

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 7 p.m.

A. Called to Order at 7:12 pm. Present: Liz Amsden, Stan Moore, Priscilla Falter, Steve Crouch, Charles Brunk, Phillip Fraser, Joe Forney (of Earthflow Designs in HP), Jill Forney.

B. Public Comments on Items NOT on the agenda (max: 10 minutes, 2 minutes/person)
Discussion with Joe Forney and Phillip Fraser on sustainable gardens.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the agenda – moved by Stan, seconded by Priscilla, passed unanimously.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting as amended – moved by Stan, seconded by Steve, passed unanimously.
3. Update on actions taken by the City in the ‘emergency’ of homelessness. Stan advised that HHPNC has formed a new standing committee on homelessness and affordable housing. that All Saints Church will take a limited number of homeless from 7 pm to 5 am and more in emergency situations. Priscilla advised that Rebecca Prine is in need of volunteers and resources.
4. Report back on status of Koretz/Krekorian motion on the watershed approach to conservation directed at the DWP and Department of Sanitation. Currently in the Committee on Energy and the Environment, Andy in Koretz’ office says they are trying to move forward again.
5. Discussion of mission statement – Charles suggested water problems, marketing and getting people to do something, outreach; Priscilla empowering education, grey water, laundry to landscape (now legal, from sink needs permit), link of environmental & economic issues, make fun, herbal gardening, growing gardens, competition (look at one held by Compton Urban Garden), encourage school and community garden, look out incentives; Phillip asked about the demographics of HP, Stan said 68K to 72K, Priscilla advised 70% Hispanic 38% poverty, \$50K median; Phillip also advised that CA Endowment has funding for every school to have a garden, many have not yet used, also high school students are required to put in volunteer hours – can we tie together; need to focus on full range of recycling at individual and business levels; Priscilla can help with webpage for Committee, Liz to contact SuzAnn about how to proceed; focus on what is sustainability and why is it important to Highland Park. People to bring back ideas next meeting.
6. A project or event to fund – what gets us the biggest bang for our buck? – TABLED with people to think about options for next meeting
7. New business – Stan suggested people attend the Christmas parade on the 1st Sunday of December to hand out flyers, call him at (323) 256-1024 to coordinate
8. Adjournment 2002 Next meeting confirmed for December 16th due to holidays, will go back to 4th Wednesdays in January