



# Approved General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2010, 7:00pm  
Hamilton Senior High School Cafeteria  
2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

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## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

SORO NC Board President Doug Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:10.

**Board Members Present:** Rachel Lester, Kimber Smith, Harold Bock, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Nick Burkhart, Paula Waxman, Nahed Guirguis, Brian Kite, Barry Levine, Martin Epstein, Doug Fitzsimmons, Victor Mitry, Alex Chavarria

**Board Members Absent:** Robyn Braun, Joe Gjonola, Benjamin Bellet, Terrence Gomes, Gerald Chavarria, Marj Safinia, Susan Burden

**Guests:** Elizabeth Carlin, David Giron, Rebecca Bernal, Captain Evangelyn Nathan, Mary Earl, Larry DeMers, Ann Hammond, Christel Wilson, Terry Ring Schonwald, Howard Wolf

## II. General Public Comment

In the absence of the Secretary, Martin Epstein volunteered to take notes.

Representatives from SoRo, Inc. described the long history and support they've given to the neighborhood and to the NC, including organizing and co-sponsoring the annual SORO Festival. Mary Earl proposed creating an official rep from the NC to act as non-voting liaison between the two groups.

As a neighbor in the area around the LAPD Carnival in mid-November, Howard Wolf described the serious traffic and business impact the event had on Pico and the surrounding residential streets.

## III. Old Business

**Draft Board Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2010 (Chavarria / GB101810-1).** Small spelling corrections only. Nick moved to approve the draft minutes, Brian seconded. **Vote: Y-13, N-0, A-1. Minutes approved.**

**Treasurer Report and vote to approve monthly expenses (Gomes / GB101810-2).** Bette moved to approve the report; Brian seconded. **Vote: Y-12, N-0, A-2. Report approved.**

## IV. Community Reports

**LAPD Report.** Captain Nathan reported on the aftermath of a robbery on Corning St. the night before. The armed suspect barricaded himself in his home and SWAT was called in. The suspect called 911 to complain about the noise the Police were making (!). Event resolved without injury.

While not without rough edges, the \$15,000 profit from the first Pico LAPD Carnival benefited three youth programs not funded by the City. Planning began in January; many locations explored. Improving outreach seems to be key to success.

Car theft and break-ins continue to be the NC's top crimes. Advised to leave nothing in car: Hide it, Lock it, Keep it.

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Vice-President

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**Office of Councilmember Wesson.** Liz Carlin congratulated the NC on the Town Hall and Community Clean Up. Again running a turkey distribution program for seniors and those in need.

**Office of Councilmember Koretz.** (report given after NC reports). David Giron reported that his office will send a local shopping guide to residents in December.

**Office of the Mayor.** No report

**Office of Senator Price.** Rebecca Bernal reported that they are also giving away turkeys in the 21st district. Toy drive on December 9; need requests from community by December 6.

**Robertson Recreation Center.** No report.

## V. Committee Reports

**Executive.** Reminder that ethics training must be completed. Exec is working on emergency communication plan and goals.

**Land Use.** Halm motion tabled for this month.

**Education.** Co-operative program at Hamilton High between SORO NC and Palms NC in the works. SKATCH has 15 kids participating. New principal at Castle Heights.

**Green Team.** Spoke about plastic bag ban. Next project is e-waste recycling at Hamilton; date TBD.

**Public Safety.** Owner of Robertson Car Wash seems to be in compliance; only one OSHA complaint (against a supplier) in 40 years.

**Outreach.** Peace Picnic had in excess of 300 people. Difficulties with NC funding process, weak public funding, and food donations. Town Hall had 117 people, including 12 non-English speakers. CD10 thanked for donations of chairs, tables, and translator. Both events judged a success.

**Bylaws.** In the process of updating NC bylaws to adhere to new BONC framework.

## VI. New Business

**Resolution to formally thank Jennifer Forkish, Kirsten James, and the Town Hall participants (GB111810-3)**

- Bette moved to vote; Kimber seconded.
- **Vote: unanimous. Motion approved.**

**Discussion of responsibilities and possible nomination of official rep(s) to SORO, Inc. (GB111810-4)**

- **Motion tabled.**

**Motion to support a motion pending before the L.A. City Council implementing a City-wide ban of single-use plastic bags (GB111810-5)**

Paula: clarified that the motion asks that the Bureau of Sanitation to prepare a report on the steps necessary to implement a city-wide ban

Bette: precedents for proposed 10¢ bag charge?; Paula: still being researched.

Doug: phase bags out slowly?; Paula: targets haven't worked, problem too large.

Kimber: concerned about impact on lower income families.

Brian: file a CIS once on Council's agenda.

Michael: concerns from community, including bacteria in reusable bags, lead contamination, loss of secondary uses for disposable bags.



- Kimber moved to vote; Harold seconded.
- **Vote: 10-Y, 2-N, 2-A, 0-R. Motion approved.**

**Motion to send a letter to PLUM regarding proposed project at 2046 Halm Ave. (GB111810-6)**

- **Motion tabled.**

**Motion to approve revised 2010-2011 Budget (GB111810-7)**

- Bette moved to vote; Michael seconded.
- **Vote: unanimous. Motion approved.**

**Motion to fund up to \$1200 to co-sponsor CD-10's Winter Wonderland (GB111810-8)**

Doug: proposed amendment to add "That SORO NC issue a funding resolution letter to DONE to expedite payment."

- Doug moved to vote on amendment; Bette seconded.
- **Amendment vote: unanimous. Amendment approved.**
- Bette moved to vote on motion; Michael seconded.
- **Motion vote: unanimous. Motion approved.**

**Motion to fund up to \$1000 for business cards for SORO NC Boardmembers (GB111810-9)**

Doug: proposed amendment to add "That SORO NC issue a funding resolution letter to DONE to expedite payment."

- Doug moved to vote on amendment; Paula seconded.
- **Amendment vote: unanimous. Amendment approved.**
- Doug moved to vote on motion; Paula seconded.
- **Motion vote: unanimous. Motion approved.**

**Discussion and possible nomination of official rep(s) to the LA DWP Oversight Committee (GB111810-10)**

Michael nominates Harold Bock to the seat.

- Brian moved to vote; Doug seconded.
- **Vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 1-A, 0-R. Nomination approved.**

**Discussion and possible nomination of official rep(s) to WRAC LU, Mobility, Emergency Preparedness Committees (GB111810-11)**

Doug nominates Nick Burkhart for Transportation & Mobility

- Brian moved to vote; Bette seconded.
- **Vote: unanimous. Nomination approved.**

Brian nominates Nick Burkhart for Land Use

- Brian moved to vote; Bette seconded.
- **Vote: unanimous. Nomination approved.**

No nominee for Emergency Preparedness rep

## VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



## Vote Tally

Y: yes | N: no | A: abstain | R: recuse | X: missed vote

Motion	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08 A	08	09 A	09	10	11		
Rachel Lester	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Kimber Smith	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y		
Harold Bock	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Robyn Braun	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Bette Billet	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Michael Lynn	Y	Y	Y		N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Nick Burkhart	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Joe Gjonola	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Paula Waxman	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Zone 10															
Brian Kite	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Nahed Guirguis	A	A	Y		A		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Terry Gomes	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ben Bellet	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Gerald Chavarria	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Barry Levine	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Marj Safinia	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Martin Epstein	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Business 5															
Sue Burden	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Doug Fitzsimmons	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Victor Mitry	Y	A	Y		A		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Alex Chavarria	Y	Y	Y		N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
School 2															