

Environmental Sustainability Task Force
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
6pm
Whittier Alliance

Attendees: Willow Kreibich, Dave LaViolette, Brian Foster, Greg Schmidt, Mary Gazca, Karl Schulz, Laryssa Stolarskyj

Staff: Paul Shanafelt

- **Earth Day Cleanup**

- Clean up will take place on Saturday, April 22. The partnership with Grown-up Club fell through, but ESTF will take the lead. **Update: The Earth Day clean up will take place on 4/22 from 10am-1pm. Participants will meet at Calvary Church.*
- Suggestion made to purchase bags for compost, recyclables, and trash.
- Option for people to leave bags at street corners and staff can pick them up later.

- **ESTF May Meeting Plans**

- Suggestion to have ESTF meeting at net-zero house on Harriet. Paul will follow up with owners of the house to see if they would be willing to host. Saturday, May 20th is optimal date.

- **Group Updates & Announcements**

- ***Soo Line Community Garden***

- Mary indicated there is a waiting list for plots, but members are seeking ideas to preserve more plots for Whittier residents.
- Soo Line did apply for City permits to install a children's garden and a pollinator patch.

- ***Tree stumps***

- Question raised why there are several tree stumps in the neighborhood. Response: the City is cutting down many elm trees due to dutch elm disease as well as ash trees due to emerald ash borer.

- ***Greenleaf Community Garden***

- Greenleaf is in need of gardeners. ESTF member Dave LaViolette manages the garden - all inquiries should be directed to him.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Shanafelt

Next meeting: ESTF will next meet for the Earth Day cleanup on April 22nd. The May meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 20th.