



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 17, 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, Nahed Guirguis, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Linda Theung, Noa Zarur

Board Members Absent: None Giovanni Ferdinand, Krystal Návar, Tom Eliopoulos, Sue Burden, Dan Fink, Yvette Edidin,

Guests: Nancy - Temple Beit T'Shuvah

II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements

Nancy - Temple Beit T'Shuvah collecting items for the homeless – donation bins at 8831 Venice Blvd, Venice CA 90034

Doug Fitzsimmons–

This year marks the 15th Anniversary of the formation of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council.

Moment of Silence for Community Unity

Susan Bursk - Community Awards Presentation - to Deni Moser, Marci Sandel, Doug Fitzsimmons. Presentation of certificates.

Thanks/ Farewell to Michael Bloom and Noa Zarur. Presentation of Certificates.

III. Community Reports

Office of Council President Wesson. Elizabeth Carlin

- Trash collection issues for Apartments – complaints about new contractors Athens and Republic.

Office of Councilmember Koretz. Joseph Galloway

- Aug 29th 4pm - Ground Breaking for the New Robertson Recreational Center. Work will begin after Labor Day.
- Complaints about new contractors Athens and Republic, Councilman Koretz has met with the CEOs and the issues are being monitored and resolved.
- Sewer Construction on La Cienega (Crescent Heights) for more information contact the Councilman's office.

Office of Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas. Bryan Adams

- Opening of the New Constituent Services Center – Nov 4th, block party, food trucks, etc.
- Doug Fitzsimmons thanked Assemblyman for his strong opposition to SB-649 regarding placement of cell towers.

Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (Empower LA) – Jasmine Elbarbarry

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Ken Blaker
Vice-President

Jon Liberman
Treasurer

Beth Hirsch
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- New member of Board of Neighborhood Commissioners,
- City Council Approved the new Deputy Director of Cannabis.
- Congrats on SORO NC's 15-year Anniversary.

IV. Presentation and Board Discussion

Presentation topic

Ana Huizar, Office of Community Beautification

- Please Use LA 311 app to report issues.
- Office has tools and supplies for community organized beautification events
- Let business owners know that if they get tagged with graffiti, the business can contact the Office for free and color matching paint.
- Who cleans medians. Office does, but we need Councilman's office to schedule.
- Community can arrange to adopt a median. Contact office for details.

IX. New Business (45 minutes)

V. Consent Agenda

a. **Draft meeting minutes of 20 July 2017 (Hirsch / GB081717-1)**

- **Moved by Beth Hirsch. Seconded by Marj Safinia.**
- **Consent Agenda accepted by general consent**

VI. Committee Reports

a. **Changes to Board committee membership (GB081717-2)**

- **None**

President's Report.

- Elections may be postponed until 2019 so NC board positions will be extended one year.
- NC Congress Saturday September 9th. 7- 4pm.

Treasurer Report.

Funds remaining: \$41,390.73.

Approval of monthly expenses (Liberman / GB081717-3)

- **Martin Epstein moved to accept the report; Mike Lynn seconded.**
- **Vote: 17-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

Parks.

- Reynier Park event last month went well. Lots of input on design. Will begin to look for funding and money to implement.
- New Park signs are up. However, they were incorrect. Committee has contacted Herb Wesson's Office to put pressure on the Parks Dept. to redo the signs. Specifically, in regards to removing the no soccer signage and creating Spanish versions.

Public Safety. CPR Classes scheduled for this month (Still need a space for Sunday August 21st)

Outreach/ Great Streets. Councilman Koretz has committed funds for the SORO Street Lamp post Medallions. Meeting the Herb Wesson's office scheduled soon in hopes that we could complete the project by January.

Next Great Streets Community Meeting will be held September 27th Great Streets Plan Reveal to the public at Shenandoah Elementary School. 7pm.



VII. Unfinished Business

Motion to Fund of up to \$3500 for the SORO NC Storage Container Relocation (Public Safety / GB072017-16)

- Jon Liberman moved; Marj Safinia seconded.

Amendment: to Strike Emergency supplies storage from line 3. Remove any reference to emergency or specific supplies or purchases as facility will be a multipurpose storage.

- **Amendment moved by Doug Fitzsimmons. Seconded by Jon Liberman.**
- **Amendment accepted by general consent.**

- **Vote: 17 – Y. 0 – N. 0 – A.**

VIII. New Business

a. Motion to Support a Proposed 5 Home Small Lot Subdivision at 20282030 Shenandoah Street (Land Use / GB081717-4)

Presentation by Jon Liberman - By right. One complaint by a nearby resident regarding privacy.

Moved by Adam. Seconded by Linda Thueng.

Board Debate: Mike Lynn expressed concerns about affordability, displacing middle class residents from the community, 5 units being added to an area without planning for parking and infrastructure.

Jon Liberman countered that the lack of city planning cannot be put on the land owners and developers.

Linda Theung – brought out the fact that we are building a negative 100,000 housing units per year in LA. We need to build in order to help the housing crisis.

Beth Hirsch countered that we need to build, but we need to encourage a balance of building that would include rental apartments. We are giving away our land to expensive small lots and luxury condos, which are pushing out the middle class in our communities.

Adam Rich and Steve Chocron feel that we should let the market decide. Not discourage development. Possibly recommend a zone change or mechanism by which we can encourage more balanced development.

- **Motion vote: 14-Y, 3-N, 1-A. Amended motion approved.**

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.



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	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Alex Mosby	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Steve Chocron	C	IE	Y	IE	Y										
Giovanni Ferdinand	X	X	X	X	X										
Bryan Warman	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Michael Lynn	C	Y	Y	Y	N										
Jon Liberman	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Adam Rich	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Michael Bloom	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Ken Blaker	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Nahed Guirguis	C	Y	Y	Y	N										
Krystal Návar	X	X	X	X	X										
Tom Eliopoulos	X	X	X	X	X										
Gary Kasbarian	C	Y	Y	Y	A										
Beth Hirsch	C	Y	Y	Y	N										
Barry Levine	1C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Marj Safinia	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X										
Martin Epstein	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Victor Mitry	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Dan Fink	X	X	X	X	X										
Linda Theung	C	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Yvette Edidin	X	X	X	X	X										
Noa Zarur	C	IE													

Votes taken

1. Consent Draft meeting minutes of April , 2012 (GB081717-1)
2. Approval of monthly expenses (GB081717-3)
3. **Amendment to Funding up to 3500 for the SORO NC Storage Container Relocation (Public Safety / GB072017-16)**
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