General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:00pm
Simon Wiesenthal Center, 3rd Floor
1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035 (northwest corner of Pico)

I. Call to Order & Roll Call: SORO NC Board President Krystal Návar called the meeting to order at 7:23pm.

**Board Members Present:** Ken Blaker, Martin Epstein, Doug Fitzsimmons, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman, Alex Mosby, Krystal Návar, Thomas Eliopoulos, Linda Theung, Mari Safinia, Michael Lynn, Sarah Nachimson, Gary Kasbarian, Dan Fink, Victor Mitry

**Board Members Absent:** Steve Chocron, Giovanni Ferdinand, Jason Alex, Susan Burden, Nahed Guirguis, Beth Hirsch, Richard Komaiko, Adam Rich, Charlie Stein

II. General Public Comment & Brief Board Announcements (6 minutes)

III. Community Reports (15 minutes – 4 minutes each)
   a. LA Police Department (Kirk & Baker)
   b. Office of Council President Wesson (Carlin)
   c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Garcia)
   d. Other Neighborhood, City, and State offices

IV. Guest Presentation and Board Discussion (15 minutes)
   i. Lower Ballona Creek Planning and Feasibility Study presented by California Greenworks – **Did not happen.**

V. Consent Agenda (5 minutes)
   a. Draft meeting minutes of March 28, 2019 (Stein / GB041819-1)
      Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Martin Epstein
      Passed by consent.

VI. Committee Reports (15 minutes)
   a. Changes to Board committee membership
   b. President’s report
   c. Treasurer’s report and monthly expenses (Liberman / GB041819-2)
      **Vote: 12-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**
   d. Committee and liaison reports, events, and legislative issues

VII. Unfinished Business (5 minutes)
   a. Draft meeting minutes of January 17, 2019 (Epstein / GB041819-3)
      Removed by consent agenda by Doug Fitzsimmons

   Martin Epstein requested to revote for the School Representative Seat
   **Vote: Sarah Nachimson winner - 8 ("ballots in binder")**

VIII. New Business (60 minutes)
   a. Motion to fund up to $2,000 for SORO NC to Sponsor CPR/AED/First Aid Classes (Public Safety / GB041819-4)
      **Vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Motion Passes.**

   b. Motion to fund up to $1,000 to Purchase SORO NC / LAPD “Lock It-Hide It-Keep It” Reusable Bags (Public Safety/ GB041819-5)
      **Vote: 7-Y, 5-N, 0-A. Motion Passes.**

   c. Motion to fund up to $1,100 for an Apple iPad Pro (Epstein / GB041819-6) **Motion Withdrawn.**
d. Motion to fund up to $500 for a cell WiFi Hotspot and 10GB Usage Credit
   (Epstein / GB041819-7) **Motion Withdrawn**

e. Motion to fund up to $1,500 for SORO NC Branded Gear for Board Members (Exec / GB041819-8)
   **Vote: 6-Y, 4-N, 2-A. Motion Fails.**

f. Motion to fund up to $1,000 for SORO NC Branded Reusable Tote Bags (Exec / GB041819-9)
   **Vote: 7-Y, 5-N, 0-A. Motion Passes.**

I. Adjournment

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Note: Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on matters brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue may become the subject of a future meeting. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the Chair. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Board vote and without Board discussion. Board members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

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Vote Tally
IE: ineligible to vote | C: passed by general consent
Votes taken

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6. Applications of Ruchama Benhamou, Aviva Schlanger, Sarah Nachimson, and Eliana Sisman for vacant Student Representative seat / one-year appointment (GB011719-3)

Election of Board officer candidates / term through June 2019
* Sarah Nachimson -- Ballots added to SORONC Meeting Binder
Motion to support proposed 43-unit TOC project at 1118-1128 S Corning St

Agenda Item: GB062019-5
Date: June 20, 2019
Proposed By: LUED Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The project team presented this proposed 43-unit apartment building to the Land Use and Economic Development (LUED) committee at their June 04, 2019 meeting. The applicant’s entitlement request is for a Tier 3 TOC (Transit Oriented Communities) apartment building. 5 units will be set aside as affordable units. The remaining 38 units will be market rate units. The additional incentives requested include increased height and reduced open space.

(The TOC program, a result of Measure JJJ passed by voters in 2016, encourages developers to build more affordable housing and to locate said housing near transit.)

The subject property, located at 1118-1128 S Corning St, on the east side of Corning St, south of Whitworth Dr and north of Pico Blvd. That block of Corning is comprised mostly of 2- to 4-story apartment buildings. The properties to the rear front La Cienega and are zoned C2-1-O.

The project site encompassed three contiguous properties totaling 19,749 square feet and zoned [Q]R3-1-O. The proposed building is 6 stories and 60,506 square feet. The project consists of (3) 2-bedroom, (27) 3-bedroom, and (13) 4-bedroom units. Only 22 parking stalls are required; however, 77 parking stalls are located both at grade and in a subterranean garage.

The applicant noticed residents within 500 feet of the property for the LUED meeting. There were no neighbors – in support or opposition – in attendance at the meeting.

Proposed Motion

Submit a letter in support of the application to City Planning Department staff James Howe (james.howe@lacity.org) to be included in case file for the TOC apartment building at 1118-1128 S Corning St; DIR-2019-855-TOC.

Considerations

Committee review: (highly recommended) Votes For: 5 Against: 0

Arguments for:
The project utilizes the TOC Guidelines to add 5 affordable units, as well as 38 market rate units, to the housing stock. 43 proposed units – 11 existing units = 32 additional units

Arguments against:
Two small apartment buildings and one duplex will be demolished.
The project is located just northwest of the intersection of Pico and La Cienega, an appropriate location for a TOC project.

The building will be a couple of stories taller than neighboring buildings.
James Howe  
Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  

21 June 2019  

Re: Case Number DIR-2019-855-TOC  

Dear Mr. Howe:  

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (“SORO NC”) to comment on the proposed 43-unit TOC apartment building at 1118-1128 S Corning St.  

At a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on June 20, 2019, SORO NC voted 00 yes / 00 no / 00 abstain to recommend that the applicant’s project be approved. The addition of 43 units, 5 of which are designated affordable units, to a transit- and culturally-rich area of Los Angeles is much needed.  

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this comment letter.  

Sincerely,  

Krystal Návar  
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council  

Cc: Aviv Kleinman, Office of Council Member Paul Koretz
Motion to approve fiscal year 2019-20 budget

Agenda Item: GB062019-6
Date: June 20, 2019
Proposed By: Finance Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The Finance Committee met on June 6, 2019 to develop a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the General Board’s consideration at the June 2019 General Board Meeting. This budget assumes $42,000 new funding for the fiscal year, $10,000 roll-over of funds from fiscal year 2018-2019 and no election funds in the coming fiscal year. Additionally, the $1000 NPG for Movies in the Park is shown as $0- because it was funded with money from the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Note that this budget is presented now because it must be approved by the board and submitted to the City Clerk prior to July 1st in order for the neighborhood council to have access to all of its funds in July. That is why this budget is preliminary – it can be changed in subsequent months if the board wishes to reallocate funds.

Proposed Motion


Considerations

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Amount previously allocated in Committee’s working budget: n/a

Arguments for: Arguments against:

1. This budget was derived with the input of the various Chairs and with the approval of the Executive Committee.
2. The budget reflects the values of the NC based on prior years expenditures.
1. none
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Approved on:

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| EVE         | Town Hall                             | 750   |
| ADV         | Social Media                          | 2000  |
| ADV         | Website                               | 5000  |
| ADV         | JotForm                               | 450   |
| MIS         | General Outreach                      | 2000  |
| EVE         | Speaker Series                        | 3000  |
| EVE         | CPR Training                          | 4000  |
| MIS         | Peace Picnic                          | 500   |
| MIS         | Homeless Count Refreshments           | 200   |
|             | **Sub Total**                         | **17900** |

| CIP         | Community Improvements                | 4000  |
| CIP         | Hami Garden                           | 500   |
| CIP         | Car Seat Event                        | 300   |
| CIP         | Safety Expo                           | 400   |
| CIP         | NC Support - Congress/Bud. Adv.       | 1500  |
|             | **Sub Total**                         | **6700** |

| NPG         | Fresh Fruit on Friday                 | 2000  |
| NPG         | Sorofest 2020                          | 7500  |
| NPG         | Movies in the Park                    | 0     |
|             | Computer Lab Shenandoah ES NPG        | 4500  |
|             | **Sub Total**                         | **14000** |

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Motion to fund up to $200 for Board Training Session

Agenda Item: GB062019-7
Date: June 20, 2019
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda?

Background
This Neighborhood Council has an election every 2 years. As part of this process, the newly elected board members need to participate in board training.

The potential dates/times of the retreat are TBD.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC will fund up to $200 for the SORO NC Board Training Session. This amount includes light food and drinks with Kosher options and all applicable taxes.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 4 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:
This is an opportunity for new board members to learn what goes into being an effective board member.

It is also a chance for new board members to get to know one another.

Arguments against:
New board members could learn on their own dime.

Food is not a necessary component of learning.
Motion to fund up to $700 for SORO NC business cards

Agenda Item: GB062019-8
Date: June 20, 2019
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background
LA City business cards help identify us as official City representatives. In this proposal, all new board members who have joined the Board since the last round of business cards were ordered would receive a set of 200. Each set costs approximately $35.00; therefore, this proposal would fund up to 20 sets of cards. The card design is unchanged since the last order was placed. While we may be able to find less-expensive alternatives, cards printed by the City’s General Services Department have the advantage of an engraved and embossed City seal and union label; this is clearly an official City of LA card.

Proposed Motion
To approve up to $700 for the printing of business cards for new SORO NC Board members and for existing members with new titles.

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Arguments for:
Helps board members identify themselves to the community and reinforces that the NC is an official City entity.

Arguments against:
Some members rarely use their business cards.
Motion to fund up to $1000 for an NC Board Retreat

Agenda Item: GB062019-9
Date: June 20, 2019
 Proposed By: Executive Committee
 Include motion in Consent Agenda?

Background
It is beneficial for the entire Board to periodically take time to discuss priorities, further build interpersonal relationships, and brainstorm ideas.

The potential dates/times of the retreat are TBD.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC will fund up to $1000 for the SORO NC Board Retreat. This amount includes the location rental/setup fee, food with Kosher option, and all applicable taxes.

Considerations

Committee review: (highly recommended) 
Votes For: 4 Against: 0

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

Arguments for: Arguments against:
Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of a 100% clean, renewable energy transition for LA by 2030

Agenda Item: GB062019-10
Date: June 20, 2019
Proposed By: Green Team
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has found that rapid warming caused by climate change will cause increased droughts, wildfires, food shortages, and other ecological and humanitarian disasters far earlier than previously expected.

The same study found that a global reduction of carbon emissions of 40 to 60 percent from 2010 levels by 2030 is necessary in order to limit a rise in global temperatures above 1.5 degrees Celsius, and avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

Los Angeles’ leading contribution to carbon emissions is the electricity sector representing 73% of total carbon dioxide emissions in 2017 among the waste and transportation sectors.

Proposed Motion

Submit a Community Impact Statement in support of City Council Motion #16-0243 and to call on the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles City Council, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to study a 100% real, clean energy by 2030 scenario that excludes methane, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy, and unbundled renewable energy credits.

Considerations

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

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

Arguments for:   Arguments against:
Community Impact Statement

June 20th 2019
Los Angeles City Council Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Los Angeles, CA

RE: Community Impact Statement SUPPORT Council File #16-0243 and to call on the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles City Council, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to study a 100% real, clean energy by 2030 scenario that excludes methane, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy, and unbundled renewable energy credits.

Members of the Los Angeles City Council, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council joins, to date, 12 other neighborhood councils in support of a 100% clean, renewable energy transition for LA by 2030.

Whereas the leadership of the country’s largest public utility, LADWP, in transitioning Los Angeles to 100% clean renewable energy would set a powerful example for cities around the world.

Sincerely,

Martin Epstein
Secretary, The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Motion 16-0243
Committees: Food and Water Launch

Community Impact Statement in support of a 100% clean, renewable energy transition for LA by 2030

Whereas the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has found that rapid warming caused by climate change will cause increased droughts, wildfires, food shortages, and other ecological and humanitarian disasters far earlier than previously expected;

Whereas the same study found that a global reduction of carbon emissions of 40 to 60 percent from 2010 levels by 2030 is necessary in order to limit a rise in global temperatures above 1.5 degrees Celsius, and avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change;

Whereas Los Angeles’ leading contribution to carbon emissions is the electricity sector representing 73% of total carbon dioxide emissions in 2017 among the waste and transportation sectors;

Whereas in February 2019, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) would not repower three coastal natural-gas power plants, and would instead invest in the development of renewable energy alternatives for the city

Whereas in 2017, the City of Los Angeles initiated a 100% Renewable Energy Study with the aim of determining a viable pathway for the city to achieve complete renewable energy integration. However, the city’s 100% Renewable Energy Study does not currently include any proposals for achieving 100% clean renewable energy by 2030 and allows for the continued combustion of biomass and biogas, as well as the continued operation of L.A.’s four gas power plants;
Whereas the pollution created by biomass and biogas burning facilities would perpetuate the release of greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere, while prolonging LADWP’s dependency on fossil fuel infrastructure;

Whereas the presence of such facilities threatens the health and safety of their surrounding communities, through the release of particulate matter, airborne chemicals, and other volatile organic compounds; along with the risk of toxic chemical spills, methane leaks, and water contamination;

Whereas a 2018 study by Synapse Energy Economics has shown that viable pathways exist for LADWP to transition to a fully decarbonized electric sector by 2030 through investment in energy efficiency, increased storage, and smart management of the energy grid, without the need for biogas, biofuels, nuclear generation, or unbundled renewable energy credits;

Whereas the Synapse Energy study has shown that such a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030 could be achieved while maintaining power reliability, while costing LADWP less than if they continue to rely on pollution-emitting and dangerous fuels like biogas, biomass, methane and nuclear energy;

Whereas a transition to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030 will create good, green jobs in Los Angeles, as Los Angeles already leads the country in total clean energy jobs. Any transition towards a renewable energy system should be a fair and just transition for workers including retraining, retaining pensions, wages and safety standards;

Whereas as the country’s largest public utility, LADWP’s leadership in transitioning Los Angeles to 100% clean renewable energy would set a powerful example for cities around the world;

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council resolves to call on the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to study a 100% real, clean energy by 2030 scenario that excludes methane, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy, and unbundled renewable energy credits.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council resolves to submit a Community Impact Statement to Council File 16-0243 and to communicate support to our City Council member and LADWP expressing support for this position.