



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 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 7:05.

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

Board Members Absent: Giovanni Ferdinand, Nahed Guirguis, Tom Eliopoulos, Sue Burden, Yvette Edidin, Noa Zarur

Guests: Several of the residents near 3134 N. Ivy Street.

II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements

Gerrad – Homeless advocate – asked that the NC advocate for public restrooms and parking for the homeless.

Jon Liberman – Budget Advocate meeting June 25th 8pm

Michael Bloom – FBI raid on Alcott and La Cienega. Suspicious package. False alarm/

Michael Bloom presented a SORO NC Certificate of Community Service to Kenneth Lowenstien in appreciation for his exemplary service in public safety through the Los Angeles Shmira Patrol and compassion and commitment to others in the Pico - Robertson Community.

Steve Coker – Homeless started another fire recently at the grassy brush area near the East bound section of the 10 freeway. Would like Public Safety Committee to take up the issue.

III. Community Reports

Office of Congresswoman Karen Bass – J Jacqueline Hamilton Senior Field Representative

- Congrats on Soro Fest.
- Congressional Conversation in Westwood on Healthcare, Climate Change and concerns about the political climate in Washington and how it affects us in California, Saturday June 17th.

Office of Council President Wesson. Elizabeth Carlin –

- Congrats on Soro Festival.
- Congrats to Doug Fitzsimmons - Susan Bursk Award winner
- Movie in the Park – Friday June 30th. Free admission. Reynier Park Outreach
- LA Fire Department Girls Camp – July 22nd thru 23rd Fire Station 59 Olympic Blvd. CD 10 girls only. Deadline for registration Wednesday July 19th.
- Council President Wesson is responding to concerns regarding the noise and altitudes issues related to the implementation of the Federal NextGen/Metroplex program on air traffic safety and efficiency. (Changed navigation) Please file complaints with LAX/LAWA by visiting webtrak5.bksv.com/lax4 or calling 424-646-6473. All contact Congresswoman Karen Bass.

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Empower LA – Jasmine Elbarbary

- The Department is offering help to do outreach to hard to reach demographics within our NC district. They would not do outreach regarding our NC specifically, but about the NC system overall. Can contact her to set up a workshop.

IV. Consent Agenda

- Draft meeting minutes of 20 April 2017 (Hirsch / GB061517-1)**
 - Draft meeting minutes of 18 May 2017 (Hirsch / GB061517-2)**
- **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Mike Lynn.**
 - **Consent Agenda accepted by general consent**

V. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB061517-3)

- **None**

Treasurer Report.

Funds remaining: \$13,280.00.

Approval of monthly expenses (Liberman / GB051517-4)

- Ken Blaker moved to accept the report; Bryan Warman seconded.
- **Vote: 14 -Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

Quality of Life Beth Hirsch

Update on Soro Fest 2017. Doubled in crowds made some money, and community seemed happy. A real team effort. Thanks to our Planning Committee, the neighborhood businesses and corporate and city entities that helped support and sponsor us.

Homelessness Liaison Report Beth Hirsch

Passed Measure HHH, Passed Measure H, County Passed M, to support creation of housing and services to those experiencing homelessness and those in danger of becoming homeless. City and County are cooperating together to solve the issues.

2017 Homeless Count numbers were released this month and we had a sobering 23% increase in homelessness countywide.

Outreach/ Great Streets Marj Safinia

- Excellent outreach at the Soro Festival
- Canvassing the Robertson Businesses
- Design charrette completed
- Next community input event on June 25th
- Gathering consensus
- Next step is to form input into concrete ideas. Goal to have a working plan for the first leg of project by the end of September.
- Pleas for volunteer at the June 30th Movies in the Park event at Reynier Village Park. Will be gathering input for Great street and for improvements to Reynier Village Park.

VI. New Business

- Motion to not support subdivision at 3134 N Ivy St (Land Use / GB061517-5)**



Krystal Navar – brief presentation and update of project. Issue is that the owner/developer has submitted application to sub divide the lot after having already built most of the project as a single family home.

Numerous community members attended in opposition of the project. Against look and scale and general mistrust of owner and project. Neighbors do not want to reward this developer for perceived bad behavior.

- **Moved by Mike Lynn. Seconded by Marj Safinia**

Board debate: Discussion on whether the board has any legal basis to oppose approval. Although many board were sympathetic to the neighbors concerns, generally felt that there was no legal basis to disapprove the project.

- **Vote: Y- 6. N – 10. A – 2.**

- b. **Motion to save the trees along Cadillac (Green Team / GB061517-6)**
Presentation by Barry Levine – Green team would like to stop the removal of these healthy, full growth trees. Would like Councilman to slow the process of removal until alternatives to destroying trees can be presented. City is removing them in response to an ADA compliancy lawsuit.

Amendment to change language in letter to say “by at least August 30th

- **Moved by Marj Safinia. Seconded by Mike Lynn.**
- **Amendment passed by general consent.**

- **Vote: Motion passes by general consent.**

- c. **Motion to call for a safe pedestrian access corridor between Expo and Hamilton High in the Expo Transit Neighborhood Plan (Fitzsimmons / GB061517-7)**

Public Comment – Steve Coker – General clarification and concerns about changes that may affect traffic blockage around National. Make the area more walkable. Jacqueline Hamilton (Rep. Karen Bass) offered to the Congresswoman’s help with influencing DOT/Metro.

- **Moved by Beth Hirsch and Seconded by Michael Bloom.**
- **Motion passed by consent.**

- d. **Motion to approve funding strategic plan and outreach assessment (Outreach / GB061517-8)**

- **Move by Marj Safinia and Seconded by Jon Liberman.**
- **Motion passes by consent.**

- e. **Motion to fund \$500 to co-sponsor Park event with Reynier Village Neighborhood Association (Exec / GB061517-9)**

- **Moved by Marj Safinia and seconded Bryan Warman**
- **Y – 16. N – 0. A – 1.**

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

Votes taken

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