



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 15, 2018, 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 Vice President Ken Blaker called the meeting to order at 7:25pm for Community Reports only. Meeting officially called to order at 7:45 when committee had quorum.

Board Members Present: Charlie Stein, Alex Mosby, Jon Liberman, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Tom Eliopoulos, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Barry Levine, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Linda Theung

Board Members Absent: Steve Chocron, Giovanni Ferdinand, Bryan Warman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Krystal Návar, Marj Safinia, Sue Burden, Dan Fink, Daphne Moss

Guests: None

II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements

Jon Liberman – Announced the completion of the “White Paper” that comes from the Neighborhood Councils “Budget Advocates” committee that takes an independent look at the city budget and gives the report to the city.

III. Community Reports

a. LA Police Department (Kirk & Baker)

- Crime report – Crime is up in the Soro area 13% (property crime) 7 reported residential break ins in one week. WLAPD is increasing resources in our area, more car patrols deployed all over the westside.
- Increasing enforcement on cars without plates in order to help identify criminal crews that may be coming into the area.
- LA DWP is holding a course on how to remove your lawn to save water.

b. Office of Council President Wesson (Carlin)

- Council President sent formal letter to the California DNC opposing State Bill 827
- The Dept of City Planning is holding planning 101 courses all over the city to help better educate the public on lands use in Los Angeles. Contact the Department of city planning for details. Register at selvainternational.org/lawnbegone
- No soccer signs have removed from Reynier Village Park and the new regulations signs in Spanish and English are being created and will be up soon.

c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Galloway)

- Asking residents to pay close attention to SB 827
- Concerned about SB 905 allowing bars to be open until 4am

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- 4 way stops scheduled to be installed at 15th and Wooster and 18th and Wooster
- Councilman would like support in repealing Costa Hawkins California legislation that limits rent control. He feels this would help the city find more affordable housing during our housing crisis and help alleviate homelessness.
- Councilman is working with the Dept of Transportation to find ways to increase parking at the Pico Robertson area where parking has been removed during the construction of the Mercy Housing Project.

IV. Consent Agenda

- Draft meeting minutes of 18 January 2017 (Hirsch / GB031518-1)**
- Motion to support Requested Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) (Liquor License) at 9448 W Pico Blvd to allow the sale of a full line of alcohol at an existing gas station, mechanic shop, and convenience market located on a commercial corner lot. No construction is proposed. (Case number ZA-2017-5141-CUB) (Land Use / GB031518-2)**
 - items on the Consent Agenda accepted by general consent

V. Committee Reports

President's Report.

The board extends its condolences to the Doug Fitzsimmons and Marj Safinia and the rest of the Fitzsimmons family for the recent loss of Doug's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

Changes to Board committee membership (GB031518-3) none

Treasurer Report.

Funds remaining: \$33,763.39

Treasurer's report and monthly expenses (Lieberman / GB031518-4)

- **Moved by Mike Lynn and Seconded by Alex Mosby**
 - **Vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**
- Board retreat working group update, including Board discussion and possible vote on retreat agenda and meeting date (GB031518-5)**
 - Presented by Martin Epstein and Nahed Guirguis
 - Asked board to fill out survey for input dates, time place and topics. Collected at meeting.

VI. Special Orders

- Application of Richard Komaiko for open Zone 10 Representative seat / interim appointment until 2019 NC election (GB031518-6)**

Vote: Y – 10, N- 3, 0 – A. Accepted

VII. New Business

- Motion to fund up to \$575 for an NC Board retreat (Board Dev / GB031518-7)**
 - **Moved by: Barry Levine and seconded by Jo Lieberman.**



- **Vote: 13 - Y. 0 – N. 0 – A. Approved.**

- b. **Motion to support proposed 1-story office addition on top of existing automated parking garage at 3235-3241 S Hutchison Ave. (Case number APCS-2017-3071-CPIOE-ZV-CPIOA) (Land Use / GB031518-8)**

Presented by: Walley Marks owner of Helm Bakery Complex. Family has owned building for 49 years. Zoned for commercial use and CPIU overlay. It's part of the Transit Oriented Planning Area. The automated parking lot exists. (2 stories), Developer is asking for variances to increase height and floor space to fit the area more efficiently.

- **Moved by Jo Liberman. Seconded by Lind Theung**
- **Vote: No objections. Motion was approved by general consent.**

- c. **Motion to support proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) at 2630 S Bedford St. (Case number ZA-2017-3454-ZAA) (Land Use / GB031518 -9)**

Jon Liberman presented – Build additional new larger home on lot, in back of the existing front house. Essentially making the front house the additional dwelling which may not be allowed under a new ordinance being considered in city council.

Architect presented plans. Asking for a zoning administration adjustment for 10% of the FAR. Developer is states that they are trying to make the home look in keeping to others on the block.

Moved by Martin Epstein. Seconded by Jon Liberman.

Vote: 11 – Yes. 2 – N. 0 – A.

- d. **Motion to support proposed requested CUB at 8858 W Pico Blvd to add beer and wine on-site and off-sale to Schwartz's, an existing restaurant/take out with 12 exterior seats. The proposed hours are 7am to 1am daily. (Case number ZA-2018-434-CUB) (Land Use / GB031518-10)**

- **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Tom Eliopoulos.**
- **Vote: Motion approved by consent.**

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.



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	R	M	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Charlie Stein	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	C							
Alex Mosby	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	C							
Steve Chocron	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Giovanni Ferdinand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Bryan Warman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Mike Lynn	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	C							
Jon Liberman	C	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	C							
Doug Fitzsimmons	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Adam Rich	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Richard Komaiko	C						Y	C							
Ken Blaker	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	C							
Nahed Guirguis	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	C							
Krystal Návar	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Tom Eliopoulos	C	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	C							
Gary Kasbarian	C	Y	Y	Y				C							
Beth Hirsch	C	Y			N	Y	N	C							
Barry Levine	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	C							
Marj Safinia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Martin Epstein	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	C							
Victor Mitry	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	C							
Dan Fink	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Linda Theung	C	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	C							
Vacant						Y	Y	C							
Daphne Moss	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							

Votes taken

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