



Green Team Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September, 14 2011, 7:00pm

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

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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, Martin Epstein Rachel Lester, Erick Morales
- b. **Committee Members Present:** Paula Waxman, Phyllis Rothman, Anne Sutton, Anne Geffner, Rachel Lester, Barry Levine,
- c. **Committee Members Absent:** Sherilyn Correa, Karen Smith-Laramay (excused) , Marie Trapnell, Karen Antholis, Larry Hess (excused), Saran Kirschbaum, Veronica Cabello, Charmaine Colina (excused), Martin Epstein (excused), Erick Morales
- d. **Vote in New Members: The following members\ was voted in unanimously:** Neal Anderberg
- e. **Visitor:** HarSimran Khalsa

II. General Public Comment

- a. **Peace Picnic:** will be held at the Robertson Recreation Center on Sunday, September 18 from 1 to 4 pm. There will be three volunteer periods: Set up 9-11am, Greet and Sign in 12:45 to 2:30; Clean up 2:30 to 4:15.
- b. **Barry Levine will be going to the DWP Feed in Tariff Presentation tomorrow and report back next meeting.** The new program will give customers with solar panels the ability to received money or credits for energy that they produce at home above what they use.
- c. **Phyllis Rothman announced that on WEDNESDAY 9/ 14 to 9/15, 7pm:** Al Gore, the founder and Chairman of the Climate Reality Project, will show a live streamed global event called 24 Hours of Reality. There will be 24 presenters, 24 time zones, 13 languages with one message: to present the reality of the climate crisis. It is a multimedia presentation created by Al Gore and will be delivered once per hour for 24 hours. Each hour people living with the reality of climate change will connect the dots of the recent extreme weather events and man-made pollution that is changing our planet. TUNE IN <http://climaterealityproject.org>
- d. Anne Sutton reported from Shenandoah Elementary that they have removed the bungalows from the campus and are planting a school garden. Anne invited Paula to meet with the school Principal on September 28 at 4pm

III. Business

- a. **School Conservation Project:** Paula reported that it appears that the project is still viable. It is now being managed by Jan Ducker (213) 241-8756, email jan.ducker@lausd.net. Paula has both called and emailed her with no response as yet.



- b. **Robertson Tree Planting Project:** Paula reported for Larry that after several stops and starts, the project is back on track and we will be meeting with Million Trees LA on September 22nd, where the department will do an assessment of the trees, permits and other requirements that we will need to go forward. Neal Anderberg was involved with the tree planting on Motor. He said that we should think in terms of at least two years of initial care for the new trees, not 18 months. Weaker trees needed more assistance and supports tend to break over time.
- c. **DWP Grant.** Paula announced that all the venues have been locate for the fall and spring workshops. The only remaining venue to book is in the valley. The current ones are:

Westside Pavilion, begins Thursday, Oct. 13th for 6 Thursdays
Fairfax High School, begins Tuesday, October 18th for 6 Tuesdays
Temple Isaiah, begins Monday, April 16th for 6 Mondays

The **FREE** workshops include free goodies too! Shower heads, faucet aerators, CFL lights, compost bins, worm bins, reusable bags, tire pressure gauges, food bars – each night of the workshop you will leave with a special give away to help you on your path to sustainability. And each week one lucky person will win a raffle item! Pre-register by visiting: sustainableworks.eventbrite.com

- d. **Letter of Thanks to Paul Koretz for his proposal of plastic bag ban legislation:** The Green Team Committee voted unanimously to send the following letter of thanks to Councilman Koretz:

Dear Councilman Koretz:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council would like to thank you for your recent proposal to join with the County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach, Malibu, Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Calabasas, West Hollywood and many other northern and central California cities and counties, to explore banning single use plastic bags in the City of Los Angeles.

According to research compiled by agents of the City of Los Angeles, “an estimated 2.3 billion single-use plastic and 400 million single-use paper bags are used in the City annually.” The research goes on to say that “...It is estimated that less than 5 percent of the plastic bags and 21 percent of single-use paper bags are recycled.” Therefore, a majority of these bags ends up clogging our streams, rivers and oceans, straining our landfills, and killing our wildlife.

Furthermore, the report explains that, “both single-use paper bags and single-use biodegradable bags have been found to have greater greenhouse gas emissions through their production and use than a single-use plastic bag.” It is for this reason that the current proposal rejects substituting these types of bags for single-use plastic bags, but rather requires the use of reusable bags only.

In November of 2010, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council sent you a letter urging you and “... the City Council to immediately address the environmental and economic problems posed by single-use plastic bags. “ See our letter attached herewith.

Given the impact these single-use bags continue to have on the environment and wildlife, we support your efforts to seriously explore this legislation.



Yours sincerely,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

- e. **Green Newsletter: Larry Hess absent.**
- f. **Cisterns for SORONC public schools.** Saran Kirschbaum absent.
- g. **Storm Drain Clean Up:** Paula asked each member to come to next meeting with a list and coordinates of screened storm drains in our SORONC district that need to be cleaned out. We will send out crews to clean them before the rains take the debris into the Ballona Wetlands.
- h. **Hami Garden “Stepping Forward:** The Hami Garden hosted the “Stepping Forward” summer teen program this year on Wednesday afternoons. The students helped in the garden and cleaned up the school and restored plants to several planters on campus

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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