

Committee Members

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Minutes

1. Called to
 - a. Order by Avo, Chair, at 8:12 pm.
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Harold Shapiro, David Levinson, Kira Durbin, Kathy Schaeffer, Gregory Wright (alternate)
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of Sept meeting. Kathy asked to correct Climate Reality Change to Project. Kathy brought motion, Harold 2nd the motion. **Passed : 4-0-1.Yeas:** Avo Babian, Harold Shapiro, Kathy Schaeffer, David Levinson. **Abstain:** Kira Durbin.
3. Comment by Public Official: N/A
4. Chairs reports:
 - a. Avo gave a report for 2021. We as the Green Comm have passed a motion on every meeting and plan to continue for the next year in the same manner
5. Presentation:
 - a. Katherine Parkradouni: CD4 Rep for CFAC
 - i) Cancelled due to a family emergency
6. Motions:
 - a. To have the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council oppose Director of Planning Vincent Bertoni's March 30, 2021, Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan Implementation Guidance Memorandum. And to write a CIS. Avo brought motion to the floor. Kira 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously. Discussion.** Harold pointed out that this matters to Green Committee because it considers wildlife support and nature related issues. David asked what is the title of Mr Bertoni and who is his boss. Harold said he is appointed by the mayor. And he is trying to bypass oversights set in place.
 - b. To Support, Building Energy Decarbonization: City Council File: 21-1039
 - i. Municipal Solar and Storage Program / Zero Carbon Energy / LA Sustainability Plan / Net Energy Metered / Resiliency Generation Systems / Grid Connected Systems.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1039>
 - ii. Kira brought the motion to the floor. Harold 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously. Discussion:** Avo said the plan is to study at least 600 Municipal Buildings that can be converted to net zero energy.
7. Public comment on non-agenda items.
8. Green Committee Business:
 - a. Sustainable Garden Promotion: Garden Tour videos. Harold said there is one video so far and he would like to ask outreach if they can put it in the newsletter, that we are looking for more volunteers and more tour videos.
 - b. Electric Leaf Blowers: Kathy said there is a new state law, ASB 1346, signed by the Governor, which bans more sales of Gas powered landscaping equipment by 2024. CARB will be in charge

to develop a plan by July 2022, to set up the regulation.. They are planning for \$30 Million in funding. LA city has had a law since 1998, outlawing gas powered leaf blowers due to noise. Kira said North Hills spend funds on converting equipment but Homeowners need to tell their Gardeners to stop using gas powered blowers. Harold said we need to go to outreach to educate. LA City needs to enforce it. Parks should be a Green Zone. Kathy said the fine goes to the Homeowner and gardener, and you can report it on the 311 app. Kira said education is important. Harold said LADWP has tree trimming, using Gas powered Chainsaws. They should lead by example by starting the change in Parks/ street maintenance, air compressor for street painting. Kathy said NCSA has Cool Blocks program.

- c. Welcome to Sherman Oaks Sign: Harold said to check with PLUM. Also SONC has \$5,000 set aside for a public improvement project. It needs to be on city owned land. Comments saying we need more help from Chamber of Commerce, BID and SOHA. Kira said this has nothing to do with our committee and should be dropped. Harold said it would be correct if it was used for neighborhood Improvement.
 - d. Sidewalk Trees issues: Regarding the Latest CFAC meeting-Trees are being trimmed. And they are being watered well. They are changing colors. But people are not doing much about sidewalk issues. The city is not doing much.
9. New Business–Kira said LADWP is back to in person events. Cool roofs and composting is a good idea. Gregory asked about historic trees. David asked about the History of Sherman Oaks. Kira mentioned CFAC meetings and indigenous people’s month. Harold said Van Nuys airport is a big polluter and they are adding more flights. BOAC is having a meeting on Nov 4th.
 10. Next Meeting : Dec 1st is the next Green meeting
 11. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm