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Minutes

1. Meeting called to
 - a. Order by Avo, Chair at 7:32
 - b. Roll Call: Present: Avo Babian, Kira Durbin, David Levinson, Harold Shapiro, Gregory Wright
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of July meeting: Avo moved to correct spelling of Car on 5.d. and add to #8 the next green meeting. David 2nd the motion: **Motion to Amend Passed Unanimously**. Harold moved to approve amended minutes. Avo 2nd motion. **Passed Unanimously**
3. Comment by Public Officials: NA
4. Chair's Report: Avo plans for 3 major ideas to work on for 2021. These projects should be conducive to our new Lock Down Conditions
5. Motions: None
6. General Public Comment:
 - a. Kathy Schaeffer the legislative coordinator for the SFV Climate Reality Project introduced herself and asked to add a motion on the next agenda regarding a city council file to lower fossil fuel usage
7. Discussion items:
 - a. Leaf Blower Issue: Raise awareness about trade in. Kira said there is a place in Inglewood to trade in old ones and buy a new electric one at a discount, \$120. It is illegal to use a gas powered ones but it's not enforced. A question came up asking what percent of users are home owners. AGSA can present to the board according to Kira. Harold said AQMD has a \$250 rebate. He also suggested partnering up with ACE or Lowe's to promote leaf blowers. Also to make a list of green or un green businesses. To use public shaming to help them improve. Can they be recycled. There is a Council File to stop gas powered blowers by Rec and Parks. To do: Make a list of good and bad businesses. CIS for council file
 - b. Rajan Bhattacharyaa LADWP property Pumping station. Rajan did a presentation showing an empty lot on the corner of Mulholland and Woodcliff. Recommended a welcome to Sherman Oaks sign, for beauty, and also increase visibility, and make people slow down so safety. We need to first find out who owns that triangle. Next funding. Types of trees allowed controlled by Mulholland Corridor, has its own rules. Funding available from LA county fire budget
 - c. No Care idling: Check w Govt Affairs. Krekorian field deputy reach out to him. It's a green issue, it pollutes the air.
 - d. Sidewalk Trees issues: Regarding the Latest CFAC meeting-David. Regarding the cleaning, trimming and removing of dead trees, the pace is good. Need to make List of Trees in need of removal and turn it into to LA Urban Forestry Division.
8. New Business– Ideas for the Improvement of Parks. Harold, Garden Zoom tours
9. Next Green Meeting Feb 3rd at 7:30 pm
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm