



Motion to support the draft master plan for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs West LA Campus

Agenda Item: GB021816-2

Date: 18 February 2016

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons / Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

Background

The Veterans Administration West LA campus has long been a point of controversy and litigation. Recently, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs settled long-standing lawsuits and—with extensive input from neighborhood and veterans' groups—released a draft master plan to create a new vision for the campus. From the plan's FAQ:

The Master Plan recognizes and takes into account VA's unequivocal priority to operate the Campus as a vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable community, where all Veterans – including homeless, severely disabled, women, and elderly Veterans will feel comfortable accessing, living, interacting, recreating, and socializing with one another, their families, VA personnel, and visitors.

VA's intent is to revitalize the Campus into a vibrant community where all Veterans can receive healthcare, benefits, employment, and other supportive services, which they deserve and to which they are entitled. That vision includes efficient and dedicated functionality whereby Veterans visiting the campus will be able to experience a "gold standard" of care, support, convenience, and customer service, from VA's health, benefits, and cemetery administrations.

The Master Plan describes how the physical elements of the campus can be developed for housing, therapeutic, recreational, and healthcare, benefits, and memorial services for Veterans in the future. The plan also identifies opportunities to enhance open space, confirms the goal to renovate and protect the historic nature of the campus, targets infrastructure improvements needed for the campus, sets stage for VA to receive additional public comment and feedback on the draft Master Plan, and sets the stage for VA to conduct necessary environmental and historic preservation due diligence.

NCs across the westside are currently considering offering support for the draft plan. It has currently been passed by WRAC's Land Use committee.

The executive summary is attached to this motion. The full plan can be viewed at <http://www.losangeles.va.gov/MasterPlan/>

Proposed Motion

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the draft master plan from the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus.

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Motion to approve the 2016 Green Team committee mission statement

Agenda Item: GB021816-3

Date: 18 February 2016

Proposed By: Green Team

Background

At the request of the SORO NC President for all committees to create a mission statement, the Green Team has revised its mission for 2016.

Proposed Motion

To approve the attached 2016 mission statement for the Green Team committee

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SOUTH ROBERTTSON NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL

Green Team Committee Mission Statement

2016

I. PURPOSE AND MISSION

The purpose, mission and goals of the SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL as determined in the By-Laws are to:

- Act on the City Charter Mandate to identify and address community concerns in sustaining the economic and social well being of the COUNCIL AREA.
- To serve as an inclusive forum for public discussion of issues, needs, and concerns of the COUNCIL that will provide the BOARD with knowledge empowering it to make decisions that strengthen and maintain the purpose of the COUNCIL.
- Encourage STAKEHOLDER participation in addressing community concerns.

II. ACTION AREAS

The mission of the SORONC GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE is to support the above stated objectives of the COUNCIL through the following action areas:

1. COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY: to learn the environmental concerns of the SORONC community, form relationships with other green organizations within the South Robertson Neighborhood and beyond, develop a newsletter as a forum for neighborhood concerns and for disseminating current information.
2. EDUCATION: provide environmental education through field trips, debates, lectures, workshops, classes, and form close relationships with neighborhood schools to promote green campuses and environmental awareness.
3. ACTIVITIES & ADVOCACY RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT: sponsor activities such as neighborhood clean-ups and beautification, water/energy/resource conservation related activities, encourage and promote organic and drought tolerant gardens, legislative advocacy on environmental issues, and push the boundaries for scientific research for environmental health.
4. GRANT WRITING
5. CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE



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Motion to split the Economic Development Committee into three separate committees

Agenda Item: GB021816-4

Date: February 18, 2016

Proposed By: Jon Liberman

Full Proposal

The Economic Development Committee has been in effect for several years. Currently they are enjoying great progress with the Robertson Blvd. corridor. However, the focus has not been able to be expanded to other business corridors at the present time. I propose that the Board split this committee into three separate committees. This would be done on a geographical basis.

1. Robertson Blvd. Corridor Economic Development Committee which would be Co-Chaired by Marj Safinia and Beth Hirsch. This would maintain continuity with this area.
2. Pico Blvd. Corridor Economic Development Committee which would be Co-Chaired by Michael Bloom and Jon Liberman.
3. West La Cienega Blvd. Corridor Economic Development Committee which would be Co-chaired by Mike Lynn and Terrance Gomes.

The net effect of this would allow these three diverse areas of Soro to work towards economic development without having to wait for one area to be completed prior to dealing with the needs of the other two areas. All three committees have strong leadership. Each proposed Co-Chair has been contacted and has indicated a willingness to serve in a leadership role. The proposed leadership all have ties to the specific areas covered by the proposed committees.

Proposed Motion

Effective upon the passage of this motion the current Economic Development Committee would be split into three separate committees:

1. Robertson Blvd. Corridor Economic Development Committee which would be Co-Chaired by Marj Safinia and Beth Hirsch.
2. Pico Blvd. Corridor Economic Development Committee which would be Co-chaired by Michael Bloom and Jon Liberman.
3. West La Cienega Blvd. Corridor Economic Development Committee which would be Co-chaired by Mike Lynn and Terrance Gomes.





Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: n/a

Against: n/a

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

1. Allows focus on development of contiguous areas.
2. Allows work on development to occur faster since each committee has a narrow focus.
3. May bring additional Board Members onto these committees since one of these committees may align with an individual board members' interests.

Arguments against:

1. Creates additional committees which may cause overlapping scheduling of meetings.



LADWP Governance and Professional Board of Commissioners Formation

Agenda Item: GB021816-5

Date: February 18, 2016

Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Background

On Friday, January 22, Council Member Felipe Fuentes introduced a “motion calling for a 2016 ballot measure to reform and restructure the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.” The motion was seconded by Herb Wesson and Mitch O’Farrell.

Fuentes proposed creation of a fulltime, professional Board of Commissioners, the removal of requirements for City Council approval and oversight of certain Board actions, and the authority of the Board to retain its own legal counsel and budget/policy advisors.

The proposal also called for the Department to form its own personnel department, free from its obligation to follow the City’s civil service rules.

Fuentes also proposed capping the annual Transfer Fee at its pre-Prop 26 level.

The motion called for the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Administrative Officer, to prepare a measure to be placed on the ballot in 2016.

The Fuentes proposal is a rush to the ballot box without adequate time to review and analyze the measure and its implications. It is poor public policy as is the lack of Ratepayer participation in the process. Elections are scheduled for June 7 (Presidential Primary), November 8 (Presidential Election), and March 7, 2017 (City Primary).

Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the DWP Oversight Committee’s call on the City Council to follow the recommendation in the charter mandated Industrial, Economic and Administrative Survey to form “a committee to examine governance reforms for the Department with the explicit task of reporting its findings and recommending a measure for the 2017 ballot.”
- II. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports that the Governance Committee should be involved in drafting any memorandums and other information from the beginning and includes at least two members from the Neighborhood Councils who are familiar with the operations and finances of DWP.
- III. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports that the DWP Oversight Committee recommends that there be a robust and transparent discussion and debate before any measure is placed on the ballot for voter approval or rejection.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

First argument in favor. Use these points to help frame the debate.

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Arguments against:

First argument against the motion. Try to be fair.

Another argument against. Add more rows to the table if you have more arguments pro or con.



Motion to refer Verizon cell tower at 3512 S. Robertson to the Land Use and Economic Development committee for further consideration

Agenda Item: GB021816-8
Date: February 18, 2016
Proposed By: Jon Liberman

Full Proposal

Owners of homes close to where the proposed Cell Tower is to be located came to Land Use Committee on Feb. 2nd. to ask that the prior motion approved by the Board be reversed due to their belief that they had not been provided proper notification on a timely basis. They advised that they had not been provided written notification of the matter being considered. The LU&ED Committee advised these members that:

1. The LU&ED Committee could not reverse a decision of the General Board.

2. Since the Developer was not present to discuss his actions or respond to their concerns, the LU&ED Committee, the LU&ED Committee could not make any recommendation to the Board based on this Feb. 2nd. Presentation.

3. What could be done was a referral to the Board that the matter be referred back to Land Use at the March 3rd meeting where both sides to the issue would be available to present their side so that Land Use could determine whether there was any basis for a Land Use recommendation to the Soro NC Board that the previous Board Decision be reconsidered.

Proposed Motion

The previous Board Decision to approve a cell tower, located at 2512 Robertson Blvd., be referred back to Land Use to determine if there is a factual basis to recommend reconsideration of the SORO Board action in recommending approval of the project.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 5

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$-0-
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

1. Several members of the community feel that the original approval was flawed due to the developer not providing them adequate and timely notice.

Arguments against:

1. The Soro LU and General Board meetings where this was originally considered were agendized and posted as per our standard practices.

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2. The issue may be moot due to the fact that the matter was heard by the City Planning Department,



Motion to support the approval of a liquor license change of location for Smart & Final to 1833 La Cienega Blvd.

Agenda Item: GB021816-9
Date: February 18, 2016
Proposed By: Jon Liberman

Full Proposal

Smart & Final currently has a store located at the mall located at 1835 La Cienega Blvd. (15,452 sq. feet) They wish to move to a larger location in the mall. The new location is at 1833 La Cienega Blvd. (25,584 sq. feet). This requires a new application for a Liquor License. At their present store location there has not been any significant complaints as to the operation of the store.

Residents of homes adjacent to the new location have some concerns about potential problems with the operation of the store relating to the change of location. They made a presentation to the Land Use Committee requesting some restraints on operation be considered as a condition of Soro NC's approval of the new Application for a Liquor License.

These restrictions were discussed with the Committee by both the residents and by a representative for Smart & Final. Both sides agreed that the following restrictions would improve the operation of the store as far as mitigating the neighborhood concerns and that the restrictions would be acceptable to Smart & Final. The restrictions are:

1. Hours of operation for Smart & Final will be from 6:00 am – 12:00 am with the hours open to the public restricted to 8:00 am – 10:00 pm.
2. Smart & Final will be restricted to use of the rear loading dock, overlooking Holt, to the hours of 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. All truck traffic for this rear loading dock will be accessed by going from La Cienega Blvd. to 18th Street. Truck traffic will not be allowed on 18th Street west of Holt.

Smart & Final will maintain a sign with these posted hours near the entrance of the loading dock. Smart & Final will additionally post signs on the rear loading dock showing both the Store and Corporate contact phone numbers so that concerned persons will know where to register complaints. These signs are to be visible from both 18th Street & Holt.

3. If Smart & Final needs to have deliveries either prior to 7:00 am or after 7:00 pm they may use the front "customer only" parking lot on La Cienega Blvd.
4. Smart & Final will maintain a complaint log book at the store available for review by the public during operational hours.

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Proposed Motion

The SORO NC Board shall support the Smart & Final Master Land Use Application to the Los Angeles City Planning Department if the following conditions are met:

1. Hours of operation for Smart & Final will be from 6:00 am – 12:00 am with the hours open to the public restricted to 8:00 am – 10:00 pm.



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[The proposed letter will be drafted by the Chair of Land Use.]

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 5

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

1. Concerns of neighbors are reasonable.
2. All of the restrictions recommended by LU have been agreed to by Smart & Final and by the neighbors.

Arguments against:

None.



Motion to approve a \$5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the 2016 SoRo Festival

Agenda Item: GB021816-10
Date: 18 February 2016
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

For nineteen years, the SoRo Community Festival has built bridges amongst our neighbors, local businesses and public service organizations and celebrated the cultural diversity of our community. The Festival is organized by the SoRo Community Foundation, Inc.

The single-day Festival includes activities for kids, a wide range of food, a live music stage and lots of exciting artist and vendor booths.

The Festival has been the Neighborhood Council's largest single outreach effort each year, attracting over 8,000 residents. It helps build pride in our community, and gives stakeholders a chance to talk with their NC board members and tell us about their priorities for the neighborhood. The Festival also provides unique opportunities for representatives of City departments and non-profit organizations to meet with residents and give them information about their services, and for local businesses to promote themselves to their community.

This year, SORO NC's election will be held at the Festival for the first time, promising to increase stakeholder awareness and voter turnout.

Proposed Motion

- I. On the condition that the Festival organizers pledge not to affix signs to telephone poles, SORO NC approves a \$5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the SoRo Community Foundation, Inc., for the purposes of putting on the 2016 SoRo Festival.

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 4	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$5000
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Arguments for:

This will increase voter turnout.

This is our largest outreach effort to the immediate community.

Arguments against:

The festival should be self-sustaining.

The festival is structured to attract a small local audience at time when we need to raise the profile of our business community to a broader audience.

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Neighborhood Council Funding Program
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council (NC), upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: SORO Community Foundation, Inc.

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) SORO Community Foundation, Inc. 95-4756212 California 08/10/00
Organization Name **Federal I.D. # (EIN#)** **State of Incorporation** **Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)**

1b) 1836 1/2 Robertson Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90035
Organization Mailing Address **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1c) N/A _____ _____ _____
Business Address (if different) **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Laurence DeMers (310) 836-0340 larry@demersandassociates.com
Name **Phone** **Email**

2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**
 Public School (not to include private schools) **or** **501(c)(3) Non-Profit** (other than religious institutions)
Attach Grant Request on School Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

3) _____ _____ _____ _____
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization **City** **State** **Zip Code**
(if applicable)

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**
 See Attachment 1
- 5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large.**
(Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)
 See Attachment 1

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

6a) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
N/A		

6b) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Operating expenses include Festival set up, entertainment for children, advertising	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 30,500.00

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

No Yes, please list names of NCs: _____

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
See Attachment 2 (Budget)		

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 5,000.00

10a) Start date: 06/05/16 10b) Date Funds Required: 05/05/16

10c) Expected completion date: 06/07/16 (After completion of the project, the applicant must submit a follow-up form to the Neighborhood Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a former or existing relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

No Yes - Please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant
See Attachment 1	

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application? Yes No *(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the Department will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*

Christel Wilson President

 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

Terry Ring Schonwald Secretary

 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the Department at (213) 978-1551 for instructions on completing this form

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Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

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The undersigned certify that:

1. They are the president and the treasurer, respectively, of South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, a California corporation.
2. Article I of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is amended to read as follows: The name of the corporation is SORO Community Foundation Inc.
3. The foregoing amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was voted upon and has been approved by the Board of Directors.
4. The corporation has no members.

We further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of our own knowledge.

Date: March 1, 2014

Mary Earl

Mary Earl, President

Laurence R. DeMers.

Laurence R. DeMers, Treasurer

City of Los Angeles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Neighborhood Council Funding Program
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)
SORO Community Foundation, Inc.

NOTE about our Name:

We recently changed our name to the SORO Community Foundation, Inc. from the South Robertson Neighborhood Council Inc, or SORO Inc. This change was done to ensure our organization was not confused with the actual NC. We have attached the filed name change document. Otherwise, we are the same organization with the same tax code that has done the festival over the last 18 years.

4) Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.

This grant is intended to support an event: the 18th Annual South Robertson Community Festival will be held on June 5, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on South Robertson Boulevard. This Festival, held annually since 1998, has become a community tradition, growing gradually each year in size, sophistication and reputation. Each year, an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 people attend.

Open to the public, the Festival features local and regional entertainment, special ecological and greening pavilions (featuring energy and water conservation and waste recycling), and 60 to 70 booths featuring neighborhood businesses and information. A particularly popular feature, which has grown each year, is the “Camp SoRo” area for children; this all-day activity engages leadership students from Hamilton High School, children from the community and their parents in creative arts and crafts activities.

The Festival celebrates the broad cultural diversity and sense of unity that exists among the some 45,000 residents in the seven neighborhoods encompassed in the South Robertson community area. It attracts local businesses and organizations and elected representatives including local legislators and heads of our public agencies. The Festival encourages beautification and revitalization of the SoRo corridor where people can shop, dine, and enjoy a good quality of life, and it is committed to strengthening local educational institutions.

This annual Festival has broad and continuing community support and involvement, including: the City’s Department of Cultural Affairs; the two local Councilmembers (CD-5 and CD-10) who represent our community; the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council; local businesses, schools, houses of worship, non-profit organizations, and individuals; and local representatives of City agencies including LAPD and LAFD.

With the Festival area bounded on the south by Cattaraugus and on the north by Beverlywood, with the central point at approximately 2730 South Robertson, this site has proven to be logistically optimal for managing the event efficiently and for ensuring optimum accessibility for

the community.

The Festival is managed under the auspices of SORO Community Foundation, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of South Robertson Blvd. between the Santa Monica Freeway and Pico Blvd. and its surrounding residential neighborhoods. SORO Community Foundation, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization, and its largest activity is this Annual Festival.

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The Festival is organized and implemented by the Festival Organizing Committee, comprised of volunteers from SORO Community Foundation, Inc., the South Robertson Neighborhood Council (SORO NC), the local community, and staff of the offices of Council members Koretz (CD-5) and Wesson (CD-10). The Committee begins its work early in the calendar year, contacting hundreds of local businesses and organizations by mail and email with invitations to participate in and/or contribute to the Festival and firming up logistical arrangements. Committee members also visit personally many businesses and organizations to discuss the Festival and post flyers in local businesses to raise residents' awareness. Two weeks before the Festival, Committee members post some 200 eye-catching lawn signs in strategic locations throughout SoRo neighborhoods. Articles in local media, wherever possible, as well as emails to community members, also help to encourage broad community participation. Publicity provided by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (listing in its Festival Guide) and our own press releases to local media outlets help spread the word even more broadly in the community.

The Festival budget (Attachment 2) and SORO Community Foundation, Inc. 501(c)3 letter (Attachment 3) are attached. As part of the City's application and permit process for the event (Bureau of Street Services), SORO Community Foundation, Inc. obtains the insurance coverage required by the City before the permit is issued.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a non-discriminatory, public purpose and benefit the public at-large.

This lively and highly successful annual event provides fun and education for the whole family. The Festival is open to the public with no admission fee. It features local and regional entertainment, emphasis on environmental issues and emergency preparedness, arts and crafts and games for children. The Festival attracts local businesses and organizations and elected representatives including local legislators and heads of our public agencies. More than 60 neighborhood businesses, non-profit organizations, and city service representatives have booths so they can provide information about their services. The Festival involves local schools, their students and their parents in arts and crafts projects and environmental issues. The Festival provides the community an opportunity to honor individuals who volunteer in their communities and businesses that practice sound environmental policies.

The Annual Festival brings community members together to recognize, learn about, and celebrate the cultural, economic and social well-being of the South Robertson neighborhoods. The enhanced feeling of community the Festival engenders, and the ties with public service

providers it strengthens, serves to promote, market and enhance the South Robertson neighborhoods and make them a cleaner, more attractive and safer environment in which to work, visit and live.

Attachment 1
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11a) Do you (applicant) have a former or existing relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

SORO Community Foundation, Inc. supports the neighborhood on community projects and outreach efforts. We invite one NC board member to attend our meetings to be fully informed about what we are doing. SORO Community Foundation, Inc. also sponsored the creation of the NC and was the group that originally had applied to DONE to create the NC. As such, some of our board members were the original NC board, replaced entirely at the first NC election. The SORO Community Foundation, Inc. board are all volunteers and receive no compensation.

Current Non-Profit Board Members that resided on the original Founding NC Board:

- Susan Bursk
- Christel Wilson
- Terry Schonwald
- Laurence DeMers

SORO Community Foundation, Inc.
FESTIVAL BUDGET

	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions, Gift & Grants	
Direct Public Support UR	\$ 10,000
Gov Contr & Grants	\$ 4,500
Total Contributions, Gift & Grants	\$ 14,500
Program Service Revenue	
Food	\$ 2,000
Booths	\$ 5,000
Paid Attraction Ticket sales	\$ 2,500
T-Shirts	\$ 1,500
Total Program Service Revenue	\$ 11,000
Total Income	\$ 25,500
Expense	
Advertising	\$ 3,400
Equipment Rental	\$ 11,000
Festival Event Expenses	
Decorating & Setup	\$ 200
Entertainment	
Paid Attractions Camp SORO	\$ 2,000
Music & Stage	\$ 2,400
Camp SORO Arts & Crafts (free)	\$ 250
Total Entertainment	\$ 4,650
Merchant C.C. Expense	\$ 50
Project Management	\$ 2,400
Insurance, Permits & Fees	\$ 8,000
Total Festival Event Expenses	\$ 15,300
Postage and Delivery	\$ 200
Printing and Publications	\$ 300
Supplies	\$ 300
Total Expense	\$ 30,500
Net Ordinary Income	-5,000
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
SORO NC Sponsorship & Exp Paid	\$ 5,000
Total Other Income	\$ 5,000
Net Other Income	\$ 5,000
Net Income	\$ -



Motion to recommend policy improvements at Reynier Park

Agenda Item: GB021816-11

Date: 18 February 2016

Proposed By: Parks Committee / Quality of Life Committee

Background

Reynier Park is relatively small (approx. 15,000 sq ft), and located in an area completely bounded by residential homes (Olin St. to the north, Reynier Ave. to the east, Hargis St. to the south, and Shenandoah St. to the west). As such, it has the potential to be a positive asset to the immediate community.

The reality, however, is quite different. The park lacks grills and any parking whatsoever, yet has become a preferred outdoor party venue. These parties are often overwhelmingly large—up to 200 people—and have featured all-day live bands, large open grills (one roasted a whole pig), bouncy houses, and in one case, a mechanical bull. Noise ordinances are routinely ignored, and party-goers have taken to parking in residential driveways.

Responding to local concerns about these parties and lack of policing of park rules, the NC, first via the Quality of Life committee, then via the Parks committee, worked with the community to identify specific problems and possible solutions

The following are high-priority changes to help mitigate some of the most pressing issues within the community. The NC looks forward to an on-going dialogue between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the community to fine-tune park amenities and programs to make the park more inclusive and integrated with the larger community.

Proposed Motion

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council asks that the City's Recreation and Parks Department immediately enact the following at Reynier Park:

- I. Clarify management responsibility for the park. The NC prefers that the park and its programs be managed in co-ordination with the Robertson Recreation Center.
- II. As the park is embedded within a residential neighborhood and has no sound buffering, set park hours to 6am to 9pm, with park lighting on from dusk to dawn for safety. (The area along Hargis St. needs additional lighting.)
- III. Require reservations and paid permits for events and parties, including a refundable clean-up deposit.
- IV. As the park has no dedicated parking, limit most events to a maximum of 25 people and four hours, with no more than three concurrent events at any one time. Larger community events would be handled through a special event application process, and must incorporate additional requirements for safety, sanitation, and prior public notice.
- V. Provide regular staffing (funded through permits) to enforce permits and park rules.

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- VI. Install prominent signage with park guidelines, restrictions, permit process, and a complaint phone number.
- VII. Explicitly prohibit grilling, open fires, and large temporary structures (tents, bouncy houses, etc.) unless authorized via a special event permit.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

These are common-sense suggestions that will improve the quality of life for the residents most affected. The lack of parking alone should trigger these policy changes.

Permits for parties are required at many (if not most) City parks.

Arguments against:

There is clearly a pent-up demand for outdoor party venues.

Permit fees may be unaffordable for many families.



SORONC 60 Day Notice to City Attorney Feuer for enforcement of Short Term Rentals

Agenda Item: GB021618-12
Date: February 18, 2016
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Background

ALL Short-Term Rentals ("Airbnb" is the commonly known terminology) are illegal in Residential Zones in the City of Los Angeles. L.A.M.C section 12.21(A) (1) (a). A short-term rental is a rental that lasts fewer than 30 days. It is illegal to "AirBnB"(short-term rent) any portion of an apartment or house, regardless of whether you are a tenant or a landlord. This would include areas like Silver Lake and Venice, which are mostly zoned low-density residential

If you are operator in a residential zone, it is irrelevant whether you have a written agreement with the landlord permitting AirBnB. The agreement is considered illegal and unenforceable and the landlord can still evict you if he so chooses, at any time. You can also be prosecuted regardless of landlord permission. It is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 6 months imprisonment. LAMC Section 11(m).

If you are a rent-controlled tenant in a residential zone, Airbnb-ing your apartment is grounds for eviction, because rent-controlled tenants are not permitted to use their apartments for an "illegal purpose" L.A.M.C 151.09(A) (4)

Proposed Motion

Whereas, it is now clear that short term rentals are illegal in Los Angeles' residential neighborhoods, and Whereas the City Attorney has consistently refused to prosecute short-term rental violations in the City of Los Angeles, for a variety of reasons, Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council urges City Attorney Mike Feuer to enforce the law as required by the Charter, and immediately prosecute short-term rental zoning violations in the City of Los Angeles.

South Robertson Neighborhoods Council demands that if after 60 days of this notice, Mr. Feuer does not start enforcement, City Council take action to hire a private law firm to start enforcement procedures and reallocate the City Attorney's budget to pay for those services.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

First argument in favor. Use these points to help frame the debate.

First argument against the motion. Try to be fair.

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SORONC support for a manageable Street Vending Ordinance

Agenda Item: GB021816-13

Date: February 18, 2016

Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Background

Council File: [13-1493](#) relative to Street Vending was heard in the Economic Development Committee on October 27, 2015 and is now pending in the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee. The City of Los Angeles is asking for a more comprehensive legal framework to effectively address sidewalk vending. The matter is now pending in the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee and will likely be heard in Committee in February, but a date is not confirmed. If Public Works Committee's actions are different than Economic Development – a motion would have to be made in Council as to which report to adopt. The Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee has not set a date to hear the matter.

Proposed Motion

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the CF: 13-1493 with the following conditions:

- That all communities MUST opt-in to have street vending participate in their area. Opt-in public meetings shall be held at the Neighborhood Council for the boundaries of their Neighborhood Council. Once it is determined that the Neighborhood Council area will opt-in, the Department of Street Services will determine the site locations and hold public meetings in the affected communities.
- There shall be a maximum of two street vendors per block with no merchandise displayed on public sidewalks, driveways, poles, fences, curbs or any other public right-of-way. These vendors will be selected by a lottery for the designated locations in the opt-in Neighborhood Council locations.
- All authorized vendors must file an application for a revocable placard, pay a predetermined cost recovery application fee, obtain a Food Handling Certification, BTRC, FTB Resale License, Los Angeles County Health permit, and comply with any and all required local, state, and federal regulations. The authorized vendor will be required to pay an annual predetermined cost recovery fee that includes an annual cart inspection and complaint review.

If the City Council is unable to include these minimum conditions as part of the comprehensive legal framework, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council will withdraw its support and demand that the City Council immediately instruct the Department of Street Services to implement an ACE citation program to enforce the current municipal law of the City of Los Angeles.

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Related CF's: 13-0980
08-0011-83

MOTION

Street vending on the City right-of-way and sidewalk is illegal. In the average year, there are hundreds of tickets written to vendors, and several hundred arrests. Yet thousands of vendors continue to operate in an underground marketplace, selling a wide variety of food and merchandise on the sidewalks of Los Angeles.

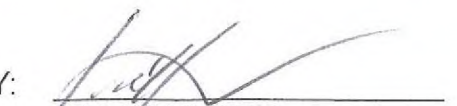
Street vending largely falls within two categories, food street vending and merchandise (non-food) street vending, each with their own complexities. Street vending is permitted in various forms by most other large cities. New York, San Francisco, Houston, Portland and Chicago are among the cities that have established a regulatory system for selling merchandise and/or food on city sidewalks.

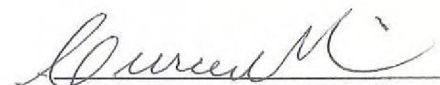
In Los Angeles, a more comprehensive legal framework is required to effectively address sidewalk vending. An effective regulatory system has the potential to protect health and increase public safety and economic activity. Such a policy should also consider the rights and investments of brick-and-mortar businesses, including opportunities to expand and promote their businesses through street vending and with the overall goal of enhancing economic growth and the viability of neighborhoods.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the CLA, along with Bureau of Street Services and in consultation with other Departments as needed, the City Attorney and the County of Los Angeles, be instructed to prepare and present a report within 90 days with recommendations on possible regulation that could effectively permit and regulate *food street vending* on City sidewalks and parkways. This report should include the following: the history and status of the Special Sidewalk Vending District program administered by the former Community Development Department; a review of policies in other jurisdictions; recommendations to improve public safety; and ways to ensure street food vendors provide safe and healthy food options.

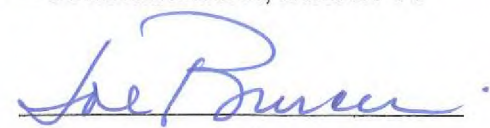
I FURTHER MOVE, that the CLA, along with Economic and Workforce Development Department, City Attorney and Bureau of Street Services, and in consultation with other Departments as needed, be instructed to prepare and present a report within 90 days with recommendations on possible regulation of *merchandise and non-food street vending* in the City of Los Angeles. This report should include the following: information on the number of citations that have been issued over the past year and where the citations were issued; the current regulations on street vending and how the regulations are enforced; potential legal constraints for regulating street vending; and a review of policies in other jurisdictions.

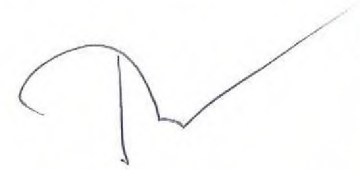
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Councilmember, District 9

SECONDED BY:





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Motion to Spend Up to \$250 for Hami Garden Equipment

Agenda Item: GB021816-14
Date: February 18th, 2016
Proposed By: Paula Waxman

Background

The Hami Garden was planted on the campus of Hamilton High School early in 2009 by students, neighbors, and Soronc Board members and paid for with a City Beautification Grant and money from the Soronc. Since that time, it has grown to become an important part of campus life for many students interested in the environment, weather, biology, botany, sustainability, food production, and social responsibility.

The garden is open after school on Tuesdays, and Saturday mornings to both students and neighbors. Produce grown in the garden is eaten by the students, neighbors and whatever is left over is taken to food banks.

Over the years, the garden's popularity has grown. Several student clubs have grown up around the use of the garden: Nevians, a scholarship/community service club uses the garden as a way to do community service, the Environmental Club, uses it to study the interdependency of the plants, insects, animals, and the environment, and the Garden Club studies the challenges of raising crops with all its variables. This year we had a neighborhood Eagle Scout Troop do a service project in the garden. The scouts built cages for our beds, to serve as barriers to wildlife and insects. This has enabled us to reduce the use of insecticides and repellents.

We have studied everything from organic pesticides to the declining population of Monarch butterflies. This research gives them a greater understanding of issues facing both farmer's and the declining habitat of migratory butterflies.

Each year, at the Soro Festival, the students raise around \$300-\$500 through sales of seeds, cuttings, worms, compost bins and materials. The Master Gardener also teaches classes and donates proceeds to the garden. This grant will go augmenting equipment and tools to accommodate the growing number of students, and volunteers.

The equipment we would like to purchase is as follows:

2	25 quart potting mix	\$17.96
1	Broom	7.98
2	packs plant labels	5.74
2	Soft grip scissors	\$5.96
1	Gal fish fertilizer	14.77
1	Can WD-40	2.99
2	Insecticidal soap sprays	10.94
2	Bypass pruners	35.00

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3	Trowels	23.94
2	Weeders	7.96
3	Rolls garden twine	8.94
1	4.5 cu. Ft. Cart	39.98

TAX	16.48
GRAND TOTAL	199.60

Proposed Motion

To spend up to \$250 to purchase equipment and tools for the Hami Garden to accommodate the growing number of students.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For:

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

The garden is educational for students and community.

Arguments against:

There may be other worthwhile environmental programs which could be funded but which have not yet come to the attention of the Green Team.

Altho the garden is supported by the work of the students and grants from Kellogg for soil amendmets the garden depends on the support from SORONC for tools

PROJECT ESTIMATE

TOTAL AND TAXES

CONTACT: WAXMAN, PAULA
CUST #: 168068188

SALESPERSON: VILLARREAL, ALBA
SALES #: 1944882

PROJECT NUMBER: 464427453

DATE ESTIMATED: 02/15/16

QTY	ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	VEND PART #	PRICE
2	757868	25-QT POTTING MIX MIR-GRO	72781430	17.96
1	750584	INDOOR/OUTDOOR CORN BROOM W/ G 700G		7.98
2	267604	T-PLANT LABELS #188000	0996	5.74
2	307985	PS 8IN SOFT GRIP SCISSORS	53403	5.96
1	122473	GAL ALASKA FISH FERT CONC	09301200	14.77
1	569152	WD-40 3-OZ CLIP STRIP (-188735	49000	2.99
2	129978	GS 24 OZ INSECTICIDAL SOAP RTU	1648458	10.94
2	88449	FISKARS DURASHARP BYPASS PRUNE	81096933	35.96
3	451627	CORONA EGRIP TROWEL	CT 3210D	23.94
2	56763	PROJECT SOURCE WEEDER WOOD HAN	18012004	7.96
3	138870	200 FT GREEN GARDEN TWINE	831299	8.94
1	484313	SMART 4.5-CU FT LWN CRT (-2885	SLC450	39.98
TOTAL FOR ITEMS				183.12
FREIGHT CHARGES				0.00
DELIVERY CHARGES				0.00
TAX AMOUNT				16.48
TOTAL ESTIMATE				199.60

This Quote is valid until 03/16/16.

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Motion to fund up to \$4500 for updates to soronc.org

Agenda Item: GB021816-15
Date: 18 February 2016
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

The SORO NC website, soronc.org, remains one of our most vital communication channels with our community. As such, it forms the heart of our outreach efforts. Over the years, much work has gone into creating a highly usable website, with strong, recognizable brand value and deep information about our current work, as well as an archive of our past work.

Effective websites continue to be developed and improved as technology and usability expand. Some of the key proposed upgrades include updating to the most recent version of Drupal (website content management system that holds the site together); conversion to a responsive, phone and tablet friendly layout; and other back-end improvements to make the site more hacker-proof, robust and efficient.

We have severed our relationship with SASNET, who had previously provided project management. The work will be done by Nathan Burles, the original developer, and managed by SORO NC directly.

Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC funds up to \$4500 towards the costs of important website upgrades to soronc.org

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 3 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$3500 (site development)
(applies to funding motions only) \$1100 (hosting)

Arguments for:

Soronc.org is the first stop for all information about the council

The site doesn't display well on phones and tablets...which is how an large percentage of visitors now see the site.

Keeping our content management system up to date is critical for the site to keep functioning reliably. We've had recent problems posting, for example.

Arguments against:

Cost. And we haven't yet recovered the \$4000 owed by SASNET

Our website is already very robust compared to other NC sites.

Perhaps we should switch to another content management system like Wordpress that is easier to maintain.

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