



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 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 7:10.

Board Members Present: Charlie Stein, Alex Mosby, Giovanni Ferdinand, Bryan Warman, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Michael Bloom, Ken Blaker, Krystal Návar, Tom Eliopoulos, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Dan Fink, Linda Theung, Martin Epstein, Yvette Edidin,

Board Members Absent: Steve Chocron, Nahed Guirguis, Sue Burden, Victor Mitry, Noa Zarur

Guests: Ileana Wachtel

II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements

Ileana Wachtel, Communications Director for Never Ask gave public Asking for transparency of the task forces and working groups within City planning regarding the General Plan.

Public Comment Presentation Vision Zero – regarding safety improvements planned for the Pico Corridor between Robertson and La Cienega.

III. Community Reports

Office of Councilmember Koretz. Joseph Galloway

- Sand Pits are being removed from all City parks. (Currently Schachter Park in Beverlywood Area.)
- When reporting on Homeless encampments, please send photo and exact address, so BoSS can find it..
- Three parking meters will be removed from the Northern part of South Robertson Blvd to accommodate the Blue Bus stop. Meters will be moved to another area and no parking will be lost.
- Crestview has been privately requesting changes to street cleaning services in their area from 8am to 9am. They need to get petitions from the neighborhood and follow normal procedures for requesting services from the Department.
- Soro Fest is coming. Paul Koretz and his office will attend
- Ribbon Cutting at Alcott Center, Sunday June 11.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to support a memorandum of understanding between NC system and the Dept. of Public Works (WRAC / GB051817-1)
- b. Motion to request extended NC notice for City measures (Fitzsimmons / GB051817-2)
- c. Motion to support moving the consideration of public financing of all City of Los Angeles elections out of Rules committee to the full City Council (Levine/GB051817-3) **Item removed to New Business**
- d. Motion to request a study of autonomous vehicles (Rich / GB051817-4)

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- Moved by Beth Hirsch. Seconded by Ken Blaker.
- All remaining items on the Consent Agenda accepted by general consent

VI. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB051817-5)

Alex Mosby to join Public Safety Committee.

Bryan Warman to Join Green team Committee.

- Requests confirmed by general consent

President's Report.

- Reminded Board that we have to be out of our Board Meetings before 10pm. Please be on time.
- Part of our Budget packet will be revisions to the Strategic Plan needs feedback from all the committee chairs.
- Please get your funding motions in to the Treasurer as we will be closing out our books for the current fiscal year. Deadline June 1st.
- June 7th last check can be written. June 1th last day to use our NC Bank card. Get all invoices and paperwork in before the deadlines.

Treasurer Report.

Funds remaining: \$27,251.89.

Approval of monthly expenses (Lieberman / GB051817-6)

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

Green Team. Barry Levine –

- Taking up the cause of preventing the removal of the large growth trees on La Cienega.

Great Streets. Marj Safinia –

- Survey came back. Huge success. 409 responses in 5 days.
- 18 Business responded
- Video from KCET came out. 15,000 clicks so far.
- First Community Event on Sunday May 21st

Soro Festival – Beth Hirsch

- Call for Volunteers for the Festival
- Need Yard signs posted
- Food Donations
- Photography

VII. New Business

a. Motion to fund up to \$400 for SORO Festival printing (Outreach / GB051817-7)

- Moved by Jon Lieberman. Seconded by Barry Levine
- **Vote: Y – 17. N – 0. A – 0.**

b. Motion to fund \$1000 for promotional items (Outreach / GB051817-8)

- Marj Safinia proposed creating a substitute Motion to add \$500 to this Motion and reducing the amount given to the NC Congress Motion to cover it.



- At this point **Jasmine Elberbary from Empower LA** stood up and announced that this was not legal to do according to the Brown Act. She argued that once a funding item is agendaized it can't then be increased at the board meeting.
- Doug Fitzsimmons Strongly Disagreed. ***Tabled the motion until the end of the meeting while Jasmine contacted the City Attorney for clarification.***
- c. **Motion to support moving the consideration of public financing of all City of Los Angeles elections out of Rules committee to the full City Council (Levine/GB051817-3) ***** Item moved to New Business from Consent agenda**
 - **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Beth Hirsch.**

Dan Proposed Amendment: to replace item number 2 with "SORO NC further requests that council President Wesson and CM Koretz support the passage of CM Bonin's Motion. "

- **Amendment passes by consent.**
- **Motion passes by Consent.**

After further consultation from the City Attorney, we returned to the motion to fund \$1000 for promotional items (Outreach / GB051817-8)

The City Attorney advised that this would indeed be a Brown Act Violation and that if we did not heed their advice our Motion would be flagged by the city clerk and funds would be at risk.

After much debate. Board agreed to continue with Motion as written and Doug Fitzsimmons will take up the cause at a later date.

- **Motion was moved by Michael Lynn. Seconded by Bryan Warman.**
- **Vote: Y – 19. N – 0 . A – 1. Motion passes**
- d. **Motion to fund \$2000 for NC Congress, EmpowerLA Awards, and Budget. (Executives/ GB 051817 -9)**

Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Michael Bloom.

Vigorous board debate.

Vote: Y – 17. N – 0. A – 1. Motion passes.

Further discussion on perhaps a motion of reconsideration regarding Motions GB -8 and 9. Ultimately it was decided to adjourn, move forward and fight it later.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.



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	C	C	Y	Y							
Alex Mosby	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Steve Chocron	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Bryan Warman	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	A							
Michael Lynn	X	X	X	X	X	C	Y	Y							
Jon Liberman	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Adam Rich	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Michael Bloom	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Ken Blaker	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Krystal Návar	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Tom Eliopoulos	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Gary Kasbarian	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Beth Hirsch	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Barry Levine	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Marj Safinia	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	X	X	X	Y	X							
Victor Mitry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Dan Fink	X	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Linda Theung	C	C	IE	IE	C	C	IE	IE							
Yvette Edidin	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	Y	Y							
Noa Zarur	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							

Votes taken

1. Consent Agenda items GB051817-1, 2 and 4)
2. **Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB051817-5)**
3. **Approval of monthly expenses (Liberman / GB051817-6)**
4. **Motion to fund up to \$400 for SORO Festival printing (Outreach / GB051817-7)**
5. **Amendment to GB 051817-3)**
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