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# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2017, 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, Brian Warman, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Ken Blaker, Krystal Navar, Aimee Zeltzer, Beth Hirsch, Martin Epstein, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Victor Mitry, Dan Fink, Noa Zarur

**Board Members Absent:** Giovanni Ferdinand, Michael Bloom, Nahed Guirguis, Susan Burden, Gary Kasbarian, Frank Shelton, Yvette Edidin

**Guests:** More than twenty Community members. Some in opposition of 3129 Helms and some to oppose

## II. General Public Comment

- Jon Liberman Board Ethics training needs to be completed.
- Mike Lynn announced that Committee Chairs need to get paperwork in for Robertson Recreation Center before they close down in May.
- Charlie Stein announced that Board member Adam Rich had a new baby.
- Beth Hirsch reminded everyone Homeless Count happening Wednesday night Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

## III. Community Reports

**LAPD Report.** Officer Velos - Crime Report

**Office of Council President Wesson.** Liz Carlin – City Services Help Desk at Herb Wesson's Office.

**Office of Councilmember Koretz.** Joseph Galloway – Saving 120 Seniors from being evicted from the or Nursing Home – Westwood Horizons.

Baseline Mansionization ordinance has been approved, except for the 200 sqft Garage in front and 400 in rear. Will include new regulations on new design elements and set backs.

All way stop signs at Cashio and Wooster Street

Tree Trimming completed on Robertson and Airdrome

## IV. Presentation and Board Discussion

**I-10 Robertson ramp improvements / Eric Spangler, Michael Baker Intl. (engineering); Elisabeth Rosenson and Laura Muna-Landa, Arellano Associates (Outreach)**

Choice of preliminary plans presented on Power Point.

Asking for Stakeholder input and help with outreach through 2018.

Presentation planned at Hamilton Highschool in March 2017.

Brief Comments by Jay Greenstein Transportation Deputy for Councilman Paul Koretz.



## V. Consent Agenda

Draft meeting minutes of 15 December 2016 (Hirsch / GB011917-1)

- tabled til February Board Meeting
- a. Board attendance record for July–December 2016 (Hirsch / GB011917-2)  
Moved by Charlie Stein. Seconded by Marj Safinia.
- Consent Agenda accepted by general consent.

President's Report. Doug Fitzsimmons

- Removal of Michael Bitton, Zone 3 Representative Zone 3 Seat is open and a call for applications to the public will start this week.
- Board retreat: Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – moving forward.

Treasurer's report and monthly expenses (Lieberman / GB011917-4)

Funds remaining: \$ 25,101.99

- Moved by Marj Safinia. Seconded by Noa Zarur.
- Vote: 15 - Y, 0 - N, 0 - A. Report accepted.

## VI. Special Orders

- Appointment of a SORO NC film liaison (GB011917-5)
  - Nomination approved by general consent  
Alex Mosby, Mike Lynn, Marj Safinia, and Gary Kasbarian  
Alex Mosby withdrew.  
Marj Safina – 11 – Mike Lynn – 4. Marj Safina accepted.

## VII. New Business

- Motion to support 2-home small lot subdivision project at 3129 Helms Ave. (Land Use / GB011817-6)
  - Presentation of the project by Land Use Chair Krystal Navar.
  - Land Use has approved the project and recommends board approval as Developer has met the minimum legal requirements, no adjustments or variances. But there is strong public opinion opposing the project.  
Complaints: scale and design other homes small Spanish. Large modern almost three stories that infringe on neighbor privacy.
  - Not a good fit for the block
  - potential problems with parking, destroying sidewalk for driveway and eliminating 2 parking spaces
  - Neighbors feel that they were not contacted by the owner developer. Claim developer statements are false and that they suspect that it is a small lot sub built for speculation.

Developer denies any wrong doing and claims that they built the two homes for their daughters. Not to be sold.

Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Beth Hirsch.

Charlie Stein proposed substitute Motion to table till next month to allow for the community to meet and speak with owners directly.

Motion withdrawn since hearing is at end of January.



**Brief Board Debate:** agreed height, roof deck and curb demolishing are a problem. Some board members expressed concern that property owners are using the small lot sub division option to get around mansionization restrictions.

**Mike Lynn proposed a substitute motion “that we not support” (instead of not oppose) the project.**

- **Seconded by Charlie Stein.**

- **Vote on Substitute Motion: 4 – Y. 13 – N. 0 – A. Fails.**
- **Vote on Motion: 7 - Y, 10 – N. 0 – A. fails.**

- b. Motion to support the assignment of R1V New zoning to Crestview and North & South Beverlywood Adjacent neighborhoods (Land Use / GB011917-7)**

**Presentation by Krystal Navar - LUED Chair** – Explains the new zoning. LUED voted to recommend to the board that we not support proposed zoning. Believes that neighborhood expressed that they want the same zoning as Beverlywood.

Ellen Lanet – came out to speak for the otherside and to defend the idea of protecting home diversity and sustainability.

Numerous Community members came out to appose. Asked for NC Support at the PLUM hearing. Handed in numerous signatures.

- **Moved by Charlie Stein. Seconded by Adam Rich.**
- **Vote. Proposal accepted by general consent.**

- c. Motion to file a community impact statement on proposed home-sharing ordinance (Land Use / GB011917-8)**
- **tabled till next month.**

- d. Motion to fund \$355 for February car seat check event (Public Safety / GB011917-9)**
- **Moved by Marj Safina. Seconded by Beth Hirsch.**
  - **Vote: 15 – Y. 0 – N. 0 – A.**

- e. Motion to fund \$130 for Shenandoah Day of Talent supplies (Zarur / GB011917-10)**

**Brief presentation by Noa Zarur.** Art supplies and instruments.

- **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Mike Lynn.**
- **Vote: 15 – Y. 0 – N. 0- A**

- f. Motion to fund up to \$415/mo. for a larger NC storage unit (Liberman / GB011917-11)**
- **tabled until next month.**

- g. Motion to fund up to \$100 for opening reception of the NC’s Computer Literacy Program (Quality of Life / GB011917-12)**
- **Tabled until next meeting.**

- h. Motion to fund up to \$250 for NC Board retreat (Exec / GB011917-13)**
- **Moved by Martin Epstein. Seconded by Bryan Warman.**
  - **Vote: 15 -Y. 0 – N. 0- A.**



## VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

# Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	mS	ml	g
Charlie Stein	C	Y	N	Y	C	Y	Y	Y					11	3	1
Alex Mosby	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Michael Bitton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Giovanni Ferdinand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Bryan Warman	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Michael Lynn	C	Y	Y	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Jon Liberman	C	Y	N	Y	C	Y	Y	Y							
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Adam Rich	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Michael Bloom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Ken Blaker	C	Y	N	Y	C	Y	Y	Y							
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Krystal Navar	C	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y							
Aimee Zeltzer	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Beth Hirsch	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Gary Kasbarian	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Barry Levine	C	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y							
Marj Safinia	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Martin Epstein	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Victor Mitry	C	Y	Y	Y	C	X	X	X							
Dan Fink	C	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y							
Frank Shelton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Yvette Edidin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Noa Zarur	C	Y	Y	Y	C	X	X	X							

### Votes taken

1. Board attendance record for July–December 2016 (Hirsch / GB011917-2)

2. Treasurer's report and monthly expenses (Liberman / GB011917-4)

3. Appointment of a SORO NC film liaison (GB011917-5) Marj Safina -11, Gary Kasbarian -1 and Mike Lynn - 3. Vote taken by raise of hands,

4. Motion to support 2-home small lot subdivision project at 3129 Helms Ave. (Land Use / GB011817-6)



5. Motion to support the assignment of R1V New zoning to Crestview and North & South Beverlywood Adjacent neighborhoods (Land Use / GB011917-7)
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