



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 17, 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 7:15.

Board Members Present: Charlie Stein, Alex Mosby, Giovanni Ferdinand, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Adam Rich, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Krystal Návar, Gary Kasbarian, Barry Levine, Beth Hirsch, Marj Safinia, Martin Epstein, Dan Fink, Linda Theung, Daphne Moss

Board Members Absent: Steve Chocron, Doug Fitzsimmons, Richard Komaiko, Tom Eliopoulos, Victor Mitry, Sue Burden,

Guests: Delegates from several foreign countries invited by DONE to observe a neighborhood council meeting.

II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements

None.

III. Community Reports

Office of Council President Wesson. Elizabeth Carlin

- The Council President's office has identified several sites for the building of temporary housing for the homeless. Asking for NC support on the building temporary shelters and supportive housing.
- Rally for the Homeless and Temporary housing Friday May 18th 8:45 am at City Hall
- Our Pride LA on Pride Day.
- Asked for financial support for the movies in the park program.

Office of Councilmember Koretz. Joseph Galloway

- Waring Project meetings are scheduled to discuss the planned Housing being built in the Mid-City area for the homeless that is in hot debate.
- Councilman has introduced a new ordinance regarding concern about conditions at sober living facilities.
- New regulations regarding short term rentals in residential areas have been approved.
- Joe is organizing all of our City, State and National Representatives to attend the Soro Community Festival this year.
- A list has been started at the Councilman's office for removal of dead trees. Contact Joseph to get on the list.
- Beth Hirsch thanked Joseph for the new trash cans on South Robertson Blvd.
- Ken Blaker expressed resident concerns about the high fees and lack of quality services being provided by Athens and Republic recycling services for the apartment and commercial buildings.

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Ken Blaker
Vice-President

Jon Liberman
Treasurer

Beth Hirsch
Secretary

Martin Epstein
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Office of Neighborhood Empowerment or DONE – Jasmine Elberbery

- Introduced delegates from other countries visiting to observe our Neighborhood Council system.
- Reminder to add money for to your new fiscal year budgets the elections.
- Reminder that many of the board members are due to renew their ethics training.
- DONE is accepting applications for its Summer Youth Civic Engagement program June – August. Ages 14 – 24.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Draft meeting minutes of 15 March 2018 (Hirsch / GB051718-1)**
- **Consent Agenda accepted by general consent**

V. Committee Reports

President’s Report.

Bryan Warman resigned from the board effective today. Opening in Zone 5 is available (Reynier Village Westside of So. Robertson Blvd)

Treasurer Report.

Funds remaining: \$31,850.61.

Approval of monthly expenses (Lieberman / GB051718-3)

- Mike moved to accept the report; Beth seconded.
- **Vote: 17-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

Board Retreat Committee – Dan Fink – Brief presentations Beverly Marriot in Beverly hills. Agenda, Dinner will be served.

Outreach/Great Streets.

- No outreach meeting because of Memorial Day holiday.
- Great Streets projects are moving forward in a faster pace. Projects have been through all the City Departments and been approved with minor adjustments. Work is set to start this summer. Decorative cross walks, tree well benches, bumpouts sidewalks. New trees.

Soro Festival Updates Beth -

- Asked for help spreading word of mouth.
- Sent around sign up sheet for volunteers day of the festival and to help with tasks pre festival.

VI. Special Orders

- a. Nomination of Martin Epstein as Green Team Chair (Green Team / GB051718-4)**

Martin Epstien Spoke about continuing the efforts of the past Chair Paula Waxman

- **Nominations approved by general consent**

- b. Appointment of up to two Budget Representatives for FY 2018-19 (GB051718-5)**

Jon Lieberman and Giovanni Ferdinand nominated as the reps for Budget Advocates Committee

- **Nominations approved by general consent**



VII. Unfinished Business

- a. **Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the Budget Advocates 2018 White Paper (Exec / GB041918-7)**
 - **Moved by Marj Safina. Seconded by Martin Epstein**
 - **Vote: Y – 16. N – 0. A – 1.**

VIII. New Business

- a. **Motion to support a proposed new 7-unit, 4-story, 12,000 square foot condominium building at 9806-9810 W Vidor Dr. (TT-81344-CN; ENV2018-286-EAF) (Land Use / GB051718-6)**

Questions: Mike Lynn asked what were the rents before the building was vacated. How much are new units being sold for.

Board debate: Much discussion and board debate about the loss of affordable and rental housing to making way for Market rate Condos and Townhomes for sale. Displacing longtime residents and maybe leading to the increase in homelessness. Others stating that the project is by right with no requests for variances and therefore we as a board have no right to oppose it. That we should form a working group through the land use committee discuss possible solutions to gentrification of middle class neighborhoods.

- **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Marj Safinia.**
 - **Vote: Y - .12 N - 5. A - .1**
- b. **Motion to write a letter to City Council member Paul Koretz urging him to work with Bureau of Street Services to remove the dead trees and tree stumps along Pico Blvd. (Land Use / GB051718-7)**
 - **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Beth Hirsch.**
 - **Motions passes by consent.**
 - c. **Motion to fund up to \$300 for outreach for a Stop The Bleed Workshop (Public Safety / GB051718-8)**
 - **Moved by Adam Rich. Seconded by Marj Safinia.**
 - **Vote: Y - 16. N - 0. A - 0.**
 - d. **Motion to fund up to \$500 for festival printing (Outreach / GB051718-9)**
 - **Moved by Adam Rich. Seconded by Linda Theung.**
 - **Vote: Y - 16. N - 0. A - 0.**
 - e. **Motion for \$1000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for Movies in the Park (Outreach / GB051718-10)**
 - **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Nahed Guirguis.**
 - **Vote: Y – 16. N – 0. A – 0.**
 - f. **Motion for \$4902 NPG for elementary school Fresh Fruit program (Education / GB051718-11)**
 - **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Marj Safinia.**
 - **Vote. Y – 16. N – 0. A – 0.**



- g. Motion for \$4800 NPG for Community Foundation Great Streets benches (4@\$1200) (Outreach / GB051718-12)**

 - Moved by Jon Liberman . Seconded by Gary Kasbarian.
 - Vote: Y – 16. N – 0. A – 0.
- h. Motion for \$4800 NPG for Community Foundation Great Streets trees 4800 (4@\$1200) (Outreach / GB051718-13)**

 - Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Mike Lynn.
 - Vote: Y – 16. N – 0. A – 0.
- i. Motion to fund up to \$4950 for SORO NC-branded promotional items (Outreach / GB051718-14)**

 - Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Beth Hirsch.
 - Vote: Y – 16. N – 0. A – 0.
- j. Motion to revise FY 2017-2018 budget by moving \$5000 from Elections to NPG (Finance / GB051718-15)**

 - Moved by Ken Blaker. Seconded by Mike Lynn.
 - Vote: Y – 16. N – 0. A – 0.
- k. Motion to reimburse Board Members for items paid with their funds (Finance / GB051718-16)**

 - Moved by Mike Lynn. Seconded by Linda Theung.
 - Vote: Y – 12. N – 0. A – 4.
- l. Motion to adopt the FY 2018-2019 budget as recommended by the recent Finance Committee meeting (Finance / GB051718-17)**

 - Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Linda Theung.
 - Vote: Y – 16. N – 0. A – 0.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.



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

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Michael Lynn	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Jon Liberman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y						
Doug Fitzsimmons	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Adam Rich	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	YY						
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Barry Levine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Marj Safinia	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y						
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Martin Epstein	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Victor Mitry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Dan Fink	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Vacant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Linda Theung	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
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