

South Robertson (SORO) Neighborhoods Council



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PROPOSAL BY: Harold Bock
DATE: 28, Dec 2007
TITLE: Formation of a permanent Board Development Committee

SUMMARY:

FULL PROPOSAL: That SORONC establish a permanent Board Development Committee it's mission would include (1) recruitment of Board Members to fill vacant seats between elections, (2) act as the permanent election committee. (3) be responsible in cooperation with DONE to educate new Board Members in the responsibilities and requirements of Board membership

PROS AND CONS:

Pro: Board development should be a defined ongoing process as opposed to a activity to cover short term critical needs	Con:
Pro: The election process needs a longer structured process in order insure the greatest possible participation.	Con:
Pro: New Board Member education needs to be strengthened.	Con:

MOTION for the Board's review and approval:

- 1) Approve the establishment of a permanent Board Development Committee.

Notes

1. Submitted by Harold Bock , area 3 representative.

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PROPOSAL BY: Harold Bock, Board Member Area 3
DATE: 2 Jan 2008
TITLE: Establish a Standing SORONC Strategic Planning Committee

SUMMARY:

FULL PROPOSAL: That the SORONC establish a standing Strategic Planning Committee. The mission of the committee: (1) to complete and update our Mission Statement by yearly re-examining and stating our objectives-goals, (2) by stakeholder input and conscientious define specific goals and their relative priority.(3) present the committee's findings to the Board for review, modification and approval.(4) publish to the community the goals-objectives, priorities, funding and action items.

Comments: The first year of our council was devoted to organization and operating structure. The second year saw operating committees, funding of programs and the preparation for our second election. As a general observation our overall allocation of funding and personnel left us with a reserve of unspent funds. Setting of priorities was not a critical issue for the Board. As we enter year four and beyond it will become a major management issue for the Board. If we do our job well we will identify more objectives than our limited resources will allow us to complete. One of the primary responsibilities of a governing Board is to determine the allocation of limited resources, funds and personnel, in order to achieve the most effective results. I strongly believe that we fail our responsibility to our stakeholders by ending the year with a large unspent surplus of funds. Our responsibility is to identify the needs, establish priorities and allocate and manage resources in order to complete the objective

Mission statements by definition have two components, what the organization intends to accomplish and how it intends to do it. In most cases it defines priorities. As an example, SORO's mission is to improve the quality of live in our community by: developing a sense of community, provide tutoring, environmental projects, public safety by working LAPD and community watch programs etc. Our current mission statement is incomplete. It should be noted that mission statement are not cast in concrete. They should allow an organization to react to changing critical needs while not allowing for mission creep.

I believe that we currently have a Council that is driven by worthy individual agendas but with a lack of a strategic objective. We lack an over all conscientious on what our priorities should be and how best to meet the need s of the community. I also believe that the conflict that we experienced over the last year resulted in large part from a failure to develop an open process to develop the mission of the Council

PROS AND CONS,

Pro: Will best represent the needs of our stakeholder	Con.
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Pro: More effectively allocate resources	Con:
Pro: Result in a more unified sense of mission among the Board and the community	Con:

MOTION for the Board's review and approval:

- 1) Approve the establishment of a standing Strategic Planning Committee
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PROPOSAL BY: Outreach Committee (Presenter: Jon Liberman) OR 01092008-4
DATE: January 9, 2008
TITLE: Reallocation of Outreach Committee Budget for SORO Festival

SUMMARY: Last year we ran into a problem with funding the event because funds had not been allocated specifically to this event. In order to learn from last year's experience, we wanted to set aside a specific amount that would be made available for the festival. Based on an analysis of past festivals and in consultation with SORO, INC. we have determined that the appropriate level of NC funding for the festival would be \$8000.00. This proposal was presented to the Board at the December meeting. It was referred to the Outreach Action Committee for review. The Outreach Committee met in late December with members of the SORO Festival Committee. A history of the involvement of SORO NC with the Festival, the nature and amount of past expenditures, the proposed amounts requested were discussed in detail. The Outreach Committee voted to recommend that \$8000 be specifically allocated to the festival.

FULL PROPOSAL: The SORO, INC. Festival Committee will determine what specific assistance is needed to put on the 2008 SORO Festival. Members of SORO NC will serve on this committee. Subject to the spending regulations as determined by DONE, we will fund up to \$8000 for this event.

PROS AND CONS, as expressed in committee meetings:

Pro: Allows SORO,INC to know in advance what NC assistance will be available	Con: reduces funds that could be allocated to other outreach events.
Pro: Over 8000 residents participated in the 2007 festival. At \$1/resident this is a cost effective means to outreach to the community.	Con:
Pro: This is our largest outreach event for the year	Con:
Pro:	Con:

MOTION for the Board's consideration, as proposed by Outreach Committee

1. To authorize the program in accordance with the restrictions shown above in the FULL PROPOSAL.
2. To allocate funding of up to \$8000.

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PROPOSAL BY: Outreach Committee (Presenter: Jon Liberman) PS 01092008-1
DATE: January 9, 2008
TITLE: RAL Funding Revision

SUMMARY: The Outreach Committee reviewed a proposal from Beth Ryan at the December meeting. The SORO NC Board had previously voted to fund some expenditures for the Summer, 2007 RAL program. This funding included \$2500 for a study on the effectiveness of past RAL programs. This study is important for several reasons. It provides documentation as to the effectiveness of the program. If the conclusion of the study determines that the RAL program is effective, the RAL program can use the study to request future Grants from outside sources which would reduce their dependence on the NC for funding. The \$2500 previously authorized but not as yet disbursed will not pay for the entire study. The balance of the study (\$2500) was to be paid by an outside source, who has not been able to fund the amount which was promised.

Beth Ryan pointed out that previous SORO NC proposals for funding of the RAL program had included approximately \$2500 for items which could have been paid for under DONE regulations had they been presented prior to the event. Put another way, we agreed to pay for \$2500 worth of items which we did not pay for but for which funds were set aside. These items can no longer be paid for by SORO NC since that program has concluded.

She has requested consideration of SORO NC for increasing the funding that SORO NC pays for the study from \$2500 to \$5000. Our Treasurer was at the Outreach Meeting and agreed that this request was something that the Board could do and stay within DONE regulations. The Outreach Committee voted to request that the allocation for the study be forwarded to the Board with a recommendation that the request be approved.

FULL PROPOSAL: Subject to the spending regulations as determined by DONE, we will fund up to \$5000 for this study.

PROS AND CONS, as expressed in committee meetings:

Pro: Allows SORO,NC to determine whether the RAL program is effective.	Con: If we decide not to do this, there is \$2500 available for other projects.
Pro: funding is already accounted for. While it shifts items from what was previously voted on, the dollar amounts are	Con:

the same.	
Pro:	Con:
Pro:	Con:

MOTION for the Board's consideration, as proposed by Outreach Committee

1. To authorize the program in accordance with the restrictions shown above in the FULL PROPOSAL.
2. To allocate funding of an additional \$2500 for the study (A total amount for the study of \$5000.)