

SORO NC Officer Candidate Statements

20 December 2012

Doug Fitzsimmons

Candidate for President

I've been privileged to act as SORO NC's President for the past four years. In that time, I've helped build the Board into one of the City's most successful and effective Councils.

During my tenure, we've stabilized the makeup of the Board, expanded our borders to enfranchise more people, strengthened our ties to the Neighborhood Associations and local organizations, built a NC-leading website and communications platform, fought for City resources, created innovative programs to promote our community and build identity within it, and helped give voice to our constituents within City Hall.

And if re-elected, it is my mission to make being a part of SORO NC a rewarding, inclusive and engaging experience

Erick Morales

Candidate for Vice President

Erick Morales has been a school representative to the South Robertson NC since 2010. He is currently a student at Hamilton High's Humanities Magnet. He worked to involve Hamilton High in many aspects of the community, such as the annual SORO Festival and the Tree Planting on Robertson Blvd earlier this year. He is seeking election to the Vice-Presidency in order to continue to forge and preserve bonds between SORO NC and its community and governmental institutions.



Motion to consider support for a proposed cellular substation at 1830 S. Robertson

Agenda Item: GB122012-19
Date: 20 December 2012
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Full Proposal

Metro PCS proposes to install an unmanned cell substation on the roof of 1830 S. Robertson (a commercial building). The equipment will consist of 6 panel antennas and 3 dishes. The equipment would be screened by 6' boxes, painted to match the building and resemble chimneys. The boxes would be visible from the street and surrounding properties.

The project would also remove one parking spot from the rear of the building to make room for an equipment cabinet. The remaining three spots would be slightly more narrow.

The Land Use committee has not taken an official position on the project.

Proposed Motion

To support/not support the proposed cellular substation at 1830 S. Robertson Blvd.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 0 Against:
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

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Motion for \$3000 to Purchase Emergency Equipment and Supplies

Agenda Item: GB122012-20

Date: December 20, 2012

Proposed By: Michael Lynn

Full Proposal

In 2011, the SORO NC General Board approved the Public Safety Committee's "Neighborhood Team Program" (NTP), as part of an overall SORO Emergency Preparedness Plan.

In a major emergency or disaster, Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs) would need various equipment and supplies to rescue and/or provide care for trapped or severely injured individuals within SORO. The following equipment and supplies provides the very minimal amount needed for training and use by existing NETs.

275 Emergency Meal Rations- 25 year shelf life
4 50-Person Trauma Kits (or equivalent)
4 Backboards
4 Stretchers
2 Tarps and cord
Crank-powered lights
Gloves, Duct Tape, Pry Bars, Blankets, Markers, Misc.

All listed equipment and supplies would be stored at the SORO NC storage space at the Robertson Recreation Center (and/or other designated locations,) to be accessed, maintained and deployed by individuals designated by, and at the direction of the SORO NC.

Proposed Motion

To approve up to \$3000 to purchase Emergency Meal Rations, Water Barrels, Backboards, Stretchers, Tarps w/ cord, Crank-powered Lighting, Gloves, Duct Tape, Pry Bars, Blankets, Markers and other miscellaneous items; in support of CERT graduates in training community members, to be stored in the SORO NC storage unit, located at the Robertson Recreation Center.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$ 3750.00
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Emergency teams need to train with the proper equipment for rescue and triage.

Arguments against:

If there is no disaster, equipment and supplies never gets used.



Motion to allocate up to \$400 to fund 2012 NC vote-by-mail

Agenda Item: GB122012-21
Date: 20 December 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

In June of this year, the Board voted to participate in a pilot vote-by-mail (VBM) program for their 2012 election. The cost was \$500.

This option (and the additional expense) was not considered in April when the Board set aside \$3,200 for election outreach. When VBM is factored in, final election expenses total \$3,582.96, or \$382.96 more than originally allocated. This motion would fund the difference.

- 90 people registered to vote via VBM
- 37 actual VBM ballots were received
- 12.5% of our ballots were VBM

Overall, 29 more ballots were cast in the 2012 election vs. 2010 (an 11% increase). If you subtract the VBM ballots, our turnout would have been down (potentially).

Proposed Motion

- I. To allocate an additional amount up to \$400 to fund vote-by-mail for the 2012 South Robertson Neighborhood Council elections.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$0
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Tidies up the accounting.

It is a financial obligation the NC previously voted to assume.

Arguments against:

The money should have been allocated in June.

VBM expenses were not included in the FY 2012-13 budget.

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Motion to support Grayce Liu's appointment as General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Agenda Item: GB122012-22
Date: 20 December 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

As the right hand of former DONE General Manager BongHwan Kim, Grayce Liu was extremely effective in both listening to NCs about their needs and in creating and articulating common-sense policies. Although she sometimes differed with SORO NC on policy issues, her thoughtfulness and openness always earned respect.

After the departure of BH Kim, as Interim General Manager Grayce did a remarkable job organizing elections for close to 100 Neighborhood Councils under severe budget constraints and political crossfire. While the effort was logistically and fiscally challenging, perhaps the most notable part was her simple determination to make it happen. The easy path was to defer to another year; she chose the difficult path of doing the right thing.

Grayce has now been appointed by the Mayor as permanent General Manager. The appointment must be approved by the City Council. This motion seeks to add our voice to those calling for her speedy approval.

Proposed Motion

- I. To authorize a community impact statement and public comments wholeheartedly supporting the appointment of Grayce Liu as General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: n/a	Against: n/a
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$0
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Arguments for:

Grayce has done a fantastic job.

A quick confirmation will give her the mandate she needs to continue to address DONE's ongoing issues.

Arguments against:

She hasn't always agreed with SORO.

The next mayor may want to appoint a different General Manager.

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