



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2012, 8:00pm
Simon Wiesenthal Center 3rd Floor
1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

SORO NC Board President Doug Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 8:05 and thanked the Wiesenthal Center along with Sue Burden for allowing the SORO NC to have the monthly board meetings at this location.

Board Members Present: Kimber Smith, Robyn Braun, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Paula Waxman, Armando Roman, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Troy Richardson, Marjan Safinia, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Aron Klein, Doug Fitzsimmons, Erick Morales

Board Members Absent: Nahed Guirguis, Brian Kite, Sam Jagger, Sue Burden

Guests: SLO Mario Gonzalez, Liz Carlin

II. Community Reports

LAPD Report.

- Officer Gonzalez addressed the prospective Soro NC Board candidates mentioned that he's been associated with Soro since 2004. If you're running to join this for board know that this is the most active neighborhood council with activities including, tree plantings, annual Soro event they will put you to work.
- If anyone knows or hears about suspicious recent activity along both sides of Robertson Blvd call the police and give the details about the recent areas Soro areas and very close to the of the both sides of Robertson Blvd. The majority of these robberies are occurring at single family homes.
- Marj asked about the recent helicopters circling her area late in the evenings, and Officer Gray will get back to her with an answer.

III. Approval of Minutes

Draft meeting minutes of September 20, 2012 (Epstein/GB101812)

Vote tally was updated with correct information

Corrected minutes approved by general consent.

IV. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absence requests (GB101812-2)

There were no changes to committee memberships.

President's Report.

Treasurer's report and approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB101812-3)

- Vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 0-A. **Expenses approved.**

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Brian Kite
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
Treasurer

Martin Epstein
Secretary

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Land Use.

- We discussed the request of the Smart and Final Conditional Use Permit application for Alcohol Beverages (CUP) and change of hours of operation at Smart and Final.

Public Safety.

- Aaron discussed the homeless and that they are starting to work on neighborhood preparedness supplies to make the best efforts for those in need the winter weather approaches.
- November 5th will be the next Public Safety Committee meeting.
- If anyone has any safety concerns contact me to make sure that it gets on the agenda.

Green Team.

- During the last Green Team meeting we had a rep from the Food and Water Watch speak to us about the impact of fish, industry and agriculture, of the proposed Peripheral Tunnels under the Sacramento Delta.
- At the Jan. or Feb. 2013 we will have a representative from the board of Metropolitan Water District come and present their defense of the projects. The board will be invited as well will the community. It probably will not be voted on by the public until 2014.
- The Green Team and the Hamilton High Environmental Club will co-sponsor two upcoming events:
 - Urban Fruit Pick on Sunday Dec. 2nd. We will need drivers and volunteers to pick fruit.
 - E-Waste Drive on Sat. January 26th from 10 to 2 in Hamilton High's front parking lot. Save your electronics

Transportation.

We met at the Century City Center. We discussed the major development on the west side and the impact on traffic in our area.

Board Development.

- We will be needing volunteers for the upcoming elections and picnic Sunday, October 28th. If interested please email martinepstein@soronc.org

V. Special Orders (15 minutes)

Nomination of two provisional Budget Representatives (GB101812-4)

Terrence Gomes and Jon Liberman volunteered.

- **Reps confirmed by general consent.**

VI. New Business (90 minutes)

Motion to Support Proposition 37: Mandatory Labeling of GMO's in California Food Supply (Waxman / GB101812-6)

- **Vote: 9-Y, 7-N, 0-A. Motion passes.**

[Kimber and Paula leave]

Motion to consider a Conditional Use Permit application for Alcohol Beverages (CUP) and change of hours of operation at Smart and Final located at 1835 S. La Cienega Blvd. (Mityr / GB101812-5)



Terry and Robyn recuse themselves because they live within 500' of the property. Vote unable to proceed as this would put the Board out of quorum, and matter is tabled until November.

Motion to add ethics training requirement for Board votes (Fitzsimmons / GB101812-7)

- **Motion passes by general consent**

Motion to clarify term expiration for Board officers, chairs and liaisons (Fitzsimmons / GB101812-8)

- **Motion passes by general consent**

Motion to amend Code of Civility to encourage Board engagement (Fitzsimmons / GB101812-9)

- Motion withdrawn due to time

Motion for \$100 to Purchase Neighborhood Watch Kit(s) Materials (Lynn / GB101812-10)

- **Vote: 14-Y / 0-N / 0-A Motion passes.**

VII. Adjournment



VIII. Current Committee Membership

Board members must attend at least 7 committee meetings within a 12 month period.

Note that Bylaws, Econ Revitalization, Board Development, and Parks & Recreation ad hoc committees may have no more than 6 voting members.

Committee	Education	Green Team	Land Use	Outreach	Public Safety	Trans- portation	Finance	Exec	Bylaws	Econ Revital	Board Dev	Parks & Rec
Zone 1 Rep												
Kimber Smith												
Harold Bock												
Robyn Braun												
Bette Billet												
Michael Lynn												
Jon Liberman												
Zone 8 Rep												
Paula Waxman												
Armando Roman												
At Large Rep 1												
Nahed Guirguis												
Terry Gomes												
Brian Kite												
Barry Levine												
Troy Richardson												
Marj Safinia												
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Doug Fitzsimmons												
School Rep 1												
Erick Morales												



IX. Vote Tally

1: moved | 2: seconded | Y: yes | N: no | A: abstain | R: recuse | X: missed vote
C: passed by general consent

Votes taken	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Zone 1 Rep														
Kimber Smith	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y							
Zone 3 Rep														
Robyn Braun	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y							
Bette Billet	C	Y	C	N	C	C	Y							
Michael Lynn	C	Y	C	N	C	C	Y							
Jon Liberman	C	Y	C	N	C	C	Y							
Zone 8														
Paula Waxman	C	Y	C	Y	X	X	X							
Armando Roman	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y							
At Large Rep 1														
Nahed Guirguis														
Terry Gomes	C	Y	C	N	C	C	Y							
Brian Kite														
Barry Levine	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y							
Troy Richardson	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y							
Marj Safinia	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y							
Sam Jagger														
Martin Epstein	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y							
Sue Burden														
Victor Mitry	C	Y	C	N	C	C	Y							
Aron Klein	C	Y	C	N	C	C	Y							
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	C	N	C	C	Y							
School Rep 1														
Erick Morales	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y							

Votes taken

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