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General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 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 7:08pm.

Board Members Present: Charlie Stein, Alex Mosby, Bryan Warman, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Ken Blaker, Krystal Navar, Nahed Guirguis, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Martin Epstein, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Victor Mitry, Dan Fink, Noa Zarur

Board Members Absent: Giovanni Ferdinand, Michael Bloom, **Aimee Zeltzer, (resigned)** Susan Burden, Frank Shelton, Yvette Edidin

Guests: Thomas Eliopoulos, Ellen Lanet

II. General Public Comment

- Jon Liberman – Announced Regional Budget Day Saturday February 25th 12:30pm downtown City Hall
- Beth Hirsch Computer Literacy Program Launch event is March 19th 1:30 pm at the Robertson Library.
- Postponing Board Retreat until the Spring.

III. Community Reports

LAPD Report. SLO Chris Ragsdale

- Arrest made in recent homicide of the gang member.
- Continued crime reduction activities in the Reynier Village area, day and night.
- Increase in burglaries.
- Recommending that residents get a Ring Doorbell or camera security system.

Office of Council President Wesson. Elizabeth Carlin

- Congratulations on getting the great streets grant.
- Encouraged people to join the SORO Community Foundation
- Announced Embrace LA program

Office of Assembly member Ridley-Thomas. Bryan Adams

- AB-252 Local government: taxation: prohibition: video streaming services
- New Los Angeles Film Tax credit, wants to make sure that in order to get the credits diverse hiring is encouraged

Office of Congresswoman Karen Bass - Jacqueline Hamilton

Answered questions from the board on Donald Trump's Executive Orders, Health Care, Democratic Strategies.

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Draft meeting minutes of 15 December 2016 (Hirsch / GB021617-1)

b. Draft meeting minutes of 19 January 2017 (Hirsch / GB021617-2)



January minutes were removed they were not in the packet.

- The rest of the items were accepted by general consent

V. Committee Reports

a. Changes to Board committee membership (GB021617-3)

Reopened at discussion of reactivation of Robertson Revitalization Committee

Gary Kasbarian, Doug Fitzsimmons, Dan Fink, Barry Levine, Krystal Navar, Bryan Warman, Michael Lynn, Beth Hirsch, Adam Rich, Marj Safinia.

- Requests confirmed by general consent

b. President's report. Great street Report- Very excited to begin creating the new vision for Robertson Blvd.

c. Treasurer Report. Funds remaining: 24,236.19

Approval of monthly expenses (Lieberman/GB021617-4)

- Moved by Marj Safinia. Mike Lynn seconded.
- **Vote: 17 - Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

Quality of Life: Beth Hirsch – SORO Digital & Computer Literacy Program is almost ready to go will discuss more detail during funding motion proposal.

SoRo Festival: Beth Hirsch – considering becoming chair – Beth is meeting with community members and past SoRo Fest chairs to discuss next steps and set an official date for the 20th Anniversary of the Festival. Need Board Support and lots of volunteers.

Public Safety. Car Seat Safety Event with LA CM Paul Koretz and ASM Richard Bloom's Office. February 26th.

Film Liaison Report - Marj Safinia – New FilmTax Credit to keep filmmaking in Los Angeles and perhaps pay for neighborhood or community improvements in the areas where they film. Would like to invite Film LA to SoRo to look at our area for a film location.

VI. Special Orders

a. Motion to remove Frank Shelton, Organization Representative, for violation of Board attendance requirements (GB021617-5) Removal per bylaws

- Moved by Ken Blaker. Seconded by Marj Safinia.
- Removal Approved by general Consent.

b. Application of Carlo Matricardi for vacant Zone 3 Representative seat / interim appointment until 2018 (GB021617-6) Carlo was unable to attend meeting.

- Moved to table till March by Charlie Stein and Seconded by Mike Lynn.
- Approved by general consent.

c. Applications of Thomas Eliopoulos, Michael Steuer, Gabriel Rose, Peter Davidson, Linda Theung, and Ellen Lanet for vacant At Large Representative seat / interim appointment until 2018 (GB021617-7)



Only two candidates were able to attend the Board meeting.
Thomas Eliopoulos and Ellen Lanet. Each spoke for 2 minutes.

Vote: Thomas – 9, Michael Steuer – 0, Gabriel Rose 2,
Peter Davidson – 0, Linda Theung - 2, Ellen Lanet – 5.

Thomas did not get a majority.
Run-off vote between top two, Ellen and Thomas.

Thomas Eliopoulos – 15, Ellen Lanet, - 3. Thomas is the new At-
Large Representative

VII. Unfinished Business

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

Presented by Adam Rich – Motion recommends that the city's new proposed home sharing ordinance allow neighborhoods Councils to decide whether they want home sharing in their community or not.

Doug explained that the NC had already weighed in this issue. Adam said that he believed it was a new council file.

Mike Flynn asked for the exact council file. Because he felt that Adam was incorrect that it was not a different file but the same one that had not be resolved yet.

Moved by Beth Hirsch. Seconded by Noa Zarur.

Board debate: Some back and forth about whether this was realistic for the city to regulate a patchwork of different regulations. I was determined that is was the same council file, but our last CIS had somehow dropped off.

Marj Safinia propose amendment striking points 1, 2, revising 3 to 100% of funds raised for taxes would go to enforcement. Keep 4. Strike 5, keep 6.

- **Vote on Amendment: Y – 9, N - 9 – N, A – 1. Motion Fails.**
- **Vote: Y – 3, N – 15, A – 1.**

Doug Fitzsimmons promised to look into getting the previous CIS reinstated back to the Council file.

b. **Motion to fund up to \$415/mo. for a larger NC storage unit (Lieberman / GB011917-11)**

- **Moved by Marj Safinia. Seconded by Noa.**
 - **Vote: Y – 14, N – 2, A – 1.**
- **Motion approved by general consent**

VIII. New Business

a. **Motion to fund \$5000 NPG to SoRo Community Foundation, Inc. for Great Streets (Exec / GB021617-8)**

Moved by Jon Lieberman. Seconded by Bryan Warman.
Vote: Y – 17, n – 0, A – 0. Motion passes.

b. **Motion to establish Robertson Revitalization Committee as the NC's Great Streets working group (Exec / GB021617-9)**



Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Beth Hirsch.
Vote: Motioned passed by general consent.

- c. **Motion to fund \$10000 NPG for SoRo Fest (Exec / GB021617-10)**
Moved by: Jon Liberman. Seconded by Mike.
Vote: Y – 16, N – 0, A – 1. Motion passes.
- d. **Substitute Motion to fund up to \$3300 for opening reception of the NC’s Computer Literacy Program (Quality of Life / GB021617-11)**
Extensive questions and debate about whether paper advertising is cost efficient. Jon Liberman felt that Microsoft should foot the whole bill. Beth explained that in kind they were giving a lot more than us. And that without paper advertising we would be difficult to reach people that were not on the computer.
- Moved by Alex Mosby. Noa Zarur.
 - Vote: Y – 16, N – 1, A – 0. Motion passes.
- e. **Motion to respond to NC election report by the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (Exec / GB021617-12)**
- Bifurcated Amendments:**
- Recommend that the photo ID be eliminated altogether.
- Pop up polls can be requested by candidate.
 - The NC be consulted before DONE makes the final decision, and that the pop up would be publicly noticed.
 - There should be some accommodation that public polling be equitable to all and not favor one candidate.
 - Motions passes by general consent.
- f. **Motion to support proposed LA County Pharmaceutical and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance (WRAC / GB021617-13)**
Tabled until next meeting due to time.
- g. **Motion to call for equal protection for all travelers to the U.S. (Exec / GB021617-14)**
Tabled until next meeting due to time.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.



Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting: _____

Motion	01	02	03	4	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	B S	R O
Charlie Stein	C	Y	C	C	Y	Y	Y	y	c	Y	Y			T	T
Alex Mosby	C	Y	C	C	N	N	N	y	c	Y	Y			T	T
Vacant															
Giovanni Ferdinand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Bryan Warman	C	Y	C	C	N	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			E	T
Michael Lynn	C	Y	C	C	N	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			T	T
Jon Liberman	C	Y	C	C	N	N	Y	y	C	Y	N			E	E
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	C	C	N	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			L	T
Adam Rich	C	Y	C	C	Y	Y	Y	y	C	Y	Y			T	T
Michael Bloom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Ken Blaker	C	Y	C	C	Y	N	Y	y	C	X	Y			T	T
Nahed Guirguis	C	Y	C	C	N	N	A	y	C	A	X			T	T
Krystal Nevar	C	Y	C	C	Y	Y	Y	y	C	Y	Y			T	T
Thomas Eliopoulos					A	A	X	X	X	X	X				
Gary Kasbarian	C	Y	C	C	N	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			E	T
Beth Hirsch	C	Y	C	C	N	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			G	T
Barry Levine	C	Y	C	C	Y	N	N	y	C	Y	Y			T	T
Marj Safinia	C	Y	C	C	Y	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			L	T
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Martin Epstein	C	Y	C	C	Y	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			T	T
Victor Mitry	C	Y	C	C	N	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			E	E
Dan Fink	C	Y	C	C	Y	N	Y	y	C	Y	Y			G	E
Vacant															
Yvette Edidin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Noa Zarur	C		C	C	Y	N			C					E	T

Votes taken

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