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General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021, 7:00pm Location: zoom.us Meeting ID: 899 3002 6366

Call to Order & Roll Call Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Lynn

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible	Category
Joel Weinberger	Present	YES	At-large 1 2025
Sophia French	Absent	YES	At-Large 2 2023
Emilia Barrosse	Absent	YES	At-Large 3 2025
David Notowitz	Present	YES	At-Large 4 2023
Jason Yap	Absent	NO E	At-Large 5 2025
Shevy Dorfman-Lieder	Present/8:30PM	YES	Business Rep 1 2023
Barry Levine	Present	YES	Business Rep 2 2025
Terrence Gomes	Absent /7:33PM	YES	Business Rep 3 2023
Shirley Traum	Absent/8:50PM	YES	Business Rep 4 2025
Jonathan Tessler	Absent	YES	Business Rep 5 2023
Baila Romm	Present	YES	Organization Rep 1 2023
Ken Blaker	Present	YES	Organization Rep 2 2025
Armeen Neshat	Present	YES	Organization Rep 3 2025
Olga Lexell	Present	YES	Resident 1 Rep 2025
Richard Bloom	Present	YES	Resident 2 Rep 2025
Steve Chocron	Absent	YES	Resident 3 Rep 2023
VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	Resident 4 Rep 2023
Laurie Levine	Present	YES	Resident 5 Rep 2025
Michael Lynn	Present	YES	Resident 6 Rep 2023
Chad Monk	Present	YES	Resident 7 Rep 2025
Gloria Dioum	Absent/8:06PM	YES	Resident 8 Rep 2023

Dina Leeds	Absent	YES	Resident 9 Rep 2025	
Robby Naoufal	Absent	YES	Resident 10 Rep 2023	
Jon Liberman	Present	YES	School Rep 1 2025	
Ethan Frankel	Absent	YES	School Rep 2 2025	
TOTAL: 24	PRESENT 14	Absent 10		
PRESENT: Weinberger, Notowitz,	ABSENT: Barrosse, Yap, Gomes, Chocron, Leeds, Naoufal, French, Tessler,			
Dorfman, B. Levine, Blaker, Neshat,	Traum, Dioum			
Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn,				
Monk, Liberman, Frankel, Romm				

^{*}Funding vote eligibility key: A=age less than 18 yrs.; E=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; X=expired

2. Pledge of Allegiance – President Lynn

3. General Public Comment

NONE

4. Brief Board Announcements

- a. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas NONE
- b. Other Brief Board Announcements
 - a. Lexell: Regarding SORO Hotel. Our Council opposed and the city planning Commission unanimously denied. Next step will be that the hotel goes to the City Council plum committee and then the general City Council board.
 - b. Lynn: Basically, three items are WRAC motions, two are Land Use and one in Public Safety.

5. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Ojeda) ABSENT
- b. Office of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas (Guevara) Gave Report
- c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Fisher) Gave Report
- d. Office of Mayor Garcetti ABSENT
- e. Office of State Assemblymember Bloom ABSENT
- f. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Gave Report
- g. Office of State Senator Kamlager (Siroky) Gave Report
- h. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell (Sargsyan) ABSENT
- i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) Gave Report
- j. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices NONE

Gomes joined the meeting at 7:33PM.

6. Open Board Seats- Selections

- a. Residential Zone 4 Representative (Term expires 2023)
 - No Application Submitted

 Reverts to an At-Large Representative seat if no one is Selected before November 23, 2021 up for selection at the December General Board Meeting

7. Board Officer and Liaisons- Selections

- a. Selection of Board Liaisons
 - Budget Advocates 2nd Representative (GB111821-01) Notowitz selfdeclaration

ITEM 7a1. Motion Moved: Notowitz Second: Liberman

Public Comment: NONE

Motion Passed

Yes- 14

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Gomes, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Frankel, Neshat, Dorfman, Blaker

No - 0

Abstain - 0

Absent - 10

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Traum, Naoufal, Dioum

2. Department of Animal Services (GB111821-02) Liberman self-declaration

ITEM 7 a2. Motion to Moved: Liberman Second: Notowitz

Public Comment: NONE

Motion Passed

Yes -14

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Gomes, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Blaker, Neshat

No- 0

Abstain - 0

Absent - 10

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Traum, Naoufal, Dioum, Frankel

3. LADWP Representative (GB111821-03) Item postponed to next General Board meeting

8. Committees

a. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB111821-04)

B. Levine – Joined By-Laws

Lexell – Off Homeless and Elections Ad Hoc

Romm – Off Homeless

Blaker – Joined By Laws and Standing Rules

Liberman – Join Education and Park & Rec Lexell – Joined Land Use Dioum – Off Board Development Ad Hoc Notowitz – Joined Business Development

- b. Committee Reports
 - Outreach- Chair Notowitz is seeking Board Member and Stakeholder participation
 - 2. Bylaws- Chair Blaker requests that committee chairs email updates on any necessary website committee page descriptions
 - 3. Parks and Recreation Chair Liberman announced organizational meetings next week
 - Land Use- Chair Lexell requested to confirm active membership in order to send list to EmpowerLA Rosters

Gloria Dioum entered the meeting at 8:09PM

9. Unfinished Business

a. Motion to support WRAC Motion on Enforcement of Crimes In or Near Homeless Encampments; https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/enforcement-of-crimes-in-or-near-homeless-encampments/ (GB111821-05)

Liberman Moved Motion and Notowitz Second

Public Comment: NONE

Lexell moved to refer Motion to the Homelessness Committee; second-

Liberman

Motion Passed

Yes -15

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Gomes, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn,

Monk, Liberman, Neshat, Dioum, Dorfman, Blaker

No- 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Traum, Naoufal Frankel,

 Motion to support WRAC Motion to Enforce Laws Prohibiting Blockage of Public Right Of Way; https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/enforce-lawsprohibiting-blockage-of-public-right-of-way/ (GB111821-06)

L. Levine Moved Motion and Notowitz Second

Public Comment: NONE

Liberman moved to refer Motion to the Homelessness Committee; second-

Lexell

Motion Passed

Yes -15

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Gomes, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Neshat, Dioum, Dorfman, Blaker

No- 0

Abstain - 0

Absent - 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Traum, Frankel, Naoufal

Dorfman left the meeting at 8:30PM.

c. Motion for the SORO NC to hire a service to take and edit minutes of its General Board meetings at a rate of \$29.26 per hour, up to \$250 per month. (GB111821-07)

Gomes Recused

Liberman Moved Motion and Romm Second

Public Comment: NONE

Neshat moved to amend Motion "on the sole condition that Bridgegap Temporary Staffing, any of its subsidiary companies, nor any company owned directly or indirectly by any sitting SORO Neighborhoods Council member be awarded the contract"; Second-Lexell

Amendment Passed

Yes -13

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Neshat, Dioum, Blaker

No- 0

Abstain – 0

Recusal- 1

Gomes

Absent - 10

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Traum, Naoufal, Frankel

Motion as Amended Passed

Yes -12

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Dioum, Blaker

No- 0

Abstain -1

Neshat

Recusal- 1

Gomes

Absent - 10

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Traum, Naoufal, Frankel

Shirley Traum entered the meeting at 8:50PM

 Motion for the SORO NC to purchase website design services from WebCorner for \$2500 and monthly hosting and maintenance services for up to \$250 per month. (GB111821-08)

L. Levine Moved Motion and Lynn Second

Public Comment: Goat Puppet Kenosha

Blaker moved to amend Motion to change the final period to a comma, and append the following: "conditional on: 1 – Confirmation that initial training of designated board members is included in the initial setup, 2 – confirmation that SORO NC will maintain ownership of website content, and 3 – confirmation that SORO NC will be given full administrative access to the website and the website's host server."; Second-Liberman

Amendment Passed

Yes -8

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Bloom, Liberman, Dioum, Blaker, Traum,

No- 2

Lynn, Gomes

Abstain - 5

Lexell, L. Levine, Monk, Romm, Neshat

Absent – 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Naoufal, Frankel

Motion as amended Passed

Yes -12

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Romm, Bloom, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Dioum, Blaker, Traum

No- 0

Abstain -3

Lexell, L. Levine, Neshat

Absent – 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Naoufal, Franke

10. Consent Agenda

Motion Moved: B. Levine Second: Lexell

Public Comment: Goat Puppet Kenosha

Motion Passed Item 10 a-g Yes - 15

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Gomes, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Neshat, Dioum, Traum, Blaker

No- 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Frankel, Naoufal

- a. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of October 21, 2021 (GB111821-09)
- b. Motion to approve October 2021 MERS Report (GB111821-10)
- c. Motion to support Council File <u>21-0002-S165</u> in support of repealing CA State Constitution Article 34 (GB111821-11)
- Motion to submit a letter to CD5 regarding a lack of cut curbs in SORO NC Zones 1 and 7 (GB111821-12)
- e. Motion to submit a letter to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and copy Council District 5 and Council District 10 encouraging the department to pursue Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Funding from the Cap and Trade program for eligible infrastructure projects in South Robertson (GB111821-14)
- f. Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement supporting the passage of Council File <u>21-1223</u> determining streets recommended for speed limit reductions, with recommendations for evaluation including Bagley Avenue, Robertson Boulevard, Venice Boulevard, Pico Boulevard, Cashio Street, Airdrome Street, and 18th Street to determine if they are appropriate for speed limit reduction (GB111821-15)
- g. Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement supporting Council File 21-1224 requesting a report on the Metro-LADOT bus lane enforcement pilot regarding illegal parking in bus lanes during peak hours, potentially impacting bus service along Wilshire Boulevard (GB111821-16)

11. New Business

a. Motion to support WRAC motion to support LA City Council File 21-0929 and also request that the definition of radius be clarified to specify a radius of 500 feet from the nearest exterior boundary lines of the schools listed in an attachment; https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-cf-21-0929-buscaino-koretz/ (GB111821-17)

Motion to send to Homelessness Committee- Moved: Lexell Second: B. Levine

Public Comment: Goat Puppet Kenosha

Motion Passed

Yes - 14

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Neshat, Dioum, Traum, Blaker

No- 1

Gomes

Abstain - 0

Absent – 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Frankel, Naoufal

b. Motion to support WRAC motion to request for Councilmembers to Cooperate with Member Councils re Designation of Sites Under <u>LAMC Sec. 41.18</u>; https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-councilmembers-to-cooperate-with-member-councils-re-designation-of-sites-under-lamc-sec-41-18/ (GB111821-18)

Motion to send to Homelessness Committee- Moved: Lexell Second:

Dioum

Public Comment: Goat Puppet Kenosha

Motion Passed

Yes - 15

Weinberger, Notowitz, B. Levine, Romm, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman, Neshat, Dioum, Traum, Blaker, Gomes

No- 0

Abstain - 0

Absent - 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Frankel, Naoufal

c. Motion to support WRAC motion to request a written City Attorney Opinion re Consideration of Developer's Financial Interest;

https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-city-attorney-opinion-reconsideration-of-developers-financial-interest/ (GB111821-19)

Motion Moved: Liberman Second: Lvnn

Motion to send to Land Use Committee- Moved: Lexell Second: B. Levine

Public Comment: Goat Puppet Kenosha

Motion Passed

Yes - 8

Weinberger, B. Levine, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Monk, Neshat, Dioum No- 5

Lynn, Gomes, Traum, Blaker, Liberman

Abstain - 2

Romm, Notowitz

Absent - 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Frankel, Naoufal

d. Motion to support WRAC motion to oppose Misuse of Specific Plan Process; https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-misuse-of-specific-plan-process/ (GB111821-20)

Motion Moved: Liberman Second: Lynn

Motion to send to Land Use Committee- Moved: Lexell Second: Neshat

Public Comment: Goat Puppet Kenosha

Motion Passed

Yes - 8

Weinberger, B. Levine, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Monk, Neshat, Dioum

Lynn, Gomes, Traum, Blaker, Liberman, Romm

Abstain - 1

Notowitz

Absent - 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Frankel, Naoufal

e. Motion to support WRAC motion to support <u>Assembly Constitutional</u> <u>Amendment 7</u>; https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-aca-7-muratsuchi-glazer/ (GB111821-21)

Motion Moved: Liberman Second: Lynn Public Comment: Goat Puppet Kenosha

Motion to send to Land Use Committee- Moved: Lexell Second: Neshat

Motion Failed

Yes - 6

Weinberger, B. Levine, Lexell, Monk, Neshat, Dioum

No- 7

Lynn, Traum, Blaker, Liberman, Romm, Bloom, L. Levine,

Abstain - 1

Notowitz

Absent – 9

Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Leeds, Tessler, French, Dorfman, Frankel, Naoufal, Gomes

9:59pm Chair Lynn moved to extend meeting to 10:10PM without objection

10:10 Chair postponed Item to next General Board meeting as Unfinished Business

- f. Motion to submit letter to CD5 and CD10 regarding a lack of trash cans in key SORO corridors (GB111821-13) – Postponed to next General Board meeting as Unfinished Business
- 12. Adjournment 10:10 pm