



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 19, 2013, 7:00pm

Simon Wiesenthal Center, 3rd Floor

1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035 (Pico and Roxbury)

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## I. Call to Order & Roll Call

SORO Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**Board Members Present (18):** Kevin Gres, Kimber Smith, Beth Ryan, Robyn Braun, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Ellen Lanet, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, Daniel Boethin, Susan Burden, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Doug Fitzsimmons and Grant Cohen.

**Board Members Absent (7):** Nahed Guirguis, David Mattis, Brian Kite, Barry Levine, Hector Garza, Jessica Kurzban and Sarah Sabin.

## II. General Public Comment – no public in attendance

## III. Community Reports

### a. Office of Assemblymember Bloom (Cohen)

- Assemblymember Bloom is preparing his legislative packet including bills on early childhood education, tax credits, homelessness as well as pushing the bills that were approved for 2-years including the AB981 redevelopment bill as well as the smoking ban bill.
- Assemblymember Bloom was recently added to the transportation policy committee in addition to being the chair of the budget subcommittee.
- Doug asked Stephanie what Assemblymember Bloom's position was regarding medical marijuana dispensaries. Stephanie indicated that he is not willing to regulate to the cities regarding this issue. It was suggested that Doug send the Assemblymember a letter breaking down the issue and concerns of the community requesting support and a meeting.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

- ### a. Draft board retreat minutes for November 21, 2013 (Ryan/GB121913-2)
- Amended minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (14 board members voted)

## V. Committee Reports

### a. Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absence requests (GB112113-3)

- No changes were requested

### b. President's report

- Doug Fitzsimmons referred to the murder of the 7-year old in SORO. He encouraged everyone to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Westside Caregivers – a medical marijuana dispensary discussed in detail at the Town Hall – had a complaint filed against them. The arraignment was postponed.
- JMB Project – Doug has been attending meetings with the developer. Planning Commission will meet in early February as the first step in getting the project approved.

**Doug Fitzsimmons**  
President

**Brian Kite**  
Vice-President

**Terrence Gomes**  
Treasurer

**Beth Ryan**  
Secretary

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- c. Treasurer's report and approval of monthly expenses (Gomes/GB121913-4)
  - Terrence Gomes explained that in addition to the monthly expenditures including storage, telephone, food etc that there was also a cost for security for the most recent Town Hall. Terry and Mike Lynn have been to City Hall to discuss the new checking account procedures starting in January. The limit for the debit card will be \$2500 and the ATM will not have a pin number.
    - a. Terrence Gomes moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
    - b. Vote Count was: (13 YES/0 NO/1 Abstain)
    - c. Motion was approved by the board.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Motion to urge that the City Council require net neutrality in its City-wide Broadband RFP (Fitzsimmons / GB112113-9)
  - The SORO board voted on this motion at November's meeting.
- b. Motion to support parking at Expo stops (Fitzsimmons / GB112113-11)

MOTION: The South Robertson Neighborhood Council requests that the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles investigate and pursue incentives to develop devoted Expo Line rider parking as part of a redevelopment plan for the shopping center at 9860 National Blvd. (currently anchored by Vons) in a manner that would preserve the character and services in this development.

SORO NC further requests that the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles investigate and pursue incentives to develop a vibrant pedestrian corridor connecting Palms Station with the Motor Avenue and National Blvd. intersection in Palms.

- a. Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Kimber Smith.
- b. Motion was approved by general consensus. (15 board members voting)
- c. Motion to support LAX/Metro connection (Liberman / GB112113-12)

MOTION: Resolved, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports a Metro rail station on the Crenshaw Line (that could also serve as an additional station for the Green Line) at the Intermodal Transit Facility (ITF) proposed for LAX.

Resolved further, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, asks that when the Metro rail station is being built the Contractor be asked to hire a minimum of twenty-five (25) residents of Soro to work on the construction.

Soro NC will partner with educational, Union and Construction Companies to train and equip these people. This will be done without expending NC funds.

- Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Ellen Lanet.
- Vote Count was: (11 YES/5 NO/2 Abstain)
- Motion was approved by the board.

**VII. New Business (20 minutes)**

- a. Motion to recognize School Board Member Marguerite LaMotte's service to the community (Liberman / GB121913-5)

AMENDMENT:



V. The Board of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council further wishes to recommend to the LAUSD Board of Education that they appropriately memorialize Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte by naming or renaming an educational institution or fund in her honor to remember the extraordinary work she carried out in this field.

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Beth Ryan.
- Motion was approved by general consensus. (18 board members voting)

**MOTION:**

- I. Whereas Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte has served Los Angeles as an Educator since 1973; and
- II. Whereas, she has represented this community as Board Member for District 1 since 2003; and
- III. Whereas, she has worked tirelessly to improve all public schools within the Soro boundaries, and
- IV. In recognition of her devotion to her family, her community; her church and to our children; the Board of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council wishes to recognize her life of service and achievement.
- V. V. The Board of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council further wishes to recommend to the LAUSD Board of Education that they appropriately memorialize Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte by naming or renaming an educational institution or fund in her honor to remember the extraordinary work she carried out in this field.
- VI. Finally, the Soro Board authorizes the President of the Neighborhood Council extend our condolences to the family of Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte.
  - Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Grant Cohen.
  - Motion was approved by general consensus. (18 board members voting).

**VIII. Adjournment**

The SORO NC Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.



## Current Committee Membership

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

Note that Bylaws, Robertson Revitalization, Board Development, and Parks & Recreation ad hoc committees may have no more than 6 voting members.

Committee	Education	Green Team	Land Use	Outreach	Public Safety	Trans- portation	Finance	Exec	Bylaws	Robertson Revital	Board Dev	NPG	Parks & Rec
Kevin Gres	Co												
Kimber Smith				Co									
Beth Ryan											Ch		
Robyn Braun													
Bette Billet													
Michael Lynn					Co								
Jon Liberman						Co							
Ellen Lanet						Co							
Paula Waxman		Ch											
Michael Bloom					Co								
Daniel Boethin													
Nahed Guirguis													
David Mattis													
Brian Kite									Ch				Co
Barry Levine	Co												
Susan Burden													
Marj Safinia				Co						Ch			
Terrence Gomes			Co				Ch					Ch	
Martin Epstein													
Hector Garza													
Victor Mitry			Co										
Jessica Kurzban													
Doug Fitzsimmons								Ch					Co
Grant Cohen													
Sarah Sabin													



## Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting Date: November 21, 2013

Votes taken	01	02	03	04	05	06
Kevin Gres	C	Y	C	N	C	C
Kimber Smith	C	Y	2C	Y	C	C
Beth Ryan	1C	Y	C	N	C	C
Robyn Braun	C	Y	C	Y	C	C
Bette Billet	C	Y	C	N	2C	C
Michael Lynn	C	Y	C	Y	C	C
Jon Liberman	C	2Y	C	1Y	C	1C
Ellen Lanet	C	A	C	2Y	C	C
Paula Waxman	X	X	C	N	X	X
Michoel Bloom	X	X	C	N	X	X
Daniel Boethin	X	X	C	Y	C	C
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X
David Mattis	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brian Kite	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barry Levine	X	X	X	X	X	X
Susan Burden	X	X	X	A	C	C
Marj Safinia	C	Y	C	Y	1C	C
Terrence Gomes	2C	1Y	C	Y	C	X
Martin Epstein	C	Y	C	Y	C	C
Hector Garza	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Mity	C	Y	C	A	C	C
Jessica Kurtzman	X	X	X	X	X	X
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	1C	Y	C	C
Grant Cohen	X	X	C	Y	C	2C
Sarah Sabin	X	X	X	X	X	X

### Votes taken

1. Draft minutes (GB121913-2)
2. Treasurer's Report and monthly expenses (GB121913-4)
3. Motion to support parking at Expo stops (GB112113-11)
4. Motion to support LAX/Metro connection (GB112113-12)
5. Amendment to recognize School Board Member Marguerite LaMotte's service to the community (GB121913-5)
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