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# SORO GREEN TEAM Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 8:30pm unless the committee votes to end earlier or extend the time  
Hamilton High School Cafeteria, 2955 S. Robertson Blvd., LA, CA 90034

**JULY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Green Team Meeting CANCELLED FOR VACATIONS**

**NEXT GREEN TEAM MEETING, Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010 at 7pm**

- I. **ATTENDANCE:** Larry Hess, Phyllis Rothman, Elisa Leonelli, Paula Waxman, Bette Billet, Barry Levine, Alana Karsch, Rachel Lester, Sherri Lester

## II. OVERVIEW OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY ISSUES AND EXISTING COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

- A. **Hamilton High School S.A.F.E. CLUB** The club has disbanded for the remainder of the school year. Students are taking finals.
- B. **Friends of the Hami Garden:** Larry Hess took the meeting out to the Hami Garden site. He showed the group the vegetable beds, which were planted by the science classes and weekend volunteers. Science teachers have been bringing their students into the garden to work. A member questioned why a fence was necessary. Larry reported that after speaking with several schools that had learning gardens, the consensus was a fence was needed to protect the garden against vandalism and stray balls sailing in from the athletic field. The permanent plantings will go in when the irrigation is installed at the end of June. At that point, the grant is officially completed.

We want to have a party to celebrate the garden. It was suggested that we invite Martha Groves, a neighborhood writer for the LA Times, to cover the garden, and to ask Vons to donate food for the festivities.

- C. **Neighborhood Beautification-**
1. **Tree Planting Along Robertson:** Larry reported that, because the existing trees along Robertson are vulnerable to being uprooted in mild windstorms, the city may suggest that we remove them for a stronger variety. If this be the case, the number of trees needed will change from original estimates. He is studying the issue and reporting next month.
  2. **Robertson Clean up:** Paula reported that Liz Carlin from Herb Wesson's office would like to do a Robertson cleanup on a Friday sometime in August. Brooke Powers no longer has kids from the RAL program and her summer program students are too young for this type of work (ages 5-7). The Green Team was eager to help, but concerned about the volunteer turnout on a Friday.

D. **DWP Report:** Bette Billet reported that the DWP rate increases will be a more modest 4% to 6% rather than the 18% first discussed.

E. **New Waste Technology:** It was decided that nothing new came out of the last presentation by the Bureau of Sanitation on the new waste technologies scheduled to replace the landfill which will reach capacity in roughly 24 months. Paula will try to keep in touch with Hillary Gordon of the Sierra Club on the progression of these technologies.

F. **Developing a Green Robertson Business Corridor:** Kathy Lewis and Karen Antholus have agreed to take this on. They plan to walk S. Robertson below Pico to



survey the businesses to see if they would be willing to incorporate green business practices and how we might help them in that process.

### III. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE MANDATE, GOALS, STRUCTURE

1. **Goals:** Going forward, Phyllis Rothman suggested that the Green Team expand its focus to include environmental advocacy. Paula Waxman agreed with this suggestion. This advocacy could take the form of educational programs. It was decided also that if by “advocacy,” the Green Team took a specific position on an environmental issue, that our position would have to be approved by the Soronc Board.
2. **Structure:** Paula would like to add more leadership positions to the Green Team Committee. For example: Vice Chair, Secretary, and perhaps specialist positions or members in charge of energy conservation issues, water conservation, recycling, etc.

### IV. COMMITTEE CHAIR AND CANDIDATE DISCUSSION.

**The Green Team unanimously voted to nominate Paula Waxman and Larry Hess as Green Team Committee co-chairs.** These nominations must be approved by the Soronc Board meeting, to be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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