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General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 9:30pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

Location: Robertson Recreation Center, 1633 Preuss Street, Los Angeles CA 90035- Room B.

- 1. Call to Order 7:53 pm by Ken Blaker**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call: Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben**
Absent: Joel Weinberger, Ellen Lanet,
14 Present 3 Absent
- 4. General Public Comment: Public Speaker 1-**
- 5. Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas- Ken Blaker- We have a carryover item from unfinished business requiring Community Reports be submitted 72 hours before meeting; In person meetings are more communicative and civil. This will lead to action
 - b. Other Brief Board Announcements- Baila - City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutors have be reassigned to roam the halls of the courthouse by Heide Soto-Feinstein. Richard Bloom- A bill involving hybrid meetings states as long as you have quorum you can attend via zoom but only for emergencies or a just cause. We are good at getting members bad at retention; we can address perhaps in the next meeting. Michael Lynn- SB411 passed. Looks likely it could go to governor’s desk in September. Could vote in November to go back to zoom or in person.
- 6. Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda)- Not Present
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) – Not Present
 - c. Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky (Zipper) Gave Report
 - d. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Gave Report
 - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Vacant)
 - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) Gave Report
 - g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado) Not Present
 - h. Office of Mayor Bass (Vacant)

- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Zachary) Gave Report
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Gave Report
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant)
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Vacant)
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals & Resignations

Public Comment: None

- a. Notice of resignations of Jacob Shofet, Resident Zone 1 Representative (2025), and Dina Leeds, Resident Zone 7 Representative (2025)
- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative 5 - term expires June 30, 2025 (GB051823-01)
 - Applicant: Jose L Lopez – Not Present- No Vote was taken
- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3) -term expires June 30, 2023 (GB051823-02)
 - Applicant Christopher Hayes Blackwood
 - Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Michael Lynn
 - Laurie Levine- if you are here beyond one month what are you interested in?
 - Hayes Blackwood-anything to make the community better.
 - Baila Romm- why do you want a one month only position?
 - Hayes Blackwood- because of work
 - Joseph Mollaie- if you could change one thing about the neighborhood what would it be?
 - Hayes Blackwood- more events and local businesses involvement

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Christopher Hayes Blackwood (preferred name Hayes) entered the meeting as a Boardmember at 8:42 pm

- d. Motion to Appoint Business Representative 1 -term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- e. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 4 Representative) - term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- f. Motion to Appoint Resident Zone 6 Representative - term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- g. Motion to Appoint SORO NC President
 - Laurie Levine nominates Michael Lynn
 - Moved to a vote by Laurie Levine Second: Joseph Mollaie
 - Public Comment: None
 - Roll call vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain
 - Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

14 yes 0 no
Motion Passes

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)
 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
Joseph Mollaie – remove from Transportation Committee

9. Unfinished Business

- a. None

10. Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None

- a. Motion to approve April 2023 MERS Report. (GB051823-03)
- b. Motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 budget. (GB051823-04)
- ~~c. Motion to remove the Pledge of Allegiance from all SORO meeting agendas. (GB051823-05) Removed by Jon Liberman, Baila Romm, Joseph Mollaie~~
- d. Motion to oppose the \$90 election location invoice received from the City Clerk. (GB051823-06)
- e. Motion to host a first responders appreciation day. (GB051823-07)
- f. Motion to have a town hall meeting on child protection on September 10, 2023. (GB051823-08)
- g. Motion for the SORO NC to Support LANCC Declaration of Rights. (GB051823-09)
- h. Motion for SORO NC to modify prior motion GB121522-08 to include the responsibility for clean-up of all of the streets in SORO to the purview of the Business Advocacy & Development Committee and to fund up to \$5000 to purchase equipment to perform these clean ups. (GB051823-10)
- i. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to not renew three of the four (4) paid Zoom licenses that are due to expire this fiscal year. (GB051823-11)
- ~~j. Motion to submit CIS in opposition to Council File 23-0036: Title, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation / Unarmed officers. (GB051823-12) removed by Barry Levine~~
- ~~k. Motion to submit a CIS in opposition of Council File 23-0002-S28: Title, AB 28 (Gabriel) / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence. (GB051823-13) Removed by Barry Levine~~
- l. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S29: Title, Prohibit Sale of Vehicles Without Catalytic Converter / Etched Engraved Vehicle Identification Number / Legislative Program. (GB051823-14)

~~m. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S43: Title, Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm. (GB051823-15) Removed by Barry Levine~~

~~n. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S32, Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. (GB051823-16) Removed by Barry Levine~~

Roll call vote Consent Agenda Items a,b,d,e,f,g,h,i, only

Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon,
Hayes Blackwood- ineligible

14 yes 0 no 1- ineligible

Consent agenda passes

11. New Business

a. c. Motion to remove the Pledge of Allegiance from all SORO meeting agendas. (GB051823-05)

Moved: Barry Levine Second: Jon Liberman

Vote: 1 yes 13 no 0 abstain

Yes: Barry Levine

No: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

Motion Fails

Items removed from the consent agenda j,k,m,n postponed until next month

12. Adjournment: 9:01 pm