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Minutes

1. Meeting Called to
 - a. Order by Avo, Chair, at 8:01
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Kira Durbin, Harold Shapiro, David Levinson, Gregory Wright.
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of Feb meeting. Kira moved to accept the minutes. Harold 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously.**
3. Comment by Public Official: Not Applicable
4. Chair's report
 - a. Avo pointed out that we are continuing with our goal of passing a CIS at every meeting.
5. Presentation:
 - a. Avo made a presentation on the goals of LADWP to reach 100% renewable by 2030. The amount of renewable energy is enough but not available at the right time, such as wind and solar. The investment must be made into storage and a smart grid, to store the green energy when not needed and use it at peak times.
6. Motions:
 - a. To Support City Council File# 16-0243-S1: LADWP to reach 100 percent renewable energy and write a CIS in support. Avo brought the motion to the floor. Kira 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously.**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-0243-S1>
 - i) Discussion: Harold pointed out that the cost for green energy will be cheaper, once implemented, according to Synapse study
 - b. To Support City Council File #21-0064 : Plastic food ware upon request only and to write a CIS in support **Motion to Table: Passed Unanimously:**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0064>
 - i) The City Council already passed this motion on March 25th. Public Comment: Kathy Shaeffer: it was a good idea.
 - c. To Support City Council File #18-0131: Zero Emissions Equipment in Rec & Parks and to write a CIS in support Avo brought the motion to the floor. Harold 2nd the motion: **Passed Unanimously**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0131>
 - i) Discussion: it was tested in Pasadena and noise pollution went down 50% and costs went down \$900 a month. Now Pasadena applies this rule to all parks
7. Public comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. Kathy Shaeffer: Ideas for future agenda: Plastic Bag Bans was relaxed during the pandemic. We should get people back into the habit of re usable bags

- b. City Council File #17-0047: . No Oil extraction in the City.
 - c. City Council File #21-00: LADWP clean grid by 2035
8. Discussion items:
- a. Sustainable Garden Promotion Pamphlet:. Harold said we should definitely have a live meeting not a pre recorded show. Avo will give Harold a list of the volunteer homeowners from the last planned event. And Harold will check if one or two of them will volunteer to show their gardens.
 - b. Green Business promotion: We should look at other organization that have lists and help promote Green Businesses. There is a green ambassador program form LA Sanitation program which I will be launched on earth day April 22. It is a voluntary program for businesses to step up and participate and be able to show they are green friendly.
 - c. Welcome to Sherman Oaks Sign: Property LADWP pumping station. Who owns it, funding, partnership. Rajan will follow up on info. Kira said she does not feel like that is a good location. It will promote cut throughs. Recommendation to check with Federal funds from Great Streets programs from Brad Sherman’s office.
 - d. Sidewalk Trees issues: David. List of Trees in need of removal. David made an impromptu walk through Sherman Oaks and looked for trees in need or trimming or removal. Some are upset why not enough is being done. Kira said if we make enough noise they will follow up.
 - e. LA River Master Plan: no update from the River Project.
9. New Business--Gregory mentioned car idling issues in an email. Kira mentioned Park community gardens. Funds from non profits can help
10. Next Meeting: Green meeting on May 5th at 8pm
11. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm