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Green Team Committee Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2009, 7:00 pm

Meetings end promptly at 8:00pm unless the committee votes to end earlier or extend the time

Hamilton Senior High School Cafeteria

2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

I. Meeting was called to order by Larry Hess at 7:00pm

II. Attendance: : Jay Levy, Elisa Leonelli, Saran Kirschbaum, Dan Witzling, Barry Levine, Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Brooke Powers

III. General Public Comments

- a. Saran Kirschbaum announced that any member of the community who produces either fruits or vegetables in their garden that they cannot consume themselves is invited to donate any excess produce to Sova Bay Food Pantry at 8846 Pico Blvd. Simply bring the produce to the rear of the building Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings. Knock on the door after 9:30 am and before 12 and you will get a receipt which may also be used as a tax deduction. 310-288-0286
- b. There will be a Green Jobs Fair and Conference, Thursday, July 23rd, between 9am and 4:15 pm, Millennium Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90017, RSVP (323) 937-4747 or for more info. <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/speaker>
- c. There will be a Green Expo in Hermosa Beach, Sunday, July 26th, at the Hermosa Beach pier from noon to 7 pm. For more info: <http://www.hbgreenexpo.com/home.htmlor>
- d. There will be a Wise Water Use Expo, Mar Vista Park Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine Street, LA, Ca. from 6pm-9pm, Tuesday, July 21. More info at <http://wisewateruseexpo.blogspot.com/>
- e. Eco-House presents the Leed platinum green Pickford House in Culver City, Saturday July 18 from 1-4 pm. For information, address, and pictures about this outstanding and innovative house, including the "living wall", consult <http://www.ecohome.org/pages/index.html>
- f. Elisa Leonelli informed the committee of Eco-Village. Ecovillages are communities which strive to integrate a supportive social environment with an environmentally low-impact way of life. To achieve this, they integrate aspects of ecological design, permaculture, ecological building, green production, alternative energy, community building practices. For tours of LA's ecovillage, go to the following website: www.laecovillage.org

III. New Business

- a. The Reynier Village Trash Problem was brought to the attention of the Green Team by Martha Groves, a resident of Reynier Village. In several emails, Ms. Groves outlined what appears to be a serious trash problem.
 - i. Elisa Leonelli explained that if the Reynier board approves, she will contact residents in Reynier Village who are on the emailing list regarding the problems with neighborhood trash and to try to get the neighborhood involved in the clean-up process.
 - ii. Brooke Powers' RAL program at the Robertson Rec. Center has cleaned up South Robertson Blvd. on Wednesday July 8th. Her RAL kids will also be cleaning up Reynier Park on July 29th from about 12:30 to 5:30 prior to Movies in the Park.
 - iii. There was a consensus of those committee members living in Reynier Village that the trash problem appeared to coincide with the school year and that students, going to and from school, walking through the neighborhood were mostly responsible for generating the trash. Therefore, to stop the trash at the source, Paula Waxman



- will include the trash issue in the recycling program being introduced at Hamilton High School in the fall. We will also contact Shenandoah Elementary School and Mark Twain Middle School so that their administrators can sensitize their students on carefully disposing of their trash on their way to and from school.
- iv. There is also the problem of trash on more public streets such as Robertson, La Cienega, and Pico. Saran Kirschbaum will find out who is responsible for providing and emptying trash cans.
 - v. There was some question whether the Halm underpass and other publicly owned properties were still trash spots. Tree trimming is also needed. Elisa Leonelli was going to check and report back to Paula Waxman. Other areas include the back parking lot of Shenandoah Elementary along Beverlywood Street. If these areas are still blighted, Paula was going to contact Councilman Wesson's office to get the city to remove the refuse.
 - vi. Paula Waxman will also see about posting city signs in Reynier Village that notify the public of the fines for littering.
- b. **Green Team Meetings Date Change:** The August meeting will be the third Thursday or August 20th. After that, beginning in September, the Green team will meet **the second Wednesday of each month** (so please put the following dates on your calendar...September 9th, October 14, November 11, December 9). The place of the meeting remains at Hamilton High School.
- c. Larry Hess distributed a calendar of proposed Green Team projects for the coming year.
- i. Brooke Powers will be in charge of the RAL Reynier Village cleanup.
 - ii. Paula Waxman has agreed to spearhead Phase #1, and 2 of the Hamilton Greening Program or recycling and solarization.
 - iii. The other members were asked to look over the projects to see which, if any, they would like to become involved with or to propose new projects not on the calendar that they felt appropriate for the Green Team to tackle.

These projects include but are not limited to:

Rain barrel distribution day
Adopt a Parkway (Must speak to the Land Use Committee to see what they have already planned.)
October 24 350 World Climate Change Day
Compost bin distribution day
New Year's Hazardous Waste Disposal
Quarterly Newsletter
Spring Cleaning, Clothing Donation
Earth Day Event
South Robertson Tree Planting with LA Conservation Group
Soro Festival

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT MONTH ON AUGUST 20TH, AT HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA