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Green Team Meeting Minutes

GT041609-Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2009, 7:00pm

Robertson Recreation Center

1641 Preuss Road., Los Angeles, CA 90035

Corner of Robertson and Airdrome

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Fitzsimmons.

Present:

Paula Waxman, Anne Gross, Marjan Safinia, Doug Fitzsimmons, Phyllis Rothman, Barry Levine, Larry Hess, Bette Billet

II. General Public Comment

Anne Gross submitted to the Green Team a list of trees and grasses that are the most allergenic to humans, together with maintenance problems of sidewalks most dangerous to pedestrians.

III. New Business

Paula Waxman introduced a proposed Green Team mission and asked for suggestions.

a. **SORONC Festival:**

- i. Paula Waxman and Larry Hess will be offering free eco-friendly reusable grocery bags donated by Councilman Weiss's office and the Environmental Department of the City of Los Angeles to give away at the festival. Included in these bags will be 1 gallon trees with instruction sheets. Also included will be rulers and informational brochures from LA City Environmental Department. Suggestions for additional items included: SORO pens, water bottles, BP tire gages and compact fluorescent lights from the DWP.
- ii. It was suggested that there be a Green Team sign-up sheet for prospective new members at the Green Team Festival booth.
- iii. Green Team T-shirts should be worn to identify our membership. Larry Hess suggested using the SORO NC logo in green on a brown background. Shirts can also be used for other Green Team events.

b. **Retrofitting Hamilton High School with renewable energy sources**

Barry Levine suggested that we consider not only using solar panels but that we explore the possibility of employing wind turbines. He suggested that the Green Team contact with Guy



Mehula at LAUSD, who is involved in school district building projects.

- c. **Promotion of an organic farmers' market day in our area**
Marjan Safinia suggested that we again explore the possibility of using Hamilton's campus on the weekends for the market. Farmers' Markets pay LAUSD for the weekend use of school property. With the downturn in the economy, she thought they might be more receptive to a weekend campus marketplace.
- d. **Green Team Clean-up Days**
 - i. Phyllis Rothman suggested that business owners in the clean up area welcome the clean-up crew before their work begins and thank them after their work is done. The work should be documented with photographs. Especially important is to photograph the amount and nature of the trash collected so that the public be made aware of the amount of plastic and Styrofoam that comprises our community trash. The clean-up crew should be identified with Green Team T-Shirts so that the public can see that it is their neighborhood council doing the work.
 - ii. Marjan Safinia suggested that we contact Linda Rosen when making any beautification plans as this is her expertise.
 - iii. Marjan Safinia suggested that we contact Liz Carlin (of Councilman Wesson's office) to book the Clean and Green Crew to help with the work.
 - iv. Phyllis Rothman suggested that we try to acquire more garbage cans with attractive signage for the areas we clean.
 - v. Marjan Safinia and Doug Fitzsimmons reminded the Green Team that SORO NC has a storage locker of equipment which can be used by the clean up crew. Terrence Gomes will be making an inventory for us.
- e. **Hazardous Waste Collection**
Marjan Safinia suggested that we try to establish Hamilton High School as an official e-waste collection site.
- f. **Recycling**
Phyllis Rothman suggested that we get SWIRP involved with any recycling program that we do. "SWIRP" stands for "Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan." The aim of this city organization is to make Los Angeles a "zero waste" city.
- g. **Additions to the next agenda**
Bette Billet suggested that we create before our next meeting a plan to increase Green Team membership.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned promptly at 8:00pm.