



## General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00pm

*Meetings end at 10:00pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.*

**Location: IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.**

**To join online: <https://zoom.us/j/89930026366>**

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1. **Call to Order: 7:15 pm by Michael Lynn**
  2. **Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Joel Weinberger**
  3. **Roll Call: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ken Blaker, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Jacob Shofet, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman**  
**Absent: Sofia French, Dina Leeds, Shevy Lieder, Shirley Traum, Laurie Levine, Fabiola Prieto, Sarah Adivi**
  4. **General Public Comment: Call-In User\_1, KZ, Deborah Singer Frankes, Call-In User\_4**
  5. **Brief Board Announcements**
    - a. Update on resuming in-person Neighborhood Council meetings as of March 1, 2023 – Michael Lynn: We are planning on meeting in person. BONC is meeting on March 27 to possibly extent Zoom meetings for one more month.
    - b. WLAPD Children’s Lobby NPG Completion Report: Terrence Gomes- Waiting for the rest of the furniture. Two bookcases are being utilized thanks to SORO NC.
    - c. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas
    - d. Other Brief Board Announcements
  6. **Community Reports**
    - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) Officer Ojeda gave report on shooting. Sergeant Scott Alpert and Lieutenant Ken Busiere were also present
    - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) Not Present
    - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Not Present

**Request to go to item 7 b to appoint Student Representative now without objection.**

Motion to appoint Student Representative (Term expires one year from appointment) (GB021623-01)

- Benji Karben

**Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman**

**Public Comment: None**

**7b. Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Terrence Gomes**

**Roll call vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jacob Shofet, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman

**Benji Karben joined the meeting as a Board Member- Student Rep at 7:45 pm**

**Baila Romm left the meeting at 7:50 pm**

- d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Zipper) Gave report Traffic Light at Crest and Pico to be operational by September 2023
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (?) Not Present
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) Gave Report
- g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado)
- h. Office of Mayor Bass (?) Tanaz Golshan gave Report – Extra Patrol for Jewish Communities
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (?) Not Present
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Gave Report – Inside Safe
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (?)
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (?)
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices- Kay Hartman with Palms NC – Budget Advocate

**General Board Meeting Suspended at 8:20 pm and move to Special Meeting without objection.**

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**General Board Meeting resumes at 8:28 pm**

**7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, Resignations & Leaves of Absence**

- a. Announcement of the resignation of Kylie Ora Lobell from the SORO NC (Organization Representatives 3 seat expiring June 2023 will be open after March 26, 2023) It will stay as an At Large Seat until June 2023

- b. *Motion to appoint Student Representative (Term expires one year from appointment) (GB021623-01)*

- Benji Karben

***This item, 7b was moved in Community Reports See above for Vote Count.***

**8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives**

- a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
  - 1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development; Elections (Ad-hoc)

**Joseph Mollaie to join Transportation Committee; Benji Karben to join Parks and Rec Committee and Education Committee**

- 2. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Public Works, Animal Services, Data
- b. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB021623-02)

**9. Unfinished Business**

- a. None

**10. Consent Agenda**

**Public Comment: None**

**Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman**

- a. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of January 17, 2022 General Board Meeting (GB021623-03)
- ~~b. Motion to approve January 2023 MERS Report (GB021623-04) Removed by Bill Gross~~
- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write letter to City requesting reinstatement of Neighborhood Council Blitz Initiative to address city potholes (GB021623-05)
- d. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhood Council to fund \$120 to cover the additional cost of Robertson Recreation Center staff at \$30 per meeting for four SORO NC General Board meetings (GB021623-06)
- e. Motion that the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council support the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition motion, requesting that all project applications to any City Department requesting waivers or expedited treatment under Executive Directive 1 should immediately be published online with notice to all Neighborhood Councils of at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such waiver or expedited treatment to allow NC input (GB021623-07)

**Vote of Consent Agenda Items a,c,d,e only**

**Vote: 13 yes 0 no 0 abstain 1 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Ken Blaker, Jacob Shofet, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman

Ineligible- Benji Karben

**Consent Agenda passes a,c,d,e only**

## 11. New Business

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to approve funding of up to \$4100 to implement the final two phases of the modified 2023 SORO NC Elections Marketing Plan (GB021623-08)

**Public Comment: None**

What are the non-profits in our area doing to promote our election? Freddy will get a list from Angie director of engagement and Ann Marie director of communication and send to us.

**Point of Order:**

**8:39 pm Shirley Traum joined the meeting**

**8:40 pm Jacob Shofet left the meeting**

**Moved: Terrence Gomes      Second: Jon Liberman**

**Vote: 7 yes      6 no   0 abstain      1 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Ellen Lanet, Sandy Block, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Jon Liberman

No: Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Bill Gross, Joseph Mollaie

Ineligible: Benji Karben

**Motion passes**

**8:44 pm Jacob Shofet rejoined the meeting**

- b. Motion that the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council support the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition motion, requesting that a Community Impact Statement be filed for CF 23-1200-S6 to ask Mayor Bass to withdraw Josh Nadel's application for Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioner until the NC Alliances and affected Neighborhood Councils have the opportunity to vet the proposed appointee (GB021623-09)

**Jon Liberman recusal why? What time?**

**Public Comment: None**

**Moved: Terrence Gomes      Second: Joseph Mollaie**

**Vote: 11yes      2 no   0 abstain      1 ineligible   1 recusal**

Yes: Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben

No: Bill Gross, Jacob Shofet

Abstain: Joel Weinberger

Recusal: Jon Liberman

**Motion passes**

- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to establish ad-hoc committee for Adopt-a-Median Program (GB021623-10)

**Public Comment: None**

**Moved: Terrence Gomes      Second: Joseph Mollaie**

**Vote: 13yes      2 no   0 abstain      0 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

No: Jacob Shofet, Bill Gross

## Motion Passes

- d. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to propose ad-hoc committee on sidewalk conditions (GB021623-11)

**Public Comment: None**

**Moved: Terrence Gomes      Second: Joel Weinberger**

**Vote: 14 yes    0 no    0 abstain**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

**Absent: Jacob Shofet**

**Motion passes**

- e. Motion to oppose the WRAC motion “Venice Blvd. Improvements Project Concerns/Withhold Support” (GB021623-12)

**Point of Order Ken Blaker left the meeting at 9:30 pm**

**Lost Quorum at 9:30 pm**

**Table to next meeting.**

- ~~f. Motion for the SORO NC to a write letter to LA City PLUM Committee & LA City assigned Planner supporting Crossings Campus proposed Office Project (Apple anchor tenant) at 8888 Venice Blvd. and 8829 National Blvd in Los Angeles (GB021623-13)~~

**12. Adjournment: 9:34 pm**

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