



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2017, 7:00pm  
Simon Wiesenthal Center 3rd Floor  
1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035

## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

SORO NC Board President Doug Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:12.

**Board Members Present:** Charlie Stein, Alex Mosby, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Michael Bloom, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Krystal Návar, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Dan Fink

**Board Members Absent:** Steve Chocron, Giovanni Ferdinand, Bryan Warman, Tom Eliopoulos, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Sue Burden, Linda Theung, Yvette Edidin, Noa Zarur

**Guests:** SLO Mario Gonzalez, Joseph Galloway

## II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements III. Community Member Recognition

Board and City Council representatives congratulate LAPD Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez on his retirement after 34 years of service to the community.

## IV. Community Reports

**LAPD Report.** SLO Mario Gonzalez  
Brief discussion of neighborhood issues.

**Office of Councilmember Koretz.** Joseph Galloway  
Brief discussion of neighborhood issues.

## V. Consent Agenda

- a. Draft meeting minutes of 15 June 2017 (Hirsch / GB072017-1)
- b. Motion to approve changes to SORO street medallion design (Outreach / GB072017-2)
- c. Motion to call for transparency in the general plan process (Land Use / GB072017-3)
- d. Motion to request reserved NC seating at City meetings (WRAC / GB072017-4)
- e. Motion to oppose SB 649 restricting City regulation of cell towers (WRAC / GB072017-5)

- Jon moved to accept all items on the consent agenda; Marj seconded.
- **All items on the Consent Agenda accepted by general consent**

## VI. Committee Reports

**Confirmation of Board committee membership** (GB072017-6)

- **No changes**

### President's Report.

Robertson Rec Center closing in September, requiring changes in committee meeting locations and dates. Tentatively moving to the Robertson Library:

**Doug Fitzsimmons**  
President

**Ken Blaker**  
Vice-President

**Jon Liberman**  
Treasurer

**Beth Hirsch**  
Secretary

**Martin Epstein**  
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- Public Safety (first Mondays, 7pm)
- Parks (first Tuesdays—conflicts with Land Use, 6:30pm)
- Exec (second Tuesdays, 6:30pm)
- Transportation (fourth Tuesdays, 7pm)
- Outreach (last Mondays, 7pm)

Will be confirmed as soon as possible; Exec and Parks may change and Green Team still needs a location.

#### **Treasurer Report.**

Moving to Union Bank. City Clerk will now administer funding program. No monthly expense report as a result of these changes.

#### **Other Reports.**

Update on Great Streets outreach efforts. Reminder that the NC is co-sponsoring Reynier Park outreach event with Reynier Village NA on Sunday, July 30.

## **VII. New Business**

#### **Motion to suggest changes to proposed City cannabis regulations (Land Use / GB072017-8)**

Doug presented motion and overview of the proposed regulations. Board questions about delivery hours and distance offsets

- Jon moved to approve the motion; Barry seconded.
- **Motion vote: 12-Y, 0-N, 2-A. Motion approved.**

#### **Motion to conditionally support draft Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance (Land Use / GB072017-9)**

Krystal presents. Barry: why omission of hillside areas? (Substandard street widths, etc.) Adam: can HOAs over-ride? (No.) Also applies to new builds? (Yes.) Will the ADUs get mailing addresses? (Not sure.) Can you rent out ADUs? (Yes.) Will this change requirement for parking spaces? (They don't need to be covered, can be tandem.) Added to allowed Floor to Area Ratio? (Not more than already allowed.) Board debate: how will ADUs be priced? How will it affect market? Mike: will the Hillside exemption in our CIS affect anything in SORO? (Don't know.)

- Jon moved to approve the motion; Mike seconded.
- **Motion vote: 14-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Motion approved.**

*Martin joins the meeting*

#### **Motion to change NC agenda posting requirements (Exec / GB072017-10)**

Doug presents. Would be pending DONE re-opening bylaws submission window. Dan: concerns about reducing requirements. Doug: we post about 100 agendas/year. Dan: would be open to posting at the Relational Center. Marj: concerned about potential for grievance based on factors outside our control with current requirements.

- Marj moved to approve the motion; Jon seconded.
- **Vote: 14-Y, 1-N, 0-A. Motion approved.**

#### **Motion to approve up to \$1000 for a new printer and toner (Exec / GB072017-11)**

Martin recuses. Doug presents. Alex asks how "used" the "used" version would be. Consensus during discussion is buying new is better idea.

- Marj moved to approve the motion; Mike seconded.
- **Vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 1-A, 1-R. Motion approved.**

#### **Motion to approve up to \$2200 for NC social media advertising (Outreach / GB072017-12)**

Marj presents.



- Charlie moved to approve the motion; Barry seconded.
- Adam moved to amend the motion; Marj seconded.
  - “...for ~~social media~~ *online and advertising*...”
- Amendment passed by consent
- **Vote on amended motion: 14-Y, 0-N, 1-A. Motion approved.**

**Motion to approve up to \$900 for NC business cards (Exec / GB072017-13)**

Doug presents.

- Jon moved to approve the motion; Mike seconded.
- **Vote: 14-Y, 0-N, 1-A. Motion approved.**

**Motion to fund up to \$1000 for a Town Hall for Kosher-observant community supply chain and mass feeding resilience in a disaster (Public Safety / GB072017-14)**

Michoel presents. Questions about budget (Max. amount; won't fly anyone in). Can this address all people with special dietary needs? (Yes, if amended) Victor: will this deal with developing self-sufficiency in the community? (Yes, as a component).

- Ken moved to approve the motion; Adam seconded.
- Doug moved to amend the motion, Mike seconded
  - “town hall for ~~Kosher-observant~~ community supply chain...in a disaster, *particularly for the Kosher-observant and other constituencies with special dietary needs.*”
- Amendment passed by consent
- **Vote on amended motion: 13-Y, 0-N, 2-A. Motion approved.**

**Funding of up to \$1900 for SORO NC to Sponsor CPR/AED/First Aid Classes (Public Safety / GB072017-15)**

Mike presents.

- Doug moved to approve the motion; Jon seconded.
- **Vote: 14-Y, 0-N, 1-A. Motion approved.**

**Funding of up to \$3500 for the SORO NC Storage Container Relocation (Public Safety / GB072017-16)**

Mike presents. Concerns that there is no new location identified.

- Michoel moved to approve the motion; Adam seconded.
- Charlie moves to table; Doug seconded.
- **Vote to table approved by consent. Motion tabled until August.**

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.



## Vote Tally

1: moved | 2: seconded | Y: yes | N: no | A: abstain | R: recuse | X: missed vote  
IE: ineligible to vote | C: passed by general consent

Votes Taken	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Charlie Stein	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	1Y	Y	Y	Y	1C					
Alex Mosby	C	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	C					
Steve Chocron	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Giovanni Ferdinand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Bryan Warman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Michael Lynn	C	A	2Y	Y	2Y	Y	2Y	Y	Y	C					
Jon Liberman	1C	1Y	1Y	2Y	Y	Y	1Y	Y	2Y	C					
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1Y	C					
Adam Rich	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2Y	Y	2C					
Michael Bloom	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C					
Ken Blaker	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1Y	Y	C					
Nahed Guirguis	C	Y	Y	Y	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	C					
Krystal Návar	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C					
Tom Eliopoulos	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Gary Kasbarian	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Beth Hirsch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Barry Levine	C	2Y	Y	Y	Y	2Y	Y	Y	Y	C					
Marj Safinia	2C	Y	Y	1Y	1Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C					
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	Y	R	IE	IE	IE	IE	C					
Victor Mitry	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C					
Dan Fink	C	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C					
Linda Theung	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Yvette Edidin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Noa Zarur	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					

### Votes taken

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