



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 7:00pm

Simon Wiesenthal Center 3rd Floor  
1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035

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## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

SORO NC Board President Doug Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:10.

**Board Members Present:** Charlie Stein, Alex Mosby, Steve Chocron, Giovanni Ferdinand, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Richard Komaiko, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Krystal Návar, Tom Eliopoulos, Beth Hirsch, Barry Levine, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Linda Theung, Daphne Moss

**Board Members Absent:** Jason Alex, Marj Safinia, Gary Kasbarian, Susan Burden, Dan Fink

## II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements

Short description of the discussion.

## III. Community Reports

**Office of Council President Wesson.** Elizabeth Carlin

- Announce Habitat for Humanity Restore will pick up donated used items from your home.
- Thanks to SORO NC for helping out at Movies at the Park event and Reynier Village Park

**Office of Councilmember Koretz.** Joseph Galloway

- Progress report and meetings regarding the construction of Mercy Housing project on Pico.
- No parking signs being put up on Pico for tree trimming. Sorry for any inconvenience during the Jewish Holidays. Call Joseph you have any concerns.
- Robertson Recreation Center is scheduled to reopen October 16, 2019. The Council office asked if for our support to demolish the old childcare center now that Parks and Rec says they will not be bringing back services there due to budget cuts. The NC Board was very disappointed in this request as the Community is in desperate need of community meeting space.
- Gas Smell on Canfield may be linked to sink hole occurrences, still investigating.

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - Jasmine Elbarbary**

- Please attend Congress of Neighborhoods Saturday September 22, 2018.

## IV. Presentation and Board Discussion

**Presentation topic**

a. Keith Page, La City Attorney's Office / Victim Assistance Program and Services for more information on this program please visit [www.helpcrimevictims.org](http://www.helpcrimevictims.org)

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## V. Consent Agenda

### Consent Agenda

#### a. Draft meeting minutes of July 19, 2018 (Hirsch / GB092018-1)

- **Moved by Martin Epstein. Seconded by Mike Lynn.**
- **Consent Agenda accepted**

## VI. Committee Reports

### Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB092018 - 2)

Daphne Moss is added to the Education Committee

- **Requests confirmed by general consent**

### President's Report.

- Please Congress of Neighborhoods: Saturday, Sept 22, 2018
- 2019 Elections: Sunday, May 19
- Doug Fitzsimmons is stepping down as Board President at the November Board Meeting at his 10-year anniversary.
- Marj Safinia is also stepping down as Co-Chair of Outreach
- Doug and Marj will both remain on the board thru the end of the terms in 2019. Will not seek re-election.

### Treasurer Report.

Funds remaining: \$6,901.23.

### Approval of monthly expenses (Lieberman / GB092018-3 a- b)

- **Beth Hirsch moved to accept report A; seconded by Ken Blaker**
- **Vote: 17 – Y. 0 – N. 0 – A. Report Accepted**
- **Richard Komaiko moved to accept report B; seconded by Ken Blaker**
- **Vote: 17-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

**Green Team.** Martin Epstein – will begin meeting Thursday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at the Library at 7pm.

### Public Safety. Mike Lynn –

- Committee had productive meeting with Bird Scooter representative, regarding safety concerns. Pilot program was approved by the city. Safety discussion will continue through city channels.
- Next meeting will focus on sidewalk repairs. Committee will be making a list of worst sidewalks in area for repairs and curb cutouts to be sent presented to the board in October meeting.

**Great Streets:** Doug Fitzsimmons – **Update:** City came out to begin painting. However, it was discovered that the project would require losing 14 parking spaces which is 11 more than was previously discussed. Projected halted until correct amount of parking spaces was re-negotiated to 1/2. Project will renew again in November and concrete pour in late spring.

## VIII. New Business

### a. **Motion to support zone variance at 9118 W Pico Blvd (Land Use / GB092018-6)**

Supported by Land Use Committee as Applicant has satisfied concerns regarding parking and operational impact on community. Applicant from Orthodox Jewish Temple to be located at the current Morrey Fireplace retail space. Representative presented and addressed questions regarding the parking variances and loading area issues.

**Moved by Adam Rich. Seconded by Charlie Stein.**



**Vote: 17 – Y. 0- N. 0 – A. Motion passes.**

**a. Motion to support zone variance at 812 S Robertson Blvd (Land Use / GB092018-5)**

Presented by Krystal Navar, Chair of Land Use Committee which is recommending approval of the project, addressed issues regarding reduction of parking requirements and change of usage.

- **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Linda Thueng.**
- **Mike Lynn moved to table until applicant can attend. Seconded by Steve Chocron.**
- **Vote on motion to table: 5 – Y. 12 – N. 1 – A. Motion to table fails.**
- **Vote on Motion: 12 – Y. 2 – N. 4 – A. Motion passes.**

**b. Funding of up to \$3000 for SORO NC to Sponsor CPR/AED/First Aid Classes (Public Safety / GB092018-4)**

**Presented by Mike Lynn.** Due to new American Heart Associate required materials, the costs of our annual CPR classes have increased. The budget amount allotted for Public Safety for the year is only \$2000.

**Moved by Adam Rich. Seconded by Mike Lynn.**

- **Doug Fitzsimmons moved to amend to do only one class. Jon Liberman seconded.**  
**New Motion Language** “SORO NC to sponsor up to \$1600 for one CPR/AED/First Aid class,..”

**Vote on amendment: Y – 15. N – 1. A – 0. Amendment passes.**

**Vote: Y – 16. N – 0. A – 0. Motion passes.**

**d. Motion to recommend additional NC system reforms (WRAC / GB092018-Ken chairs.) Presented by Doug Fitzsimmons**

- **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Krystal Navar.**
- **Adam Rich moved to strike third paragraph of motion. Seconded by Nahed Guirguis.**
- **Vote: Y – 3. N – 12. A – 1. Amendment one does not pass.**
- **Doug Fitzsimmons proposed and 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. Seconded by Jon Liberman**  
**Amendment Language:** “That provision be made for qualified Community Councils that do not overlap Neighborhood Council boundaries to be officially recognized as independent City community advisory bodies, and afforded the same courtesies, notice, and access provided to Neighborhood Councils.”
- **Vote: Y – 12. N – 1. A – 2.**
- **Adam Rich Proposed amendment to rewrite opening paragraph to reflect the we “support of the reforms proposed by Councilman Rue.”**  
**Seconded by Jon Liberman.**
- **Vote on 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment. Y -12. N- 0. A – 3. Amendment passes.**
- **Final amended Motion accepted by general consent.**



## IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.



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

### Votes taken

1. Draft meeting minutes of April , 2012 (GB092018 - 1)
2. Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absences (GB092018-2)
3. Approval of monthly expenses (GB092018-3 A)
4. Approval of Month expenses (GB092019 – 3B)
5. Motion to support zone variance at 9118 W Pico Blvd (GB092018-6)
6. Motion to table support of 812 S. Robertson Blvd. (GB092018- 5)
7. Motion to support zone variance at 812 S. Robertson Blvd ( GB092018 - 5)
8. Motion to amend (GB092018-4)
9. Funding up to \$3000 for CPR/First aid classes (GB092018-4)
10. Motion to strike 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of Motion (GB092018-7)
11. Amendment 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to Motion (GB092018 -7)
12. Final vote on Motion (GB092018-7)