



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 19, 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 President Doug Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Board Members Present: Charlie Stein, Alex Mosby, Giovanni Ferdinand, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Richard Komaiko, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Krystal Návar, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Marj Safinia, Victor Mitry, Dan Fink, Daphne Moss

Board Members Absent: Steve Chocron, Tom Eliopoulos, Barry Levine, Sue Burden, Martin Epstein, Linda Theung

II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements

Brian ? Representative from Keep Neighborhoods First, asking for support for the new regulations on short term rentals.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. **Draft meeting minutes of 15 March 2018 (Hirsch / GB041918-1)**
 - **Removed by Doug Fitzsimmons**
- b. **Motion to support a proposed new 6-unit, 4-story, 9,760 square foot condominium building at 820 S Sherbourne Dr. (Case number VTT77078-CN) (Land Use / GB041918-2)**
 - **Moved by Jon Liberman. Removed from Consent by Mike Lynn.**

IV. Committee Reports

- a. **Changes to Board committee membership (GB041918-3)**

Doug Fitzsimmons brought up that **Martin Epstein** has been nominated as the new Chair to the Green Team. It needs to be ratified by the Board.

 - **Moved by Mike Lynn, Seconded by Beth Hirsch.**

Board Discussion: Doug Fitzsimmons expressed concerns about Martin's ability to fulfil the duties as Chair of the committee and would not vote to support the nomination.

Giovanni Ferdinand (member of Green Team) – Expressed her concerns about the sustainability of the Green Team in general and its current mission and direction and that any person taking over would have challenges without a complete overhaul of the committee's agenda

Jon Liberman – Expressed that we should not vote until we have a chance to have Martin at the meeting to discuss his plans for the committee.

- **Jon Liberman moved that we should table it until Martin Epstein can attend.**
- **Seconded by Giovanni Ferdinand.**

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Ken Blaker
Vice-President

Jon Liberman
Treasurer

Beth Hirsch
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- Tabled by general consent.
- c. Treasurer's report and monthly expenses (Liberma / GB041918-4)

Funds remaining: \$33,324.36.

Approval of monthly expenses

- Ken moved to accept the report; Mike seconded.
- Vote: 15 -Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.

- d. Committee and liaison reports, events, and legislative issues

Board Retreat - Dan Fink – Need to choose new Date. Cancelling original date of May 27th, because of Soro Fest and Memorial Day weekend. Choice of dates, June 10th or June 24th.

- June 10th was settled on.

Outreach/ Great Streets. Marj Safinia – Great Streets is pushing forward, will have a meeting with the city soon to discuss when construction will start.

V. New Business

- a. **Motion (moved from Consent Agenda) to support a proposed new 6-unit, 4-story, 9,760 square foot condominium building at 820 S Sherbourne Dr. (Case number VTT77078-CN) (Land Use / GB041918-2)**
Presented by Architect. Developers.
 - Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Adam Rich.
 - Motion Vote: Passed by general Consent.
- b. **Motion to fund up to \$200 to upgrade online form & survey services (Fitzsimmons / GB041918-5)**
 - Moved by Marj Safinia. Seconded by Jon Liberman.
 - Vote: Y - 15 . N - 0. A – 0. Motion passes.
- c. **Motion to fund up to \$260.20 for labor to assemble and disassemble the Safety Village canopies at Soro Fest 2018. (Public Safety / GB041918-6)**
 - Moved by Mike Lynn. Seconded by Adam Rich.
 - Vote: Y – 15. N - 0. A – 0. Motion Passes.
- d. **Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the Budget Advocates 2018 White Paper (Exec / GB041918-7)**
 - Withdrawn to be studied next GBM.
- e. **Motion to increase funding support for the L.A. Congress of Neighborhood Councils and for Budget Advocates to \$1000 each (Exec / GB041918-8)**

Motion to amend by Mike Lynn. Seconded by Amendment Language:

- Motion vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Motion approved.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.



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	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y									
Alex Mosby	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y									
Steve Chocron	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Giovanni Ferdinand	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y									
Bryan Warman	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Michael Lynn	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y									
Jon Liberman	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y									
Doug Fitzsimmons	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y									
Adam Rich	Y	C	Y	Y	C	Y									
Richard Komaiko	NE	C	NE	NE	C	NE									
Ken Blaker	Y	C	Y	Y	C	C									
Nahed Guirguis	Y	C	Y	Y	C	C									
Krystal Návar	Y	C	Y	Y	C	C									
Tom Eliopoulos	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Gary Kasbarian	Y	C	Y	Y	C	C									
Beth Hirsch	Y	C	Y	Y	C	C									
Barry Levine	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Marj Safinia	Y	C	Y	Y	C	C									
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Victor Mitry	Y	C	Y	Y	C	C									
Dan Fink	Y	C	Y	Y	C	C									
Linda Theung	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Daphne Moss	NE	C	NE	NE	C	NE									

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