



Special Meeting - Board Retreat Agenda

Monday, April 15, 2024 6 pm

*Meeting ends at 9:00 pm when the park closes
or earlier if the committee votes to end earlier*

Location: Robertson Recreation Center 1641 Preuss Rd. Multi-Purpose Room #2

The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. General Public Comment is limited to 15 minutes maximum. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer decides differently.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call Current Board Members: Avihi Youshaei, Jason Plummer, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Sara Messall, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben.

4. General Public Comment: *(General Public Comment is limited to 15 minutes maximum. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer decides differently)*

5. Welcome to Community Engagement 101:

Today is all about Community Engagement 101

Later on in the meeting we will get into what those specifics are and how we as a board can develop goals around them.

6. Introductions:

- What do you do when you are not involved in SORO Board meetings?
- Why did you join the NC?
- How is your participation a benefit to the SORO NC stakeholders beyond your personal aspirations, goals, or concerns?
- What do you hope to accomplish this year?
- What do you see as a barrier to accomplishing your goals and what can be done to overcome that?

7. **Basic Rules for Board Members – Brief overview**

- a) Required Attendance in General Board meetings and committee participation, Code of Conduct, Conflicts of Interest, Ralph M. Brown Act
- b) Robert's Rules of Order and Rosenberg's rules
- c) Public Records Act – California Public Records Act
- d) Other Laws and Ordinances Governing Board Members
- e) SORO NC Bylaws- Presentation by By-Laws Committee
- f) Required trainings from DONE

6. **Team Building Exercise**

- a) The SORO NC Board members will participate in a team building exercise by writing a song and play instruments. The song title is "Beyond Ourselves"
- b) Special presentation to Jon Liberman on his retirement.

9. **Board Development Goals**

Today's Theme, Community Engagement 101, is to discover how we can grow the board and increase community engagement, promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.

- What is community engagement?
- Building and Maintaining relationships with city partners - **Dina Andrews presents**
- How can we grow the board and increase community engagement?
- How can we promote more citizen participation in government?
- How to make government more responsive to local needs.
- How can we increase SORO Board Members participation? ie; FRAD Event, Town Hall, Winter Wonderland, etc.

11. **Adjournment**

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