



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2016, 7:00pm

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 7:16.

Board Members Present: Kimber Smith, Mike Bitton, Giovanni Ferdinand, Roger McCracken, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Paula Waxman, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Robyn Braun, Beth Hirsch, Susan Burden, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Barry Levine, Dan Fink, Noa Zarur

Board Members Absent: Kevin Gres, Michael Bloom, Aimee Zeltzer, Leo Portal,

Guests: Laurie Levine, Angelica Hess

II. General Public Comment

III. Community Reports

LAPD Report. SLO Mario Gonzales – Reported that

- Lt. Gina Brooks allocated more resources to South Robertson area parks for Gang and Vice control. Many arrests for drug sales and other illegal activity have occurred as a result.
- Crime report: one shooting due to gang activity
- be aware of online scams
- overall burglaries down
- 2 hot prowl burglaries unrelated

Office of Councilmember Koretz. Joseph Galloway – community announcements.

- NC's can now request Preferential Parking for areas that want it.
- Expo is opening May 21st. Big kick off celebration event from 10am - 5pm, Free rides all day.
- Barbara Mendes Square is approved and will be dedicated at the SORO Festival June 5th.

Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas. Came personally to report from Sacramento:

- Joined the committee on Revenue and Taxation. Focus on getting funds to Los Angeles City and County for Homelessness, Affordable Housing and water shortage issues.
- Office will support a LA City homeless services initiative if placed on the ballot. Working on redevelopment funding and parking issues.
- Promised to make sure Cap and Trade money gets trickled down to Los Angeles for environmental projects. Explained Log jam was due in part to lawsuits. Won't get worked out for at least 5 years.
- Is supporting overturning of Citizen's United and banning foreign money in elections.

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Kevin Gres
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
Treasurer

Beth Hirsch
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IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Draft meeting minutes of March 17, 2015 (Hirsch / GB042116-1)
All items on the Consent Agenda accepted by general consent

V. Committee Reports

- a. Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB042116-2)
None.

Executive. Doug Fitzsimmons - Board Attendance - Thanked committee for good turnout this month. Reminded Board that attendance is not an optional activity. Attendance at all Board meetings is a minimal requirement.

Treasurer Report. Approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB042116-3)
FY 2016-17 Budget Finance Committee meeting next month TBD

Spent: \$ 2243.73

Remaining: \$25,055.61

Vote: 19 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A

SORO NC Elections/Outreach update:

- Candidates forum May 19 at 6pm (Board meeting starts at 7:30pm)
- Yard signs need to put up for the elections.
- Online voting begins May 15th. Ends June 5th.

Green Team. Paula Waxman – Announced Eco Car Expo at the SORO Festival.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. **Motion to split the Economic Development committee into three separate committees (Lieberman / GB021815-5)**

Beth H, moved; Marj seconded.

- Board Questions, Board Debate:
- Concern about forming too many committees.
- Concern that more discussion by the board regarding strategy and resources needs to occur, before we form whole new committees. Should seat new board before we make infrastructure changes.

Moved by Doug. Seconded by Kimber.

Motion Vote: 6 – Y, 12 – N, 2 – A.

- b. **Motion to give 60-day notice to City Attorney Feuer for enforcement of short term rentals (LAANC / GB021816-12)**

Substitute Motion Language:

“The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council does not support council File 14-1635 S2 until the issue of the debt of the Transient Occupancy Tax owed the city of Los Angeles is addressed.”

Moved by Jon. Seconded by Beth.

Motion Vote: 9 – Y, 5 – N, 6 – A.

- c. **Motion to support a manageable Street Vending ordinance (LAANC / GB021816-13)**

Board question: Concerns about safety and economics.



**Moved by Robyn. Seconded by Victor.
Motion Vote: 17 – Y, 2 – N, 0 – A.**

- d. Motion to reassert alcohol-specific conditions in Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permits (WRAC / GB031716-6)**

**Moved by Jon. Seconded by Marj.
Motion approved by consent.**

VII. New Business

- a. Motion to support Mercy Housing project at 8868 Pico Blvd. (Gomes / GB042116-4)**

Board questions and debate:

- Concerns regarding where funding for the parking level would come from.
- Terry explained that revenue would come from the state and city initially and be reimbursed back through revenue generated from the parking meters.

**Moved by Jon. Seconded by Kimber.
Motion passed by consent.**

- b. Motion to request party permitting and clarify rules and enforcement at Reynier Park (Fitzsimmons / GB042116-6)**

- Doug updated the board on the meetings we are having with the City regarding the fixing Reynier Park's ongoing issues.
- Board Questions and Debate.
- Discussion of how current permitting and fees work in LA City staffed parks.

**Moved by Jon. Seconded by Mike Lynn.
Motion passed by general consent.**

Public comments:

Concerns over parking, trash, large parties that go all day into after hours, and crime.

- c. Discussion of LADWP reform Council File 16-0093 (Table until next month)**

- d. Motion to support LADWP Governance and Professional Board of Commissioners formation (LAANC / GB042116-5)**

Motion to table:

**Moved by Giovanni. Seconded by Marj.
Passed by consent.**

- e. Motion to support the City Planning Commission's proposed Sign Ordinance (postponed 'til next meeting. out of time)**

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.



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	15
Kevin Gres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Kimber Smith	C	Y	N	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Mike Bitton	C	Y	N	A	Y	C	C	C	C						
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	Y	N	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Roger McCracken	C	Y	N	N	N	C	C	C	C						
Michael Lynn	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Jon Liberman	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	N	N	Y	C	C	C	C						
Paula Waxman	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Michael Bloom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Ken Blaker	C	Y	N	A	X	C	C	C	C						
Nahed Guirguis	C	Y	Y	A	Y	C	C	C	C						
Robyn Braun	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Aimee Zeltzer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Beth Hirsch	C	Y	N	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Susan Burden	C	Y	N	A	Y	C	C	C	C						
Marj Safinia	C	Y	N	N	Y	C	C	C	C						
Terrence Gomes	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Martin Epstein	C	Y	A	X	Y	C	C	C	C						
Victor Mitry	C	Y	N	N	N	C	C	C	C						
Leo Portal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Dan Fink	C	Y	N	A	Y	C	C	C	C						
Barry Levine	C	Y	A	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						
Noa Zarur	C		A	Y	Y	C	C	C	C						

Votes taken:

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2. Approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB042116-3) Passed.
3. Motion to split the Economic Development committee into three separate committees (Liberman / GB021815-5) Failed.
4. Motion to give 60-day notice to City Attorney Feuer for enforcement of short term rentals (LAANC / GB021816-12) passed.
5. Motion to support a manageable Street Vending ordinance (LAANC / GB021816-13) passed.
6. Motion to reassert alcohol-specific conditions in Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permits (WRAC / GB031716-6) passed.
7. Motion to support Mercy Housing project at 8868 Pico Blvd. (Gomes / GB042116-4) passed.
8. Motion to request party permitting and clarify rules and enforcement at Reynier Park (Fitzsimmons / GB042116-6) passed.