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## GREEN COMMITTEE

Sunday, **February 21**, 10:00am

Citibank Community Room

2450 Glendale Blvd

Los Angeles, CA 90039

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**FORMAL 10:00am-10:10am**

1. Call to Order (1 minute)
2. Roll Call (2 minutes)
3. Approval of 11/17/2015 Minutes (3 minutes)
4. Welcome and rules for actions on agenda items (4 minutes)

**INFORMATIVE 10:10am-10:50am**

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (10 minutes)
6. Correspondence (2 minutes)
7. Special Presentations and Reports (28 minutes)

**TED TALK - Allan Savory: How to fight desertification and reverse climate change .**

“Desertification is a fancy word for land that is turning to desert,” begins Allan Savory in this quietly powerful talk. And it's happening to about two-thirds of the world's grasslands, accelerating climate change and causing traditional grazing societies to descend into social chaos. Savory has devoted his life to stopping it. He now believes ...”

8. Old Business (30 minutes)

**INTERACTIVE 10:50am-11:05am**

flashback/ summary past meetings /delete done/ refresh (eg\*)

**INITIATIVE 11:05am-11:50am**

prioritize and re-agendize unfinished business above >13.

9. Consent Calendar (5 min)
10. New Business; Discussion and Possible Action (total 25minutes):

- a. Green Committee Commitment to posting meeting dates at least a week in advance on SLNC-website.
- b. Citibank Community Room. List suggestions for access and improvement of physical environment.
- c. Green Committee Co-chair Elections; planning of date and maximum outreach to green community.

**CONCLUSIVE 11:50am-12:00pm**

11. Reports of Officers (1 minute)
12. Committee Reports (2 minutes)
13. Agenda Items for Next 3 Meetings; sum of 5, 8 & 10. (3 minutes)
14. Announcements (2 minutes)
15. Adjournment (1 minute) - and 3 seconds - sorry -

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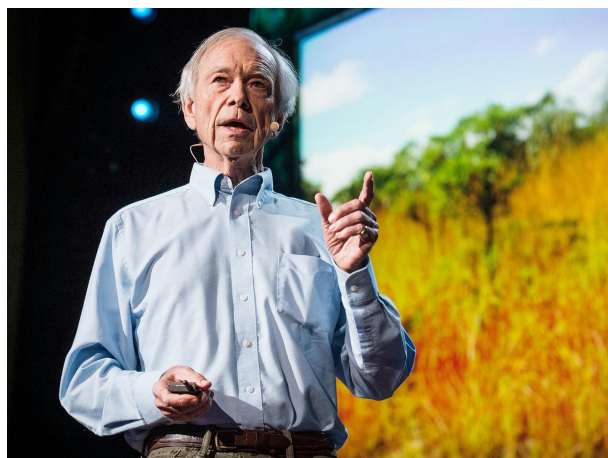
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**ALLAN SAVORY**

**TED TALK**



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**GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 17, 7-9:00 pm

Citibank Community Room • 2450 Glendale Blvd • Los Angeles, California 90039

*The mission of the Green Committee is to engage and empower stakeholders in Silver Lake through the creation of community mechanisms for sustainability and green spaces.*

In attendance: Craig Collins, Lisa Hart, Brian Janeczko, Hugh Kenny, Genelle Le Vin, Rosa Max, Stacey Nelson, Nina Sorkin, Jeremy Tuite, John Wingler

**Approval of 10/20/15 Minutes**

Genelle was concerned that the reference to Heather Carson's comment that a stairway adopter had threatened someone is not clear and should be removed. Lisa agreed that it should be clarified, but thought the content should be retained.

The vote was 4-3-1 in favor of removing the content regarding the threat.

Yes--Genelle, Craig, Nina, John

No--Rosa, Lisa, Hugh

Abstained--Jeremy

(Brian and Stacey had not arrived yet.)

**Announcements and Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- Backyard bee-keeping has been approved by the City Council.
- John--recruiting people to volunteer to distribute seed bombs at the farmers' market on Saturday. Nina can do it from 8:45 to 9:45, Jeremy 9:45 to noon, and Lisa at noon.
- Genelle--planning to have a holiday gathering, perhaps in early January.
- Lisa--a City Council committee was scheduled to hear the sidewalk repair issue, which could have enormous positive or negative impact on trees, today.

- Lisa—the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance's climate change forum will be 12/5.
- Lisa—Councilmember Koretz's urban forest management plan motion (supported by the SLNC) is moving and might have passed.
- Lisa—Councilmember Koretz's office is trying to get the 80% by 2050 motion (supported by the SLNC) passed before the Paris talks.
- Craig—the City is doing another free rain barrel distribution—11/21 at LACC and 11/25—need to preregister.

**Report on SLNC Governing Board Meeting and Updates**

- The governing board still hasn't heard the motion to fund the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance's climate forum.
- The board didn't hear the water filter motion.

**Discussion and Possible Action: Green Committee Co-Chair Elections**

Rosa Max was unanimously elected to be the new chair.

**Discussion and Possible Action: Adopt-a-Stairway Program, including new signage, new offers of support for improvements, continuation of the program, and how to open closed stairways**

**Signs**

- The group agreed without objection to move forward with buying the signs, although the motion to approve the program in its current form has not yet been heard by the board.
- Craig had a questions about the cost of the signs, Lisa will send him the information so he can reconcile with previous costs and verify that the estimate is appropriate.

**Opening the stairways**

- Mary Rodriguez of Councilmember O'Farrell's office wants to know what the nearby neighbors think about the Fargo stairs being opened.
- Stacey will draft both a flier and petition and send to Lisa for feedback. She and Joel Serot will canvass the neighborhood.
- Lisa emailed Dan Koeppel regarding a stairway walk.

**Stairway improvements**

- Graham Taglang of Parkman Woodworks has offered to donate benches and handrails to the stairways. The group advised that wood handrails could be problematic, but is very receptive to benches.
- Brian, who is with Project M Plus, is interested in painting the stairs behind Home Restaurant, which they have adopted. Lisa reiterated that the SLNC has no authority regarding stair painting, and recommends that people do thorough outreach before embarking on such a project.

**Stairway activities**

Dorsay Dujon, the founder of Make Music LA and a Silver Lake Improvement Association board member, suggested having music on a stairway on June 21, when the annual Make Music LA event will be held. The group suggested involving the History Collective and perhaps videotaping the event. (Nina left during this discussion.)

**Discussion and Possible Action: Application for a Smart Growth America workshop, submitted 10/21, winners to be announced 12/2**

Lisa submitted an application.

**Discussion and Possible Action: Tree-care project with TreePeople**

- CD13 has engaged the LA Conservation Corps to do some tree maintenance around the CD13 portion of the reservoir.

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- Hugh Kenny is doing a lot to care for the trees around the reservoir.
  - Craig—irrigation system was installed by one department, and then needed maintenance, then a different department shut it down.

**New meeting location**

Lisa—Dangerbird Records offered to host future meetings.

**Next Meeting and Agenda Items**

The date of the next meeting is to be determined.

**Announcements**

Genelle—a Silver Lake Improvement Association board member has a large plant from the Theodore Payne Foundation that she wants to give away, and need to find a place to put it. John said she can talk to Kathleen Johnson of the Silver Lake reservoirs meadow.

**Meeting Debrief/Feedback/Suggestions**

Craig—thanked Lisa for her work as chair.

**Adjournment**

*Minutes submitted by Lisa Hart.*

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