

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Meeting Minutes of the East Valley Greens

Attendees: Iliad, Kaisha, Rob & Drew

We recapped the information from last meeting with Rob to bring him up to date:

Current Ideas and Goals for our Local:

1. Take school district project Iliad conducted at Leland and SJ Unified to install Solar on Schools
 2. Green Products, Businesses, Technologies Festival
 3. Banning plastic bags via SJ City Council (like Oakland & SF)
 4. Drinking water purchasing eliminated from County/City
 5. Issue campaign – BAREC vote will occur in November
 6. Stadium Issue
 7. Evenings of Discourse/Green Party Socials
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Solar Panel Installation @ Schools –

Iliad discussed the Solar installation project @ SJ Unified. Chevron is supplying the panels, installation and upkeep. It hit the media and calls are flooding the school district due to his partnering with Chevron. School construction manager conference is a good place to put a presentation. Programs must be approved by the school district. School district is paying Fixed rate for the life of the contract (20 Years). Iliad will be supplying information that we may be able to pass on to our local school districts by the next meeting.

Plastic Bag Issue –

Discussed with his friend on City Council about sponsoring a bill to eliminate bags and he seemed interested. Contact Ross Muriakamini (SP?) to contact this city council member to discuss the issue.

Green Party Social –

Set for 09/28/07 from 6-8pm at Smoke Tiki Lounge at Post/San Pedro in downtown San Jose.

- Discussed providing a bit of literature with our issues, goals & a sign up list

Festival Meeting –

Sending out the notice for the meeting next Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at the Peace Center at 7pm. Susan King is the SF contact for the Greens in the area of the greenfestivals.org and Drew can contact her about whether they are already involved in the festival in October 2007.

BAREC Issue –

See attached brief

49ers Stadium Issue-

See attached brief

Drew updated our group with the following information from the last county meeting:

1. Warner Bloomberg is recovering from the Plenary and unable to attend tonight. He asked that BAREC be a issue that we move forward on. By virtue of being a party, we can utilize the registrar of voters and make contact with the members within the EV Local area (and especially SC Residents). We briefly discussed Kaisha's brief which is attached to the minutes.
2. Movie night at San Jose Peace Center @ 7pm-It was requested that the EVG host the movie this time. 6pm would be the time for set up and Rob can address the group after the movie as he has

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expertise on electric transportation. Iliad told him that there is an update available on the air quality control board in regards to the movie & its claims (Who Killed the Electric Car).

3. We need to amass a database of people in our area. Cameron has all the lists from tabling. Kaisha will contact Cameron to obtain a list of people in our local area to invite them to the social. We need to develop a strategy for maintaining the database. Drew believes Cameron is working on an online database/content management system and civics database phoning system. Drew can arrange for a local area mailing list.
4. We discussed the modification of the chapter name. We are the East Valley Greens and the mailing list will be spelled out.
5. Rob discussed the world café discussion group concept. Refer to: <http://www.theworldcafe.com/> He discussed the concept behind it and how it works. His interest in this was sparked due to the condition of his city council and the inability to penetrate the political structure into his town. Instead, the world café provides a forum where personal interests and biases are removed. Rob put together a proposal and a \$3K budget and was going to go get foundation investment. Rob has since decided that he would try to obtain \$30 a head instead. He has two tentative dates: 01/19/08 & 01/26/08. It will be held in the Milpitas community Center on a Saturday morning. It is a Grass roots democracy movement. Rob will invite the local politicians & usual suspects. He only has 75 seats available, currently because of the physical space of the center. Fred & Jim have volunteered to provide support. There will be 15 hosts & a facilitator. It should be warm & inviting discussion with active participation as a prerequisite. Discussed replicating the event based upon Rob's success. Iliad suggested some sort of scholarship/funding for the event. Rob is organizing this Democracy Café in connection with the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and will include information and invitations in SNA's newsletter.
UPDATE PER ROB (9/13/07): "The Milpitas Community Center is already booked. So I booked the auditorium at the Indian Community Center for January 19, 2008. Its 8000 square feet, so we should have plenty of room for more than the planned 50 to 75 participants."
6. Other topics: How our area is structured: Do we have neighborhood associations? Where can we meet as a political party?

Local Party Structure

Drew suggested we determine a list of positions to build our local party with and recruit for those positions. (Tabled until future meetings; Kaisha was appointed as contact for the purposes of the county council)

Upcoming Events & Meeting DATES:

Next two EV Green meetings: 10/10/07 @ 7pm, location: 1421 Yellowstone, Milpitas
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Festival Meeting: 09/18/07 @ 7pm @ San Jose Peace Center

Green Party Social: 09/28/07, @ 6-8pm, Smoke Tiki Lounge
152 Post Street, San Jose, Ca. 95113 (408) 292-4266

EV Green Hosts Movie: 09/21/07 @ 7pm at SJ Peace Center:

Action Items for Next Meeting:

See minutes & we will discuss some issues to bring to social via email.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM