



# General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:00pm

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

**Location: The Residence Inn, 1177 S Beverly Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90035- Meeting Room**

***Street Parking or free Self-Parking on level C.***

***Those with physical disabilities should see the Valet and enter the hotel on the street level.***

1. Call to Order 7:05 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Joel Weinberger, Joeseeph Mollaie, Jason Plummer, Stuart Weiss, Benji Karben. Jon Liberman, Ken Blaker, Michael Lynn, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Sara Messall, Hayes Blackwood, Baila Romm, Terrence Gomes, Marlene Katz, Barry Levine. (16- quorum acheived)  
**Absent: Mitch Cohen, Daniel Ferszt, Shirley Traum, Avihi Youshaei**
4. General Public Comment *Hakim: Dirty Pico Blvd*
5. Brief Board Announcements
  - a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements  
**Michael Lynn informed the board he had pins and encouraged board members to take some.**
6. Community Reports
  - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) Not Present
  - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 Not Present
  - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Gave Report
  - d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Rodriguez) Gave Report
  - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) Not Present
  - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews) Gave Report
  - g. Office of Mayor Bass (Ensley) Not Present
  - h. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Laflan) Gave Report. Mandy gave presentation 988 -Mental Health Emergency, Care Court- plan for mental health services, People Concern,
  - i. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Not Present
  - j. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant) Vacant
  - k. Office of Congressmember Kamlager-Dove (Riley) Not Present
  - l. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices - DONE – Dina Andrews 818-374-9886 City Cell Gave Presentation



was invited to a zoom round table (37th District Congressional Council) at the end of February where there will be representatives from HUD in attendance and presenting. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB011824-05) **Join Board Development: Sara Messell, Stuart Weiss.**  
**Outreach: Sara Messell and Marlene Katz**

## 10. Unfinished Business

### **Public Comment: None**

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to send a Letter to CD 10, CD 5, and LADOT to support individual blocks that request the addition of Slow Streets (GB011824-06) Typo on Yaroslavsky name, Councilwomen preferred

**Moved: Laurie Levine      Second: Jason Plummer**

**Michael Lynn said the amendment to add paragraph “when the majority that blocks 75% of the addresses support the initiative.”**

**Amendment: Moved: Michael Lynn      Second: Hayes Blackwood**  
**5 yes      11 no 0 abstain**

**Yes: Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Joseph Mollaie,**

**No: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Marlene Katz, Sarah Messell, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben,**

**Amendment Fails**

**Motion as written**

**Yes 12    no 4 abstain 0**

**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Marlene Katz, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben**

**No: Terrence Gomes, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie,**

**Motion passes as written**

**Ken Blaker left the meeting at 9:30 pm**

**Michael Lynn extends the meeting for 15 minutes with no objection**

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to support a modified version of WRAC’s Parking Space Replacement Request, where “prior utilization” is replaced with “future utilization.” (GB011824-07)

**Moved: Joel Weinberger      Second: Jon Liberman**

**Yes 6    no 3    abstain 6**

**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Michael Lynn, Hayes Blackwood, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben**

**No: Barry Levine, Jason Plummer, Sandy Block,**

**Abstain: Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Jon Liberman,**

**Motion passes**

- c. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to CD 5 supporting the installation of an unprotected bike lane on Doheny Drive from Pico Blvd to Whitworth Drive to connect the Pico area to Burton Way for bicyclists, on the condition it does not remove parking or driving lanes. (GB011824-08)  
**Moved: Baila Romm Second: Laurie Levine**  
**Vote: yes 12 no 2 abstain 1**  
**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Barry Levine, Jason Plummer, Sandy Block, Hayes Blackwood, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Sara Messell, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben,**  
**No: Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes,**  
**Abstain: Joseph Mollaie**  
**Motion passes**
  
- d. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to request LA DOT, Metro, and Street Services provide input on projects, such as protected bike lanes, bus lanes and routes, and car lane expansion, as well as notification of all projects in the immediate future, such as resurfacing or street repairs, so the NC can notify stakeholders. (GB011824-09)  
**Moved: Joel Weinberger Second: Jon Liberman**  
**Amend: to add Bureau of Engineering,**  
**Vote: yes 15 no 0 abstain 0**  
**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Jason Plummer, Sandy Block, Hayes Blackwood, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Sara Messall, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben**  
**Motion passes as amended**

**11. Consent Agenda Public Comment: None**

- a. Motion to approve December 21, 2023 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB011824-10)
- b. Motion to approve December 2023 MERS Report (GB011824-11)
- c. Motion for the SORO NC to purchase one Zoom.com (virtual meeting hosting) license not to exceed \$300.00 annually. The license shall be held by the President@SORONC.org (GB011824-12)  
**Move: Baila Romm Second: Terrence Gomes**  
**Vote 15 yes 0 no 0 abstain**  
**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Jason Plummer, Sandy Block, Hayes Blackwood, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Sara Messall, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben**  
**Consent Agenda Passes**

**12. New Business** (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # virtual hands raised*)

- e. None

**13. Adjournment 9:43 pm**