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General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7:00pm

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

Location- Online via Zoom.com: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89787982890>

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1. **Call to Order: MICHAEL LYNN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:24PM**
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance: MICHAEL LYNN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 3. **Roll Call:**
JOEL WEINBERGER, STUART WEISS, TERRENCE GOMES, BAILA ROMM, KEN BLAKER, JASON PLUMMER, MICHAEL LYNN, LAURIE LEVINE, JON LIBERMAN, BARRY LEVINE, MARLENE KATZ, SHIRLEY TRAUM, BENJI KARBON, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, SANDY BLOCK. 15 PRESENT, QUORUM ACHIEVED.

ABSENT: C. HAYES BLACKWOOD, MITCH COHEN, AVIHI YOUSHAEL. SARA MESSALL.

EITAN GERSHOV JOINED THE BOARD AND ENTERS THE MEETING AT 8:01PM
 4. **General Public Comment: NONE**
 5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
MICHAEL LYNN MENTIONED THAT CICLAVIA WAS TAKING PLACE THIS WEEKEND FROM VENICE TO NATIONAL.
LAURIE LEVINE MENTIONED CALIBER COLLISION; THAT ANOTHER PAINT BOOTH WITHIN 1000 FT OF HAMILTON HIGH; SHE MENTIONED THERE WAS NO HEARING BEING HELD; THAT MAYBE THE BOARD COULD POST ON THEIR WEBSITE.
BAILA ROMM MENTIONED DISTRICT 5 WILL HAVE EXTRA TRASH PICK UP ON MONDAY 7AM TO 11AM.
LAURIE LEVINE MENTIONED THE ROBERTSON OFF RAMP WILL BE CLOSED FOR CLEANING THIS WEEKEND.
 6. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker) - 39796@lapd.online / Ojeda - 36393@lapd.online **NOT PRESENT.**
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 1afdbattalion18@lacity.org **NOT PRESENT.**

- c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org **NOT PRESENT.**
- d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org **PRESENT, GAVE REPORT.**
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org **NOT PRESENT.**
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews)- dina.andrews@lacity.org **NOT PRESENT.**
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Miller) - kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org **NOT PRESENT.**
- h. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov **PRESENT, GAVE REPORT.**
- i. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) - Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov **PRESENT, GAVE REPORT.**
- j. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant) - Elizabeth.Birks@sen.ca.gov **NOT PRESENT.**
- k. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Riley) - Naomi.Riley@mail.house.gov **NOT PRESENT.**
- l. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices: **Kay Hartman, BUDGET ADVOCATES. PRESENT, GAVE REPORT.**

7. **Presentation: Weingart Center to turn the current assisted living facility located at 3340 Shelby Drive into an interim housing facility targeting low-income seniors. TANYA BOYKIN AND RYAN SUNGRAFF GAVE PRESENTATION. 3340 SHELBY DRIVE WAS PURCHASED BY COUNTY/CITY DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR PROJECT HOMEKEY. IT WILL CONSISTS OF 78 UNITS. WORK WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED APRIL 2025. THE SITE WILL HAVE 45 PARKING SPOTS AND SO THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO USE PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH WAS A CONCERN IN THE COMMUNITY. THE PRESENTERS MENTIONED THE LANDSCAPE WAS GOING TO BE UPGRADED, IN ADDITION A PET PARK WAS BEING ADDED AS WELL AS AN ACCESSIBILITY LIFT FROM THE PATIO; IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE NEW PAINT AND A NEW ROOF; SOME SECTIONS WILL BE REDESIGNED FOR STAFF OFFICES AND LAUNDRY FACILITIES WILL BE BUILT. 8 UNITS WILL BE FOR VISION IMPAIRED, ADA COMPLIANT. IN ADDITION THEY WILL BE REPLACING A FENCE ON NATIONAL BLVD AND NEW SURVEILLANCE ADDED ALL AROUND THE BUILDING AS WELL AS NEW HVAC, PLUMBING UPGRADES AND LIGHT FIXTURES. THE PRESENTERS SAID THE WEINGART HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 48 YEARS INVOLVED IN PERMANENT AND INTERIM HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS; SKID ROW IS WHERE THE MAIN OFFICE IS LOCATED AND CURRENTLY THEY ARE HOUSING 600 PEOPLE THERE. THEY LOOKED AT THREE FACTORS WHEN GAUGING OUTCOMES: PERMANENT HOUSING, CLINICAL SUPPORT AND ENROLLING PEOPLE INTO HEALTH CARE. NO ONE IS CURRENTLY LIVING AT THE PROPERTY.**

8. **Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations**
MULTIPLE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS A THROUGH J : NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

Announcement of the Removal of Daniel Ferszt as a member of the SORO NC due to missing 3 consecutive General Board meetings; the At-Large Representative 4 Board seat for application is open for application.

- a. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative 4 (Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 8 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Business Representative 5- Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- d. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 1 - Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- e. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3 – Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- f. Motion to Appoint Student Representative (Term expires in 1 year) (GB041824-01)
 - Eitan Gershov

BAILA ROMM MOVED; BENJI KARBON SECONDED.

JOEL WEINBERGER YES, STUART WEISS YES, TERRENCE GOMES YES, BAILA ROMM YES, KEN BLAKER YES, JASON PLUMMER YES, MICHAEL LYNN YES, LAURIE LEVINE YES, JON LIBERMAN YES, BARRY LEVINE YES, MARLENE KATZ YES, SHIRLEY TRAUM YES, BENJI KARBON YES, JOSEPH MOLLAIE YES, SANDY BLOCK YES. 15 YES, 0 NO.

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- g. Motion to Appoint Zone 4 Representative seat (Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- h. Announcement of Baila Romm’s official resignation as SORO NC Secretary
- i. Motion to appoint the SORO NC Secretary (GB041824-02)

NO NOMINATIONS. ITEM CONTINUED TO NEXT GENERAL BOARD MEETING.

9. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments

- I. Motion to appoint LADWP Representative (GB041824-03)
- II. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB041824-04)
- III. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative (1) (GB041824-05)

NO NOMINATIONS. ITEMS CONTINUED TO NEXT GENERAL BOARD MEETING.

b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports

- I. Standing Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development

JOEL WEINBERGER MENTIONED THE MEETING FOR TRANSPORTATION WILL BE CANCELED THIS MONTH.

TERRENCE GOMES MENTIONED PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING WILL BE HELD MAY 6 VIA ZOOM.

- II. Ad-hoc Committees: Tree Removal Notification; Tree Placement; Public Safety Town Hall

STUART WEISS GAVE TREE PLACEMENT REPORT; 93 VACANT TREE WELLS (WHERE TREES CAN BE PLANTED). MENTIONED THAT OF 93, 40 WERE NEAR BUSY STREETS. LISTED THE TOP SEVEN STREETS THAT SHOULD BE PRIORITY

- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council, Homelessness

JOEL WEINBERGER LEFT THE MEETING AT 8:09 PM.

c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB041824-06)
EITAN GERSHOV JOINS EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

10. **Unfinished Business:** NONE

12. **Consent Agenda**

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

BAILA ROMM REMOVES ITEM G AND MICHAEL LYNN REMOVES ITEM E.

JON LIBERMAN MOVES; JASON PLUMMER SECONDED.

ROLL CALL:

STUART WEISS YES, TERRENCE GOMES YES, BAILA ROMM YES, KEN BLAKER YES, JASON PLUMMER YES, MICHAEL LYNN YES, LAURIE LEVINE YES, JON LIBERMAN YES, BARRY LEVINE YES, MARLENE KATZ YES, SHIRLEY TRAUM YES, BENJI KARBON YES, JOSEPH MOLLAIE YES, SANDY BLOCK YES. EITAN GERSHOV -INELIGIBLE.

14 YES, 0 NO, 0. CONSENT AGENDA MOTIONS a-d, f, h, i PASSES

- a. Motion to approve March 19, 2024 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB041824-07)
- b. Motion to approve March 2024 MERS Report (GB041824-08)
- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to co-sponsor a Summer Movie Night Series on Sunday(s) July 28th, August 25th and September 29th (GB041824-09)
- d. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to the property owner of 2512 Robertson Blvd discussing the issues the community is facing from the nuisance tenant (GB041824-10)
- e. ~~Motion for the SORO NC to update Article V, Section 7 to allow a member subject to removal by absences to address the General Board prior to removal (GB041824-11)~~
- f. Motion for the SORO NC to accept Bylaws typo corrections (GB041824-12)
- g. ~~Motion for the SORO NC to update the Loss of Quorum section to reflect the Board of Neighborhood Commission LOQ policy (GB041824-13)~~
- h. Motion to accept and approve sending the Tree Placement Ad-hoc Committee Report to CD-5 and CD-10 for implementation (GB041824-14)
- i. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC move storage facilities (GB041824-15)

13. **New Business**

TERRENCE GOMES NOTED THAT \$27, 937. 84 OF SORO NC FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REMAINED.

MULTIPE ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

- a. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to fund up to \$6600 for the printing of 19,000 postcards and distribution of 17,928 by USPS Every Door Direct Mailer to residential addresses within the SORO NC (GB041824-16)

JON LIBERMAN MOVED; MICHAEL LYNN SECONDED.

BAILA ROMM MOVED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO HIRE A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER FOR UP TO \$6,600. JON LIBERMAN SECONDED.

ROLL CALL:

STUART WEISS YES, TERRENCE GOMES NO, BAILA ROMM YES, KEN BLAKER NO, JASON PLUMMER NO, MICHAEL LYNN NO, LAURIE LEVINE NO, JON LIBERMAN YES, BARRY LEVINE NO, MARLENE KATZ YES, SHIRLEY TRAUM NO, BENJI KARBON NO, JOSEPH MOLLAIE YES, SANDY BLOCK NO. EITAN GERSHOV -INELIGIBLE. 5 YES, 9 NO. 1 INELIGIBLE. SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILS.

- b. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Fund up to \$2300 for the purchase of Kids at Play lawn signs for distribution to Stakeholders (GB041824-17)
- LAURIE LEVINE MOVES; JON LIBERMAN SECONDED.**

ROLL CALL:

STUART WEISS NO, TERRENCE GOMES NO, BAILA ROMM NO, KEN BLAKER NO, JASON PLUMMER NO, MICHAEL LYNN YES, LAURIE LEVINE NO, JON LIBERMAN YES, BARRY LEVINE NO, MARLENE KATZ NO, SHIRLEY TRAUM NO, BENJI KARBON YES, JOSEPH MOLLAIE NO, SANDY BLOCK YES. EITAN GERSHOV -INELIGIBLE. 4 YES, 10 NO. 1 INELIGIBLE. MOTION FAILS.

- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Fund up to \$1000 for the purchase of lawn signs to promote the 2024 SORO Festival (GB041824-18)
- MARLENE KATZ MOVED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO FUND UP TO \$1000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAWN SIGNS TO PROMOTE OPEN BOARD SEATS. BAILA ROMM SECONDED.**

TERRENCE GOMES MOVED TO SEND MOTION BACK TO THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE; BAILA ROMM SECONDED.

ROLL CALL:

STUART WEISS YES, TERRENCE GOMES YES, BAILA ROMM YES, KEN BLAKER YES, JASON PLUMMER YES, MICHAEL LYNN NO, LAURIE LEVINE YES, JON LIBERMAN YES, BARRY LEVINE YES, MARLENE KATZ YES, SHIRLEY TRAUM YES, BENJI KARBON YES, JOSEPH MOLLAIE YES, SANDY BLOCK YES. EITAN GERSHOV YES. 14 YES, 1 NO. REMANDED BACK TO THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- d. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC fund up to \$4000 for the 2nd Annual First Responder Day (GB041824-19)

BAILA ROMM MOVED; LAURIE LEVINE SECONDED.

ROLL CALL:

STUART WEISS YES, TERRENCE GOMES YES, BAILA ROMM YES, KEN BLAKER YES, JASON PLUMMER ABSTAIN, MICHAEL LYNN YES, LAURIE LEVINE YES, JON LIBERMAN YES, BARRY LEVINE NO, MARLENE KATZ YES, SHIRLEY TRAUM YES, BENJI KARBON YES, JOSEPH MOLLAIE YES, SANDY BLOCK YES. 12 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

JOSEPH MOLLAIE LEAVES THE MEETING AT 9:08 PM.

- e. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC fund up to \$300.00 for printed materials for outreach for emergency preparedness offered by the Neighborhood Team Program sponsored by the SORO NC (GB041824-20)

TERRENCE GOMES MOVED; BAILA ROMM SECONDED.

BAILA ROMM REQUESTED TO POSTPONE ITEM TO THE NEXT GENERAL BOARD MEETING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CORRECT FLYER, POSTPONED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

RETURNING TO ITEM G AND E FROM CONSENT CALENDAR.

12. g. Motion for the SORO NC to update the Loss of Quorum section to reflect the Board of Neighborhood Commission LOQ policy (GB041824-13)

JON LIBERMAN MOVED; EITAN GERSHOV SECONDED.

ROLL CALL:

STUART WEISS NO, TERRENCE GOMES YES, BAILA ROMM YES, KEN BLAKER NO, JASON PLUMMER YES, MICHAEL LYNN YES, LAURIE LEVINE YES, JON LIBERMAN YES, BARRY LEVINE YES, MARLENE KATZ YES, SHIRLEY TRAUM YES, BENJI KARBON YES, SANDY BLOCK YES, EITAN GERSHOV YES. 12 YES, 2 NO, 0. MOTION PASSES

12. e. Motion for the SORO NC to update Article V, Section 7 to allow a member subject to removal by absences to address the General Board prior to removal (GB041824-11)

JASON PLUMMER MOVED; LAURIE LEVINE SECONDED.

ROLL CALL:

STUART WEISS NO, TERRENCE GOMES NO, BAILA ROMM NO, KEN BLAKER YES, JASON PLUMMER NO, MICHAEL LYNN NO, LAURIE LEVINE NO, JON LIBERMAN NO, BARRY LEVINE NO, MARLENE KATZ NO, SHIRLEY TRAUM NO, BENJI KARBON NO, SANDY BLOCK NO, EITAN GERSHOV NO. 1 YES, 13 NO. MOTION FAILS

14. Adjournment

MICHAEL LYNN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:30 PM.