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Approved General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2009, 7:00pm

Hamilton Senior High School Cafeteria
2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

Prior to the meeting, while some Board members and members of the public were present but before a quorum was present, members of the community made announcements as follows:

- a) **Crimestoppers.** Mark Spier of Crimestoppers and Office Do, LAD Operations Office, showed a video describing the Crimestoppers program, described key features of the program, and answered questions from those present.
- b) **Councilmember Wesson's Office.** Liz Carlin announced the Councilmember held a very successful camping trip, and those who participated had a great time. Liz also committed to let the SORONC Board know of information about proposed DONE cutbacks.
- c) **Councilmember Koretz's Office.** Mark Davis asked people to let him know of any scheduled special events and committed to let the SORONC Board know when PLUM dates are set.
- d) **LAPD.** Senior Lead Officers Maria Gray and Mario Gomez announced developments with respect to recent crime and police activity in the SORO neighborhood and said, due to financial cutbacks, there may be personnel cutbacks that would adversely affect remaining officers' time. Officer Baron invited everyone present to attend the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting the following Tuesday.
- e) **Robertson Recreation Center.** Brooke Powers announced a new brochure is available, the Peace Picnic was well attended, vegetables are growing in the new garden, succulents will be planted the following week, and a Halloween party is scheduled.
- f) **SORONC.** Doug Fitzsimmons announced the SORONC website is functional and the new, improved website with a great deal more material will be available soon. The SORONC's Treasurer's Report was made available to all present.
- g) **SORONC Land Use Committee.** Brian Bergman announced the new CD5 incumbent appears to be very interested in Land Use issues.
- h) **SORONC Education Committee.** Barry Levine announced that, with respect to the tutoring program at Shenandoah, the levels of teacher and parent involvement in, and the number of mentors, are all increasing.
- i) **SORONC Green Team.** Larry Hess summarized the many activities of the Green Team with particular focus on the accomplishments of students at Hamilton High School.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Doug Fitzsimmons, SORONC Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 p.m., when a quorum was present.



Board Members Present: Brian Bergman, Bette Billet, Harold Bock, Robyn Braun, Doug Fitzsimmons, Nahed Guirguis, Ann Hammond, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman, Marj Safinia, Gary Garcia

Board Members Absent: Susan Burden, Paul Del Piero, Terrence Gomes, Anne Gross, Roy Nwaiser, Paula Waxman, Adam Wheeler

Guests: Gerald Chavarria, Caitlin Lowe

II. General Public Comment

Gerald Chavarria suggested the SORONC consider including a link to the Crimestoppers program from its new website and suggested everyone attend the upcoming CPAB meeting.

III. Old Business

a. Draft General Board Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2009 (Hammond/GB081209-1). Ann noted a typographical error brought to her attention by Paula. Jon moved the minutes as corrected be approved, Harold seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

V. Community Reports

a. Office of Councilmember Wesson (Carlin). No report was made as no representative was still present.

b. Office of Councilmember Koretz. No report was made as no representative was still present.

c. Office of the Mayor (Badger). No report was made as no representative was present.

d. Office of Senator Price (Bernal). No report was made as no representative was present.

e. LAPD Report (Gray & Gonzalez). No report was made as no representative was still present.

f. Robertson Recreation Center Report (Powers). No report was made as no representative was still present.

g. DONE Report (Ibanez). No report was made as no representative was present.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Executive (Fitzsimmons). No report was made.

b. Treasurer Report (Gomes/GB081209-2). No report was made.

c. Bylaws (Nwaiser). No report was made.

d. Land Use & Economic Development (Bergman). No report was made.

e. Education (Levine & Braun). No report was made.



- f. **Green Team (Waxman & Hess).** No report was made.
- g. **Public Safety (Bock & Hammond).** No report was made.
- h. **Outreach (Safinia & Aghassi).** No report was made.

III. New Business

a. **Motion to give Hamilton High School's S.A.F.E. environment club \$568.38 for campaign to educate campus on new recycling program (Waxman / GB091709-3).** Caitlin Lowe said that she runs the Recycling Club at Hamilton High School. She detailed the proposed program. Robyn noted the proposal covered only a few book bags; Caitlin said they would be prizes. Jon asked if the proposed advertisements in performance bulletins might reach adults attending the performances rather than the targeted student audience; Caitlin said the High School has no newsletter, and their research showed students read performance bulletins more than anything else. Gary said he could also work with the students on publicity that did not cost additional money. Jon asked what else the Club would be doing; Caitlin said plans include a garden and community activism for which they will be raising funds. Doug cautioned that, if they aim to apply to SORONC for funds, it requires paperwork and the process takes time. Robyn added the Club must keep receipts. It was noted that the proposal did not include 10% tax, so the proposed expenditures would require up to \$625. Harold moved to amend the motion to fund up to \$625; Barry seconded. **Motion to amend approved unanimously.** Harold moved to approve the motion as amended: Bette seconded. **Motion as amended approved unanimously.**

b. **Motion to support Eilat Bakery's request for landscaping variances (Bergman / GB091709-4).** Brian introduced a representative of Eilat Bakery, who explained a variance is needed for landscaping. There was extensive discussion about the proposal and the need for it. It was explained that there had been a hearing the previous week and there would be another hearing, probably in about six weeks. Jon moved to approve the motion, Marj seconded. **Vote: Y-8; N-1; A-2. Motion approved.**

c. **Motion to endorse the City Clerk's SORONC boundary map (Fitzsimmons / GB091709-5).** Doug explained that the City Clerk had prepared a boundary map for the forthcoming elections for the SORONC Board's consideration. Bette moved to approve the motion, Harold seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.