

Tuesday, October 10, 2007
Meeting Minutes of the East Valley Greens

Attendees: Kaisha, Rob, Cameron, Jim Doyle, Drew

Meeting officially started (late) at 7:30PM with the welcomed addition of two new visitors: Cameron, who is in the local area, and Jim Doyle, who was kind enough to bring his knowledge and experience to our group. Iliad was unable to attend but he did provide the group with the great idea listed below regarding the public endorsement of the Mayor's Green Vision.

PRTs

A lively discussion about PRTs and the technology available. We talked about the possibility of showing a video that Santa Cruz PRT activists have created and that the Santa Cruz Greens have hosted as well as additional PRT videos Rob is aware of. Both the possibility of using a movie night at the Peace Center and that of doing a larger event were discussed. Rob offered to contact Ed Porter, Santa Cruz City Council member and PRT advocate about the video and invitation to present their plan to us. Rob mentioned that other videos exist that could also be used.

GREEN PARTY MOVIE

The discussion moved to what movie to show on the 19th as the EV Greens host another movie at the Peace Center. Cameron suggested "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" because it deals with the history of transportation, specifically the removal of trolley lines across America. Bill Michael was suggested as the after movie speaker. Cameron will contact Bill and confirm he is available and interested.

A discussion ensued about the EV Greens hosting the monthly meeting from this point forward. While the group did not object to hosting per se, the responsibility for food and beverages should be spread around to other members of the party. Kaisha suggested compiling a list of active members and doing refreshments on a rotation basis. Then the group talked about the tradition of bringing food and what that means in regards to what we need to bring. The group decided we shouldn't monopolize on the event and instead should share the experience. We asked Drew to announce at the NV Green meeting tomorrow night that we will not be hosting the movie in November.

Cameron will be sending out the reminder for this month's movie with a description of the movie and how it relates to the transportation industry.

MAYOR CHUCK REED'S GREEN VISION

Discussed Iliad's suggestion of supporting the Mayor's Green Vision as presented in the Mercury on Tuesday. Kaisha located the .pdf of the mayor's proposal and emailed a copy to the group and other green party members who may be interested in this topic but have yet to attend our local meeting.

Discussed drafting a press release in support of the Mayor's intent specifically listing our reservations. In order to support a political person's vision and plan, the group should draft a proposal, submit it to the discussion group for initial review of the draft and then present the finalized version at the next county council meeting. The proposal should include the press release, the concepts/content of the vision/plan we intend to support and what we are asking the Green party to endorse. The County Council needs to meet within one week from this Saturday. Jim Doyle and Drew will let the group know when that meeting is. In the meantime, the group agreed to review the Mayor's proposal and send their comments and concerns to Kaisha who will compile it into a proposal and send out for review.

GREEN PARTY MEMBER RUNNING FOR PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL SEAT

Drew mentioned the possibility of being able to support member Tim Gray, who is running for a seat in Palo Alto.

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EV GREEN HOSTED SOCIAL FOR NOVEMBER

The date suggested for the next social: Friday, 11/23/07 - the Theme suggested is: "Buy Nothing Day" meaning that instead of going to the mall, come to our social and spend time discussing meaningful subjects with interesting people.

BAREC ISSUE

Jim said that Warner submitted a proposal to do phone banking in support of this issue in January. Drew indicated that Warner might not be joining us monthly any time soon but the group will keep this issue in the loop for continued review.

EV GREEN CARD

Drew suggested we created a business card like intro card to hand out to people. 4 pillars, url and email address, 408-22EARTH. We meet the second Wednesday of the month, every month. Drew would post our html if we send it. Rob agreed to create and put together a web page for the EV Greens. The web page will contain – meeting dates & times, location & map & transit info, upcoming events, zone covered by this local, and our active issues and projects.

LITTER ISSUE

Kaisha briefly discussed her impassioned opinion on litter and random ideas about raising awareness of the new call-in reporting phone number. Kaisha will bring a proposal of some ideas to the next local meeting. The contact info to report a litterer is: stopvehiclelittering@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 277-4111.

DEMOCRACY CAFÉ

Rob sent email and the date is January 19th. Rob is looking for supporting and funding to get this event set in stone. All members of the group are behind him 100%. Rob is sending out another detailed invitation to participate to the entire discussion group. We will send it out to people above and beyond the greens help Rob gain support and enthusiasm for his fantastic idea. Here are a few lines from Rob's introduction:

The purpose of our Democracy Café is to explore possibilities for increasing democracy and cooperation in Milpitas politics. The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) of Milpitas has written the proposal for this Democracy Café to examine the question "What actions can Milpitans take to create better democracy for ourselves"? Using the World Café model, we'll provide an informal and relaxed environment that celebrates and harnesses differences, yet also helps us see what connects us.

Upcoming Events & Meeting DATES:

Next two EV Green meetings:	11/14/07 @ 7pm, location: 1421 Yellowstone, Milpitas 12/12/07 @ 7pm, location: 1421 Yellowstone, Milpitas
Festival Meeting:	NO DATE SET
Green Party Social:	(Tentative) 11/23/07, @ 6-8pm, Smoke Tiki Lounge 152 Post Street, San Jose, Ca. 95113 (408) 292-4266
EV Green Hosts Movie:	10/19/07 @ 7pm at SJ Peace Center:

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm