resolution.
  - i. Will be voted on in the assembly in August.
  - ii. Saran Kirschbaum moved that we support SB568 which will ban Styrofoam state-wide for take out meals. It would prohibit restaurants and food vendors from distributing Styrofoam by

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January 2014 and that Doug Fitzsimons should write a letter on behalf of SORONC to state legislators and the governor supporting the ban . SB568 has already passed the state senate with a bipartisan vote of 21 to 15.

- The motion passed unanimously by the Green Team Committee.
- iii. Our state assembly rep is Holly Mitchell. Individuals may also go to the website <http://asmdc.org/members/a47/contact-holly> and ask Rep Holly Mitchell to support the ban.

#### **IV. Old Business**

- a. Green Team Committee Strategic Plan, review of rough draft. (see attached).
  - i. Barry questioned the newsletter logistics. Paula indicated we must follow all SORONC rules on communications from the Green Team Committee.
  - ii. Budget: the following was discussed.
    - Table Banner at farmers market. Can the children of schools participate in Green Team booths? Our booth will be to promote our issues.
    - Soro Green Team T-Shirts
    - Education, field trips, Tour of Hyperion Water Plant (suggested by Saran). \$1000 for Hami Garden. \$1000 for Castle Heights. Charmaine would like to install waterless urinals. Jamie Arnold is the owner of Falcon, the company that makes wireless urinals. \$1000 for other schools.
    - Saran asked Charmaine about solar panels for Castle Heights. According to Charmaine, the issue is not moving. Saran suggests that Canfield should have solar panels since the roof faces south. Barry suggests that the school district doesn't have the will to install solar panels.
    - Activities related to the environment
    - \$300 to the Hami Garden
    - \$200 for fruit pickers.
    - Beautification items. Robertson, Saran suggests we do another Robertson Blvd clean up. We might be able to use the students at the Rec Center. Saran suggests we get city garbage cans and bus garbage cans. Paula will ask Liz and David how we can address this situation.
      1. Charmaine mentioned that Vons on National has a lot of trash from the west parking lot against the chain link fence and beyond. Charmaine will take some pictures of this area. Paula and Larry will bring it to the attention of CalTrans.
      2. \$3500 budget for planting beautification.



- All those in favor of accepting the strategic plan. Unanimously accepted.
- b. SoRo Festival post mortem
  - i. Food truck was a success. People loved the food trucks and the food trucks loved the festival. Apparently the city doesn't like the trucks because
    - The Indian food was in a bio degradable containers. Maybe contact the truck No Tomatoes to see where they got their bio-degradable containers. Paula would like to require that all food trucks provide bio-degradable containers.
  - ii. Water Stations, Waste Stations.
  - iii. Million Trees LA was out with LA Conservation Corp. Gave out for adoption c. 150 trees. They said very successful day for them.
  - iv. Charmaine mentioned that there was a booth with balloons that were popping which suggests that there might have been balloon dropping which is an environmental hazard.
  - v. Grocery bags. Gave them all away as well as to Sova.
  - vi. Corks. Lots of corks. Saran wants to know if Bella Roma dropped off corks. Someone apparently told them to save corks which they did. Saran will go to Bella Roma and pick them up.
- c. Robertson Beautification
  - i. Larry reported that we are waiting for Lisa Sarno and LA Conservation Corp to provide us with a list of the total number of trees that can be removed and planted between Cadillac and Cattaraugus.
- d. Hami Garden News
- e. 70 incoming Hami freshmen students are coming, 10 to the garden and the rest to the community and school to pick up trash, plant trees, and generally beautify Hamilton. The students are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
  - Saran mentioned that the sewer line by Valero be cleaned out.
- f. DWP Grant update
  - i. MOU is signed. The grant is now in force. We will be looking for venues.

**Notes:**

*Notes by the committee chair(s) are optional. Delete this if you don't need it.*

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*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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# Green Team Committee Strategic Plan

2011

## I. PURPOSE, MISSION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The purpose, mission and goals of the SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL as determined in the By-Laws are to:

- Act on the City Charter Mandate to identify and address community concerns in sustaining the environmental, economic and social well being of the COUNCIL AREA.
- To serve as an inclusive forum for public discussion of issues, needs, and concerns of the COUNCIL that will provide the BOARD with knowledge empowering it to make decisions that strengthen and maintain the purpose of the COUNCIL.
- Encourage STAKEHOLDER participation in addressing community concerns.

## II. ACTION AREAS

The mission of the SORONC GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE is to support the above stated objectives of the COUNCIL through the following action areas:

1. **COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY:** to learn the environmental concerns of the SORONC community, to form relationships with neighborhood faith-based green teams, and liaisons with other NC green teams, to develop a newsletter as a forum for neighborhood concerns and for disseminating current information.
2. **EDUCATION:** to provide environmental education through field trips, debates, lectures, workshops, classes, and to form close relationships with neighborhood schools in order to promote green campuses and environmental awareness.
3. **ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT:** to sponsor activities such as neighborhood clean-ups and beautification, water/energy/resource conservation related activities, to support the Hami Garden, and SOVA food bank assistance.
4. **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY**
5. **GRANT WRITING**