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GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 7–8:45 pm

Silver Lake Recreation Center Meeting Room • 1850 W Silver Lake Dr • Los Angeles, CA 90026

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A G E N D A

TIMES ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY. ITEMS MAY BE ADDRESSED OUT OF THE ORDER LISTED

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| 1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Minute-Taker | 7:00 pm |
| 2. Introductions and Roll Call | 7:00 pm |
| 3. Approval of 7/21/15 Minutes | 7:03 pm |
| 4. Announcements and Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items | 7:05 pm |
| 5. Report on SLNC Governing Board Meeting and Follow-Up | 7:10 pm |
| 6. New Business | |
| a. Discussion and Possible Action: Hosting a TreePeople community workshop on rainwater harvesting and/or landscape design | 7:15 pm |
| b. Discussion and Possible Action: Funding of up to \$100 for a | |

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| Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance mixer on September 26 following the Congress of Neighborhoods | 7:25 pm |
| c. Discussion and Possible Action: How to manage private offers of funding for the Adopt-a-Stairway program | 7:35 pm |
| d. Discussion and Possible Action: How to support people in neighboring communities who want to adopt stairways | 7:45 pm |
| 7. Unfinished Business | |
| a. Discussion and Possible Action: How to open closed stairways | 7:55 pm |
| b. Discussion and Possible Action: Adopt-a-Stairway program and stair events | 8:15 pm |
| c. Discussion and Possible Action: Litter on Riverside Drive between Fletcher Drive and Gilroy Street | 8:30 pm |
| d. Discussion and Possible Action: Tree-care project with TreePeople | 8:35 pm |
| e. Discussion and Possible Action: Partnership with the Urban Design & Preservation Committee to promote green design | 8:40 pm |
| f. Discussion and Possible Action: New meeting location | 8:40 pm |
| g. Discussion and Possible Action: Request for and support of state funding of plant/soil carbon sequestration research | |
| h. Discussion and Possible Action: Hosting a solar workshop | |
| 8. New Business, Cont. | |
| a. Discussion and Possible Action: Support of Councilmember O'Farrell's Project Parkway | |
| b. Discussion and Possible Action: Additional social activities as outreach and engagement tools | |
| c. Discussion and Possible Action: Hosting a tree contest | |
| d. Discussion and Possible Action: Potential pocket parks, parklets, and other community spaces in Silver Lake | |
| e. Discussion and Possible Action: Obtaining and sharing accurate information on recycling | |
| f. Discussion and Possible Action: Organizing an LA Eco-Village tour | |
| g. Discussion and Possible Action: How to facilitate the greening of schools | |
| h. Discussion and Possible Action: Volunteer/service opportunities through the SLNC | |
| i. Discussion and Possible Action: Hosting an ewaste/hazardous waste collection event | |
| j. Discussion and Possible Action: Potential outreach methods | |
| k. Discussion and Possible Action: Sign Ordinance (LA City Council File 08-2020) | |
| l. Discussion and Possible Action: How to determine which bills should be brought to the committee | |
| m. Discussion and Possible Action: Joining the Clean LA Coalition | |
| n. Discussion and Possible Action: Support of solar-powered facilities | |
| o. Discussion and Possible Action: Ways of working/ground rules for this committee and adoption of a consensus model | |
| 9. Next Meeting and Agenda Items | 8:40 pm |
| 10. Announcements | 8:40 pm |
| 11. Meeting Debrief/Feedback/Suggestions | 8:45 pm |
| 12. Adjournment | 8:45 pm |

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In attendance: Emily Bell, Dave Brophy, Victoria Chasova, Lisa Hart, David Modern, Stacey Nelson (arrived during discussion on trees), Tomas O'Grady, Adam Palermo

Approval of 6/16/15 Minutes—Minutes were approved without objection

Announcements and Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items—

Lisa—there is a Green Drinks event with Food & Water Watch this Thursday at 55 Degree Wine in Atwater Village. Dave Brophy and Adam Palermo—spoke about SolarCity, founded by Elon Musk. Silver Lake is one of the densest areas of their clients. Eric Garcetti is a client. There might be possibilities for partnerships—they would like to be in touch—they could act as our consultants. They offer free consultations; not every roof qualifies. What they are doing is very disruptive.

Report on SLNC Governing Board Meeting and Follow-Up—The seed-bombing motion was approved, as were support for divestment from fossil fuels, support for regulation of antibiotics on factory farms, and opposition to expanded crude by rail. The Meetup and NCSA motions were not heard, and Lisa will submit the stairway-sign funding motion for the next agenda.

Discussion and Possible Action: Support of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of up to \$3,450 to EnrichLA for a Garden Ranger Program at John Marshall High School—

Tomas O’Grady of EnrichLA presented.

If you live south of the 10 freeway and are a person of color, you have a one-in-two chance of developing diabetes by age 13. He founded EnrichLA with Leonardo Chalupowicz four years ago. Marshall High School approached them about a year ago to build a garden, which they did. Mark Duplass funded it. Edible gardens use less water than grass.

With financial support from the SLNC, EnrichLA would offer the Garden Ranger Program at John Marshall High School. An experienced Garden Ranger would provide comprehensive care and maintenance of the school garden to ensure that it thrives. EnrichLA has learned that a care component should be a part of the school garden program in order for it to be successful, and a Garden Ranger program is in 47 of the 78 schools where EnrichLA has gardens. The Garden Ranger will be in the school one-half day a week.

Enrich LA does not know what percentage of students at Marshall live within the SLNC boundaries. The Los Feliz NC is being asked to support the Los Feliz Elementary School program rather than this program. Youth, family, and school community gardening and nutrition workshops would be available. There are also opportunities for more community engagement if the SLNC desires.

Marshall is paying for one half of the program. EnrichLA will likely return to the SLNC to request funding on an ongoing basis. EnrichLA’s model is to build the product and show the school its value, and then the school and/or district will step up to support it.

\$1500 was approved without objection.

Discussion and Possible Action: Working with Food Forward to collect and distribute excess fruits and vegetables to those who need it—

Emily Bell of Food Forward presented.

40% of edible food is tossed/waste. One sixth of adults and a quarter of children are food insecure. Food Forward wants to solve one problem by creating a solution for another. To date, 11 million pounds of produce have been recovered. They work at 15 farmers’ markets, collecting donated food that the vendors would not be able to sell the next day. The wholesale market downtown is their biggest program. They distribute food to over 200 food banks in LA. Connected to the Silverlake Church, which has a smaller operation. Emily is here because she wants to connect to the Silver Lake community, and would like ideas for places to meet community members. How to outreach, how to fund materials? Who has fruit trees? Victoria has a mango tree, Lisa has an orange tree.

Tomas will connect her with Marshall High School. She can talk to the students, who can get service credit for helping the organization. Specific outreach materials to the Silver Lake area would help.

They haven’t been to the Silver Lake farmers’ market. They are not expanding there, but could table there. The SLNC newsletter would be a good vehicle, but is not operative at the moment.

Where can post she post fliers with pull tabs? Probably Micheltorena. Lisa can put her in touch with folks at the Micheltorena garden, although there might not be an obvious fit.

Discussion and Possible Action: Collaboration with other SLNC committees on a forum focused on affordable housing—

Scott Plante of the Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee had two questions for this and other committees:

Do we want to participate in a forum on affordable housing? Yes.

What topic do you want approached at the forum?

- Energy-efficient housing is less expensive, so a person of lesser means can afford to have a better life
- Dave will email Lisa information about the “house doctor,” who helps make buildings more energy efficient
- Residents aren’t allowed to get off the grid or generate excess power
- SolarCity is happy to be a resource
- With small lot subdivisions, there no opportunity to garden, because there is very little space; the incentive is to expand, because the City collects taxes according to square footage
- Not objecting to density, but we need to think about the space each human needs
- The three pillars of sustainability are environmental, economic, and social—we are all in a system and cannot have sustainability of one pillar without the others or sustainability for some but not for all; affordable housing is part of the Mayor’s Sustainability pLAN

Discussion and Possible Action: Selecting representation from the SLNC to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance—

Representation of the SLNC to the NCSA by Victoria Chasova and Lisa Hart was approved without objection.

Discussion and Possible Action: Support of the City Council motion re: Health of Trees in Los Angeles/Urban Forest Management Plan (Koretz—Council File 15-0467)

Our trees are being threatened by the drought at a time when we need them most to help mitigate climate change and its effects. As the City moves to implement measures aimed at resiliency and sustainability, it must prioritize tree health and maximize the beneficial impact of its urban forest.

This motion asks that the Urban Forestry Division be directed to collaborate to develop an urban forest management plan that will highlight new strategies to protect and enhance our urban forest without imported water supplies, provide tree health care during drought, reduce the heat-island effect by increasing shade tree canopy, diversify street tree species by increasing native and low-water use trees, and address new pests and diseases.

The motion was supported without objection. The letter should have an action component—not just support a study.

Discussion and Possible Action: Tree-care project with TreePeople

We are moving forward with this and not tree-mapping for now.

Tomas—trees shouldn’t be planted without delivered water.

We should highlight the value that trees bring to businesses.

People liked the idea of an adopt-a-tree program and giving businesses credit on the website. Lisa will continue discussing with Danny of TreePeople.

Discussion and Possible Action: Tree-mapping project with TreePeople

See above.

Discussion and Possible Action: How to open closed stairways

The Big Parade facebook group seems supportive of a walk, and organizer Dan Koepfel said he would organize one.

Discussion and Possible Action: Adopt-a-Stairway program and stair events

See above.

Discussion and Possible Action: Organizing a curb-cutting event for water capture

This is currently illegal in Los Angeles; people are working with the City to update their laws, but the City is concerned about liability.

Discussion and Possible Action: Partnership with the Urban Design & Preservation Committee to promote green design

This is moving slowly; Scott Plante has said he would forward appropriate cases to the Green Committee. Scott also told Lisa that an expert on LEED certification will be speaking at the August 12th meeting.

Meeting Debrief/Feedback/Suggestions—great to hear about everything.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Hart

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