



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2016, 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 7:34pm.

Board Members Present: Kimber, Mike Bitton, Giovanni Ferdinand, Roger McCracken, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, Ken Blaker, Robyn Braun, Aimee Zeltzer, Beth Hirsch Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Dan Fink, Barry Levine,

Board Members Absent: Kevin Gres, Nahed Guirguis, Susan Burden, Victor Mitry, Leo Portal, Noa Zarur

Guests: Albert Khasky, Bella Kay, Bill McKenna, Barbara Mendez, Marilyn Rich, Lydia Grant, Ted Fukushima, Jessie Creed, Troy, Cruz

II. General Public Comment

- Call from Jon and Doug for Soro Festival Volunteers.
- Lydia Grant from Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Promoting the free mammogram truck at the festival.
- Overview of the work it takes to be on the neighborhood council.

III. Community Reports

LAPD Report. SLO Mario Gonzales.

- Close down of grow house in Reyneir Village in progress.
- Extra Patrols of Parks, regular arrests and tickets
- Theft of catalytic converters is still ongoing.
- Crime rate in the area is down.
- Encourage community to keep investing in security cameras and surveillance. It may be helping to prevent crime and the photos and videos are helping police investigations.

Office of Council President Wesson. Not available tonight. Doug thanked her and our Senior Lead Officers for the help ongoing meetings regarding community concerns at Reyneir Park.

Office of Councilmember Koretz. Joseph Galloway.

Announcements:

- Expo Grand Opening event May 21st. 10am – 4pm. Ribbon cutting at 10:30pm. Huge party event all day
- Thanked Doug and Jon for their hard work helping the City and the Department of Transportation find the funding for an additional floor of parking at the new Mercy Senior Housing Project on Pico and Robertson.
- Funds allocated for tree trimming and urban forestry in Pico Robertson area.
- Construction on the new Robertson Rec Center will be underway January 2017.

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Kevin Gres
Vice-President

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- New parking resolution to install No Oversized Vehicle Parking signs in certain areas of Zone's 6,5,7 and 9. Another resolution on the rest of SORO coming soon.

IV. Consent Agenda

Draft Board Meeting Minutes of April 21 2016 (Hirsch / GB051916-1)

- **Due to computer problems, no minutes available this month. Will be available for approvable June Board meeting.**

V. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB051916-2)

Barry asked to join Quality of Life.

- **Request confirmed by general consent**

Executive. Doug Fitzsimmons - It is an honor to serve as a NC Board member, thrilled to see the candidates out there campaigning, but if they should not win a board seat, please consider staying on and joining at least one of the NC committees and serving that way as it is just as important as being on the board.

Announced that at the June meeting we will be seating the new Board.

Elections/Outreach. Jasmine from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Field Representative. She is available tonight to register folks to vote online.

Treasurer Report.

Funds Spent: \$825.90 **Funds remaining:** \$ 21,737.70.

- Question from Marj about the status of the Get Lit NPG passed at April Board meeting. Terry explained that it had been denied.
- Beth asked if there was an appeal process if an NPG is denied. Terry said no. That is why t's important to send them to the treasurer first, so he can make sure they are filled out correctly.
- Marj asked what the process is for letting people know that an NPG was denied, he said there was not one. Marj expressed concern about this and Terry not letting board members know when an NPG has a "typo" and could potentially be denied.

Approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB051916-3)

- **Moved by Beth. Seconded by Mike Lynn.**
- **Vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

Budget meeting report:

- Finance Meeting will be held Sunday May 22. 11:30 at Foos Palace patio area.
- New Fiscal Year Budget will be \$37,000. Cut from \$42,000. by city council due to non-spending of funds and 33 NC's not turning in their paperwork.
- Doug expressed concern that the department was not defending the NC's budget and allowing the City Council to underfund NCs.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. **Discussion of LADWP reform Council file 16-0093 tied in with following Motion**

b. **Motion to support LADWP Governance and Professional Board of**



Commissioners formation (LAANC / GB042116-5)

Moved by Beth H. Seconded by Mike Lynn.

Jon moved to Amended Motion Language to read: “Board would approve the General Manager to determine policy, establish rates have the ability to appoint positions.”

- **Motion to amend was approved by general consent.**
- **Motion was approved by general consent.**

c. Motion to support the City Planning Commission’s proposed Sign Ordinance recommendations (WRAC / GB042116-7)

- **Moved by Jon. Seconded by Terry.**
- **Motion passed by general consent.**

VII. New Business

*****As some board members were still confused about how much NC money we had left to fund all the NPG motions, Board took 5 minute recess to calculate again*****

a. Motion to approve a \$5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for the Relational Center’s SoRoYo Youth Civic Engagement Initiative (Hirsch / GB051916-4)

- **Dan Fink recused himself as he is employed by TRC.**

Proposed by Beth Hirsch. Presentation by Penny Timmons from the Relational Center.

Substitution Amendment:

- **Change budget \$4800 for facilitators.**
- **\$200 administration costs.**

Board Questions: Confusion on how many classes were being funded by our NC money and when the work would begin.
Explained work would begin immediately to update materials, hiring and training staff and outreach to community.

- **Moved by Marj. Seconded by Kimber.**

Jon proposed an amendment: to fund \$1500 now and the balance in next fiscal year for the classes.

- **Amendment failed for lack of a Second.**
- **Vote: 12 – Y, 3 – N, 0 – A. One Recusal. Passes.**

b. Motion to approve a \$2000 NPG for Alcott Center Community Outreach Programs and Health Fair (Hirsch / GB051916-5)

Presentation from Alcott Center.

Board Questions:

- **Would the whole population of community be outreached to? Yes.**



- Questions about materials and whether existing free materials could be used. Alcott Center said they will use all available materials in order to keep costs down.
- **Moved by Jon. Seconded by Amiee.**

Motion by Terry to Amend to \$1000, because he thought second event is not until next fiscal year.

- **Seconded by Giovanni.**
- **Vote on Amendment. 5 – Y, 11 – N, 0 – A. Fails.**
- **Vote: 11 – Y, 5 – N, 0 – A. Passes.**

c. Motion to approve a \$2600 NPG for emergency communications equipment for the LAFD Auxiliary Communications Service (Public Safety / GB051916-6)

Michael Bloom introduced ACS. ACS Presented.

Questions:

- Why are we funding the Antenna to be at a station that is not in our boundaries? Explained that the coverage is better for our area if placed at 68. Would be most to our advantage.
- **Moved by Terry. Seconded by Michael.**
- **Jon moved to amend** by removing the antenna from Station 68.
- **Seconded by Roger.**

Board Debate:

- Beth: Removing Antenna at 68 and only funding 58, although seems to make sense on the surface, it would benefit our community the least by not giving us enough coverage.
- Kimber expressed that it would be a good thing for our NC to take leadership and fund the whole communications system.
- Jon thought coordination should be created among all surrounding NCs to fund this. Terry said that the NC should not be funding this at all. This should be funded by LAFD. Felt DONE would reject the proposal. ACS explained LAFD's funding is being continuously cut. Other NC's have funded these antennas already with approval from DONE.
- **Vote on amendment: 3 – Y, 12 – N, 0 – A. fails.**
- **Terry proposes that we amend** the proposal that the radio and go box would stay housed at station 58 only.
- **Seconded by Jon.**
- **Amendment passes by consent.**
- **Vote On Motion. 13 – Y, 2 – N, 0 – A. passes.**

d. Motion to approve \$1500.44 for promotional items for the EP, Safety & Health Expo at SORO Festival (Public Safety / GB051916-7)

- **Moved by Marj. Seconded by Beth.**



- **Vote: 14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A.**

e. Motion to provide \$320 to Maohr HaTorah for labor for the EP, Safety & Health Expo at SoRoFest (Public Safety / GB051916-8)

- **Moved by Jon. Seconded by Roger.**
- **Vote: 14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A. Passes.**

f. Motion to approve \$5000 to trim trees on Pico and Robertson Blvds. (Green Team / GB051916-9)

- **Pulled until next fiscal year.**

g. Motion to approve up to \$1600 for three Outreach tablets and two year mobile hotspot agreement (Outreach / GB051916-10)

Doug gave description of tablets and attached services.

- **Motion to amend to up \$1800 by Doug.**
- **Amendment approved by general consent.**
- **Motion Vote: 15 – Y, 0 – Y, 0 – A. passes.**

h. Motion to approve up to \$1100 for NC laptop (Executive / GB051916-11)

- **Moved by Martin. Seconded by Kimber.**
- **Vote: 15 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A. Passes.**

i. Motion to approve up to 2750 for two, NC branded tents. (Outreach/ GB051916-12)

- **Moved by Doug. Seconded by Jon.**
- **Vote: 13 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A. Passes.**

j. Motion to help fund the Neighborhood Council Congress, Awards and Budget Advocates for \$5000. (Gomes/GB051916 – 13)

- **Moved by Doug. Seconded by Mike Lynn.**
- **Vote: 12 – Y, 1 – N, 0 – A. Passes.**

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.



Vote Tally

1: moved | 2: seconded | Y: yes | N: no | A: abstain | R: recuse | X: missed vote
C: passed by general consent

Votes taken	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
Kevin Gres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kimber Smith	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Mike Bitton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	X		
Roger McCracken	C	Y	C	C	C	N	Y	N	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Michael Lynn	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Jon Liberman	C	Y	C	C	C	N	N	Y	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Paula Waxman	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Michael Bloom	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Ken Blaker	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Robyn Braun	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Aimee Zeltzer	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	X	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Beth Hirsch	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Marj Safinia	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Terrence Gomes	C	Y	C	C	C	N	Y	N	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Martin Epstein	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	C	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	X	X		
Victor Mitry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Leo Portal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Dan Fink	C	Y	C	C	C	R	N	Y	N	C	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Barry Levine	C	Y	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Noa Zarur	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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