



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2011, 7:00pm

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

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## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Doug called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and welcomed the guests.

**Board Members Present ( 16 ):** Rachel Lester, Kimber Smith, Robyn Braun, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Paula Waxman, Terry Gomes, Barry Levine, Gerald Chavarria, Marjan Safinia, Martin Epstein, Doug Fitzsimmons, Victor Mitry, Troy Richardson (after vote), Sam Jagger (after vote), Brian Kite (9:01pm).

**Board Members absent ( 7 ):** Harold Bock, Joe Gjonola, Nahed Guirguis, Sue Burden, Erick Morales, Ben Billet, Nick Burkhardt (Excused)

**Guests:** Liz Carlin, David Giron, Herb Wesson, Rebecca Bernal, Tamara Williams, Susan Bursk

## II. General Public Comment

Hattie Babb from the Neighborhood News presented a packet "What can Wesson do for you in next 4 years?"

Mr. Robinson expressed his objection to the variance granted at 1540 South Cardiff. Construction limit is 3500 sq ft but new building is over 4500 sq ft. Stated that NC should not have endorsed the variance. Sent to Land Use for further discussion.

CERT training will start Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>. Great way to learn for the community and help SORO get thorough a major disaster.

Reynier Village yard sale on the Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>.

Beth Ryan will be here next meeting to give report on Stepping Forward program. Career day at the program will be August 2nd.

## III. Recognition of the 2011 Susan Bursk Award nominees

Doug introduced the award recipient, Liz Carlin. Susan Bursk gave brief history of SORO NC and the award and thanked the Board for the support throughout the years.

Council member Herb Wesson, Doug and Rebecca Bernal presented Liz with her award and an official SORO NC T shirt. Rebecca presented a service award from Senator Curren Price.

The 2011 nominees were also honored: Andrew Rayner (not present), Baila Romm (not present), Marj Safinia, and Paula Waxman.

**7:36–7:45pm, chair calls for short recess.**

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## IV. Applicants for open Board seats

### **Vote to approve Troy Richardson for Business Seat 2 (term through 2012)**

- Terry moved to approve; Bette seconded.
- Vote: Y-12, N-0, A-1. Troy Richardson joins the Board.

### **Vote to temporarily suspend the rule requiring Board applications to be submitted 10 days in advance.**

Gerald's application for a new seat was received 7 days in advance.

- Doug moved to approve; Marj seconded.
- Vote: Y-14, N-0, A-0. Rule temporarily suspended.

Gerald submits his resignation from Business Seat 4.

### **Vote to approve Gerald Chavarría for Organization Seat 3 (term through 2012) and to reapprove him as Secretary**

- Doug moved to approve; Terry seconded.
- Vote: Y-13, N-0, A-0. Gerald Chavarría rejoins the Board as Secretary.

### **Vote to approve Sam Jagger for Business Seat 4 (term through 2012)**

- Marj moved to approve; Kimber seconded.
- Vote: Y-14, N-0, A-0. Sam Jagger joins the Board.

## V. Old Business

### **Confirmation of Board committee memberships (GB061611-1)**

Committee membership list attached to the minutes. Attendance will be tracked against this list.

- Kimber moved to approve, Marj seconded.
- **Vote: Y-15, N-0, A-0. Committee membership list confirmed.**

### **Confirmation of Board absence requests (GB061611-2)**

Nick Burkhart has requested an official absence for July 2011.

- Marj moved to approve, Bette seconded.
- **Vote: Y-15, N-0, A-0. Requests confirmed.**

### **Draft Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2011 (Fitzsimmons / GB061611-3)**

- Marj moved to approve the draft minutes, Bette seconded.
- **Vote: Y-12, N-0, A-3. Minutes approved.**

### **Vote to approve monthly expenses (Gomes / GB061611-4)**

Includes both May and June reports.

- Michael moved to approve the expenses; Gerald seconded.
- **Vote: Y-15, N-0, A-0. Expenses approved.**

## VI. Community Reports

### **LAPD Report**

Not represented.

### **Office of Councilmember Wesson**

Movies in the Park event on Friday, July 1. Outreach table from SORO needs to be at the park to answer the questions from 6pm on.

### **Office of Councilmember Koretz**

July 16-17, the 405 Freeway will be closed. There will be a 10 mile closure going north between 10 Freeway to the 101 Freeway. Website: [www.metro.net/405](http://www.metro.net/405)



**Office of the Mayor**  
Not represented.

**Office of Senator Price**

Rebecca mentioned Senator enjoyed the festival. Next week hearing on piracy at Paramount Pictures. Be on the e-mail alerts to get updates. Mentioned the budget passed by council but vetoed by Mayor.

Wedrawthelines.ca.gov on redistricting, West LA and Culver City which will include UCLA and not just Westwood. Indicated that now Senate Districts represent roughly 950,000 and Assembly 550,000 constituents.

**Robertson Recreation Center**

Tammy mentioned that RRC reconstruction project in its initial planning stages.

## VII. Committee & Representatives Reports

**Executive Committee**

Concern about the Board meeting quorum during summer months. The final annexation hearing will be July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at SmogShoppe, 2651 South La Cienega.

**Land Use**

Elat Bakery has proposed a meet and greet with the Board and community next month.

**Education**

Ms. Yi's Kindergarten class made a "thank you note" for the Board

**Green Team**

The SoRo Festival recycled 99% of their waste. MOU signed between DWP and Sustainable Works.

**Public Safety**

Next meeting has been moved to July 11<sup>th</sup>. West LA Senior Lead Officer informed of crime trends and requested ideas on CPAB. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, a traffic enforcement program "sting" will be made on Robertson Blvd at various crosswalks.

Mike asks for feedback on the significant intersections that need to be redesigned or have had "near misses." Areas where there is graffiti and in need of sidewalk repair.

**Outreach**

Important that all members regularly check their SORO NC e-mail accounts.

***Brian arrived 9:01pm***

**Ad Hoc**

No report.

**WRAC Report**

No report.

**SoRo Inc. Report**

No report.

**DWP Report**

No report.



**CPAB Report**  
No report.

## VIII. New Business

### Discussion about Outreach strategic plan

#### **Motion to Support SB 568, a Bill Prohibiting Food Vendors from Dispensing Prepared Food in Polystyrene Foam Food Containers (Waxman / GB061611-5)**

Andy Schrader spoke on behalf of the motion and answered technical questions from the Board.

- Michael moved to table based on Members' unfamiliarity with the Senate bill in question and to provide time to solicit opposing viewpoints; Gerald seconded.
- **Table vote: 6-Y, 8-N, 2-A. Motion to table failed.**
- Gerald calls the question; Kimber seconded.
- **Call the question vote: 16-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Motion proceeds to vote.**
- Kimber moved to approve the motion; Marj seconded.
- **Motion vote: 13-Y, 1-N, 2-A. Motion approved.**

#### **Motion to approve FY 2011-12 budget (Gomes / GB061611-9)**

Moved up in meeting order so that budget could be approved prior to Hami High beautification expenditure. Noted that the budget reduction means sacrifices and greater accountability by the committee chairs.

- Terry moved to approve the motion; Kimber seconded.
- **Motion vote: 16-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Motion approved.**

#### **Motion to approve up to \$500 for Hamilton High School beautification (Waxman / GB061611-6)**

- Kimber moved to approve the motion; Rachel seconded.
- **Motion vote: 13-Y, 1-N, 2-A. Motion approved.**

#### **Motion to fund an additional \$300 for Movies in the Park with CD-10 (Safinia / GB061611-7)**

- Bette moved to approve the motion; Robyn seconded.
- **Motion vote: 13-Y, 2-N, 1-A. Motion approved.**

#### **Motion to request LAX Master Plan changes (Gomes / GB061611-8)**

Represents significant changes from proposed WRAC motion

- Gerald moved to approve the motion; Bette seconded.
- **Motion vote: 12-Y, 0-N, 4-A. Motion approved.**

## IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:12pm.



## Vote Tally

1: moved | 2: seconded | Y: yes | N: no | A: abstain | R: recuse | X: missed vote

Votes	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rachel Lester	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	2A	A	Y
Kimber Smith	Y	Y	Y	2Y	1Y	Y	Y	Y		2Y	Y	2Y	1Y	Y	Y
Harold Bock															
Robyn Braun	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	2Y	Y
Bette Billet	2Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael Lynn	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1Y	1	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nick Burkhart															
Joe Gjonola															
Paula Waxman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Zone 10															
Ben Bellet															
Nahed Guirguis															
Terry Gomes	1Y	Y	2Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	A	1Y	Y	Y	Y
Brian Kite	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Barry Levine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2Y
Troy Richardson		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Marj Safinia	Y	2Y	Y	1Y	2Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Sam Jagger					Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Martin Epstein	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Sue Burden															
Victor Mitry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Gerald Chavarria	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	1A	2Y	2	1Y	A	Y	A	Y	1Y
Doug Fitzsimmons	Y	1Y	1Y	Y	Y	1Y	2Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
School 1															
Erick Morales															

### Votes taken

1. Open seat: Troy Richardson
2. Motion to suspend rules
3. Open seat: Gerald Chavarria
4. Open seat: Sam Jagger
5. Committee memberships
6. Absence requests
7. Draft meeting minutes
8. Monthly expenses
9. Table: Styrofoam ban (roll call not taken)
10. Call quest: Styrofoam ban
11. Styrofoam ban
12. FY 2011-12 budget
13. Hami beautification
14. Movies in Park
15. LAX master plan



# Board Committee Membership

As of 16 June 2011

Board members must attend at least 7 committee meetings within a 12 month period.

Note that Bylaws, Econ Revitalization, and Board Development meet infrequently. Those three ad hoc committees may only have 6 voting members.

Committee	Edu- cation	Green Team	Land Use	Out- reach	Public Safety	Bylaws	Econ Revital	Board Dev	Parks & Rec
Rachel Lester									
Kimber Smith									
Harold Bock									
Robyn Braun									
Bette Billet									
Michael Lynn									
Nick Burkhart									
Joe Gjonola									
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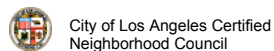
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**Public Safety** 7:00pm  
**Land Use** 6:30pm  
**Education** 7:00pm  
**Green Team** 7:00pm  
**Outreach** 7:00pm

First Monday of the month  
First Tuesday of the month  
Second Tuesday of the month  
Second Wednesday of the month  
Last Monday of the month



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**Guests:** David Giron

## II. General Public Comment

None.

## III. New Business

**Motion to create a Parks and Recreation ad hoc committee with the official SORO NC Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) reps as co-chairs (Executive / SB061611-1)**

- Brian moved to approve the motion; Bette seconded.
- **Motion vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 1-A. Motion approved.**

**Nomination of two official SORO NC reps to the Robertson Recreation Center project LVNOC (Executive / SB061611-2)**

Six Board members expressed interest: Martin Epstein, Doug Fitzsimmons, Terrence Gomes, Sam Jagger, Brian Kite, and Victor Mitry. David Giron suggested that since the final decision on LVNOC appointments rested with Council member Koretz, all interested Board members send a written application to the Council office. The six members agreed to forgo the Board vote.

- **Nomination process withdrawn.**

## IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

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Robyn Braun	Y														
Bette Billet	2Y														
Michael Lynn	Y														
Nick Burkhart															
Joe Gjonola															
Paula Waxman	Y														
Zone 10															
Ben Bellet															
Nahed Guirguis															
Terry Gomes	Y														
Brian Kite	1Y														
Barry Levine	Y														
Troy Richardson	Y														
Marj Safinia	Y														
Sam Jagger	Y														
Martin Epstein	Y														
Sue Burden															
Victor Mitry	Y														
Gerald Chavarria	Y														
Doug Fitzsimmons	Y														
School 1															
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### Votes taken

1. Create Parks ad hoc committee