



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 7:00pm

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I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. SORONC Board President Charlie Stein called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Meeting held via Zoom
- b. Board Members Present: Ken Blaker, Olga Lexell, Krystal Navar, Barry Levine, Jonathan Tessler, Terrence Gomes, Paula Peng, Charlie Stein, Richard Bloom, Jonathan Brand, Jared Weston, Bryan Warman, Michael Lynn, Jon (Martin) Liberman, Gloria Dioum, Dina Leeds, Armeen Neshat
- c. Board Members Absent: Gary Kasbarian, Sophia French, Shevy Dorfman, Susan Burden, David Reiman, Dan Fink, Robby Naoufal, Steve Chocron, Gideon Pardo

II. General Public Comment

III. Brief Board Announcements

IV. Community Reports

- a. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Garcia)
- b. Office of Mayor Garcetti (Fingard)
- c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames).
- d. City Clerk regarding elections (Joselin Alvarado)

V. Special Orders

- a. Election of new board member – Organization representative (Executive / GB012121-01); Charlie Stein – Abstained.
Michael Steuer; Yes - 4;
Armeen Neshat Yes -11;

VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Draft meeting minutes of December 9, 2020 (Dioum / GB012121-02)
Charlie Stein moved, and Terrance Gomes seconded.
Yes -16; No – 0; Abstentions - 0

VII. Committee Reports

- a. President's Report; need help with the website.
- b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Budget Advocate Report
 - ii. Motion to approve December 2020 MERS report (Liberman / GB012121-03)
Jared Weston moved, and Michael Lynn seconded.
Yes -16; No – 0; Abstentions - 0
- c. Changes to Board committee membership;
Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Gloria Dioum: Homeless
Armeen Nashat: Homeless, Transportation, Quality of Life and Land Use.
Dina Leeds: Homeless and Quality of Life.
- d. Committee and liaison reports, events, and legislative issues

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to Submit Community Impact Statement in Support of Council File 20-0289 re: Review of TOC Guidelines (GB111920-16);
Withdraw motion due to typo issues; to be reintroduced next month.
- b. Motion to submit request to Councilmember Wesson to create a Council File regarding conversion of 8686 Venice Blvd into supportive housing (GB111920-15)
Error; Resolved in December meeting.



IX. New Business

- a. Motion to revise and update the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget (Finance / GB012121-04)
- i. This budget will provide for the allocation of \$17,500 worth of Unallocated NPG's immediately. It will be funded by:
- removing previous NPG allocations to Sorofest and Movies in the Park that were not yet disbursed for \$11,200 and keeping those funds for NPG's.
 - removing all non disbursed Community Improvement Projects and converting those funds into Funds for NPG's. This totals \$4,700.
 - removing \$1,600 from Outreach for food at Board Meetings.
- Jon Liberman moved, and Terry Gomes seconded.
Initially Amended to \$12.5K NPG; \$10K election; Failed!
Yes -3; No -11; Abstentions - 0
Final vote: as previously written (\$17.5K)
Yes -12; No - 2; Abstentions - 0 (as written in original motion)

X. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Proposals

Due to budgetary constraints, each of the following Proposals will be given an opportunity to provide a pitch at the beginning of the discussion and public comment will be taken before the Board discusses allocation of the available funds.

- a. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$5,000 to fund the Home-y Made Meals program operated by Eayikes (GB012121-05) Barry Levine moved, and Jon Liberman seconded. **Amended to \$4000.** Yes -12; No - 0; Abstentions - 1; Olga recused.
- b. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$4,500 to fund Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles (GB012121-06) Amended to \$4000. Jon Liberman moved, and Barry seconded. Yes -13; No - 0; Abstentions - 0
- c. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$5,000 to fund Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action (GB012121-07); **Postpone to March** Jon Liberman moved, and Jared seconded. Yes -13; No - 0; Abstentions - 0
- d. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$5,000 to fund Los Angeles Regional Food Bank (GB012121-08); **Amended to \$2000** Charlie moved, and Olga seconded. Yes -13; No - 0; Abstentions - 0
- e. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$4,000 to fund Jewish Family Services (SOVA) (GB012121-09); **Amended to \$5000** Jon moved, and Richard seconded. Yes -13; No - 0; Abstentions - 0
- f. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$2,500 to fund Neighborhood Housing Services for LA County (GB012121-10) Krystal moved, and Jon L seconded. Yes -11; No - 2; Abstentions - 0



- g. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$5,000 to fund CicLAVia (GB012121-11); **Postpone until the executive team reschedules.**
Jon Liberman moved, and Terry seconded.
Yes - 9; No – 3; Abstentions – 1 (Armeen)

XI. Adjournment at 10:42pm



First	Last	Attendance	Motion											
			#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	
Gary	Kasbarian	n												
Sophia	French	n												
Ken	Blaker	y	A.N.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Olga	Lexell	y	A.N.	y	y	y	r	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Krystal	Navar	y	A.N.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Shevy	Dorfman	n												
Barry	Levine	y	A.N.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Jonathan	Tessler	y	A.N.	y	y	y	x	x						
Susan	Burden	n												
Terrence	Gomes	y	M.S	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	
David	Reiman	n												
Dan	Fink	n												
Paula	Peng	y	A.N.	y	y	x	x	x						
Charlie	Stein	y	abstain	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Richard	Bloom	y	A.N.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	
Jonathan	Brand	y	M.S	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	
Jared	Weston	y	A.N.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Bryan	Warman	y	A.N.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Michael	Lynn	y	M.S	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
Jon	Liberman	y	M.S	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Gloria	Dioum	y	A.N.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Dina	Leeds	y	A.N.	y	y	x	x	x						
Robby	Naoufal	n												
Steve	Chocron	n												
Gideon	Pardo	n												
Armeen	Neshat	y												

y	Yes	17	16	16	12	12	13	13	13	13	11	9	0
n	No	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
a	Abstain	0	0										
x	Missed Vote	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	26	16	16	16	16	16	13	13	13	13	12	0

Legend for Motions		
#1	GB12121-01	Election of new board member/Org Rep; Michael Steuer; Armeen Neshat
#2	GB12121-02	Draft meeting minutes of Dec 9th
#3	GB12121-03	Approval of Dec 2020 MERS report
#4	GB12121-04	Motion to revise and update FY2020-21 Budget
#5	GB12121-05	NPG/Home-Y made meals/Eayikes up to \$5K
#6	GB12121-06	NPG/Our Big Kitchen LA up to \$4.5K
#7	GB12121-07	NPG/Parents, Educators, Teachers & Students in Action; Upto \$5K
#8	GB12121-08	NPG/LA Regional Food Bank up to \$5K
#9	GB12121-09	NPG/Jewish Family Services up to \$5K
#10	GB12121-10	NPG/Neighborhood Housing Services for LA up to \$2.5K
#11	GB12121-11	NPG/CicLAvia up to \$5K
#12	GB111920-15	8686 Venice Blvd. Supportive Housing
#13	GB111920-16	CIA for Council File 20-0289

Legend for Vote Tally	
Y	Yes
N	No
A	Abstain
R	Recuse
X	Missed Vote
IE	Ineligible to Vote
C	Passed by General Consent
1	Moved
2	Seconded