



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 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 7:25.

Board Members Present: Charlie Stein, Alex Mosby, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Krystal Návar, Tom Eliopoulos, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Daphne Moss

Board Members Absent: Steve Chocron, Giovanni Ferdinand, Bryan Warman, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Linda Theung, Sue Burden, Dan Fink, Yvette Edidin

Guests: None

II. General Public Comment & Board Announcements

Barry Levine announced - regarding sidewalks repairs on Cadillac between Robertson and La Cienega. City found a new way to save and not remove most of the 18 trees that were set to be destroyed to make way for the repairs.

William Chen – Sustainability Student from Cal State University. Spoke on the importance of community gardening and composting.

III. Community Reports

LAPD Report. SLO Chris Baker
Crime Report since Nov 1st. –

- 2 assaults
- 3 car burglaries
- 6 house burglaries
- robbery near Hamilton High School.
- Area still at a 5.8 crime reduction despite the holidays.
- Report on Burglary at Vons on National – Drug buy that turned violent. Suspects caught. One suspect was Homeless, squatting in a nearby abandoned home.

Office of Councilmember Koretz. Joseph Galloway

- Mercy Housing Project delayed due to unforeseen infrastructure costs from DWP. Waiting for resolution.
- Organize a Business Watch with West LA PD Regarding Homelessness and Crime. Marj Safinia asked if Lower South Robertson could be included since we have the infrastructure in place through Great Streets to contact the business owners and the need for this is very great.
- Doug Fitzsimmons remarked that there have been a lot of complaints from the community about the over growth of shrub on Robertson Blvd surrounding Beverlywood. It's causing blockage of the sidewalks.

Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment – Jasmine Elebarbary

- Reminder of Inventory due –
- FRS No more funding request forms. Everything will be done by backboard action forms.

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Ken Blaker
Vice-President

Jon Liberman
Treasurer

Beth Hirsch
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- Homelessness – The League of Women’s Voters is putting a Yimby (yes in my back yard) Guide to permanent supportive housing. For more information go to YesinmyLA.org.
- Civic U is starting up again.
- EmpowerLA has a Guide to Community Murals.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. **Draft meeting minutes of 26 October 2017 (Hirsch / GB111617-1)**
- b. **Motion to request four additional citywide Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructors (LANCC / GB111617-2)**
 - Moved by Martin Epstein and Seconded by Jon Liberman
 - Accepted by General Consent.

V. Committee Reports

Changes to Board committee membership (GB111617-3) None

President’s Report.

Next meeting on Thursday, December 14th Cancelled

- Moved by Charlie Stein, Seconded by all.
- Cancellation approved by consent.

Treasurer Report.

Funds remaining: \$36,584.00. (pending receipt of written report to Secretary)

Approval of monthly expenses (Liberman GB111617-4)

- Moved by Marjan Safinia. Seconded by Martin Epstein.
- Vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.

Green Team.

Paula Waxman is stepping down as Green Team Chair. ISO of new Chair for that group.

Public Safety. Description of the report

Outreach/Great Streets.

- Marjan Safinia – Report on Outreach benefits April thru Sept – SORO email list grew by 60% and Facebook grew by 40%
- Departmental Leadership at the Mayor’s office and City have changed and may slow the project down a bit during the transition.
- Coffee with a Cop was very successful 11,000 folks reached for that event.

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils.

WRAC is Pursuing Status as a non-profit organization.

VI. Special Orders

Nomination of Daphne Moss for Student Board Seat (GB041917-4)

- Jon Liberman Moved it. Seconded by Nahed Guirguis.
- Nomination approved by general consent

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. **Motion to call for City divestment from Wells Fargo Bank (WRAC / GB-102617-3)**
Unable to take this up as this time as we have too many recusals and would not make quorum.



b. **Motion to address issues with RecycLA Franchise Waste Program (WRAC / GB102617-4)**

- Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Doug Fitzsimmons

Board Debate: Adam Rich remarked that he is in agreement with the all the other points of the motion, but would like to include an item allowing property owners to be able to choose which vendor to use.

Unable to hear most of this debate from the recording:

Amendment: Language: Item number 7. Program should be modified to allow property owners to choose which vendor they prefer.

- Vote on the amendment: Y – 6, N – 4, A – 3, 1 recusal. Does not pass.
- Motion Vote: Y- 10, N – 0, A – 3, 1 – recusal. Motion passes.

VIII. New Business

a. **Motion to approve 2018 General Board Meeting calendar (Executive / GB111617-6)**

- Moved by Nahed Guirguis. Seconded by Ken Blaker.
- Motion accepted by Consent.

b. **Motion to support a dockless bike share pilot program (Transportation / GB111617-7)**

Presentation by Adam Rich: Special app tracks and locks bikes for use by anyone in the city.

- Moved by Marj Safinia. Seconded by Jon Liberman.
- Vote: Motion accepted by Consent.

c. **Motion to fund up to \$500 for food, refreshments, and outreach for Homeless Count in January 2018 (Quality of Life & Public Safety / GB111617-8)**

- Seconded by Marj Safinia and Nahed Guirgius.

Amendment: Language: SORO NC will fund up to 150 for outreach and coordination supplies balance of 400 for refreshments and food for the volunteers.

- Vote on Amendment: Accepted by consent.
- Vote on Motion: Y – 13, N – 0, A – 0. Passes.

d. **Motion to fund up to \$200 for online survey services (Outreach / GB111617-9)**

- Moved by Jon. Seconded by Victor.
- Vote: Y – 13, N – 0, A – 0.

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

Votes taken

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2. Changes to Board committee membership (GB111617-3) cancel Dec Board Meeting
3. Approval of monthly expenses (Liberman GB111617-4)
4. Nomination of Daphne Moss for Student Board Seat (GB041917-5)
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7. Motion to support a dockless bike share pilot program (Transportation / GB111617-7)
8. Motion to fund up to \$500 for for Homeless Count in January 2018 (Quality of Life GB111617-8)
9. Motion to amend GB111617-8
10. Motion to fund up to \$200 for online survey services (Outreach / GB111617-9)