



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 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 7:10.

Board Members Present: Charlie Stein, Mike Bitton, Giovanni Ferdinand, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Michael Bloom, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Krystal Navar, Aimee Zeltzer, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Marj Safinia, Victor Mitry, Frank Shelton, Barry Levine

Board Members Absent: Kimber Smith, Brian Warman, Susan Burden, Martin Epstein, Dan Fink, Yvette Edidin, Noa Zarur

Guests: Rob Kadota (Mar Vista NC), Carol Eisner, C Klatman, Andrea Weinstein, Laura Schafenacker

II. Special Orders

- Seating of newly-elected Board and administration of oath of office by Empower LA Field Representative Jasmine Elbarbary
- Recognition of out-going Board members Paula Waxman, Terry Gomes, Kevin Gres, Leo Portal, Robyn Braun, Roger McCracken by Stephanie Cohen who presented certificates on behalf of Assemblymember Richard Bloom's office.
- Recognition of Susan Bursk Community Service Award Nominees – Stephanie Cohen again presented Award to Terry Gomes. Other Nominees were Doug Fitzsimmons and Michael Bloom.

*****Took 15 minute break at 7:30 pm to congratulate and thank and say goodbye to outgoing members and award winners. Back at 7:45*****

III. General Public Comment

- Rob Kadota from Marvista NC – Graciously came to visit, congratulate and pay respects to our new board members.
- Doug read written public comment from Carol Eisner representing Crestiview stating support of Paul Koretz's Base Mansionization Ordinance.
- Michael Bloom announces special safety fair being put on by Hatzolah on Sunday June 26, 2016.
- Marj expressed condolences on behalf of the Board for the recent passing of Boardmember Kimber Smith's father.

IV. Community Reports

LAPD Report. SLO Mario Gonzales –

- Crime is down in our area about 25%.
- Report that many residents are using new security product Ring Doorbell Security Camera system that he feels is helping deter crime and identify potential suspects. He encourages security surveillance of any kind as a helpful tool

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Kevin Gres
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
Treasurer

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- Attempted robbery at Kincardine, 2 suspects jumped out of a car and attacked a woman and attempted to take her backpack. No leads.
- Car breakins are up. Encourages residents to lock their cars and not leave valuables in the car. 25% of car thefts and burglaries had keys in the car
- Encouraged people to pay attention when they are walking around. Should go outside on a regular basis and show a presence in the neighborhood. People walking around and being seen is a crime deterrent.
- Continuing patrol of parks and making arrests for gang activity and narcotics
- Reaching out through PATH to the homeless. Because of recent lawsuits, it's not permissible for the LAPD to remove or arrest homeless for sleeping on the street
- Asked community to please keep reporting suspicious behavior and to be patient with wait times.

Office of Councilmember Koretz. Doug read an update from Joseph Galloway

- There is an approved installation of a stop sign at Bedford and Cashio
- A community Q and A with head of planning Department will be held at Cheviot Hills Recreation Center, 7pm on June 27th topics will include information on BMOs, Community Plans, Re-Code LA.

Office of Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas. Brian Adams

- Report and plea for support of new Los Angeles County Trailer Bill Proposal to help counties combat homelessness. The bill would include authorization to seeking voter approval for counties to impose a special tax on personal income over \$1 million dollars for the purposes of providing housing and services to homeless individuals and families. Asking all NCs to put this proposal on our Agendas for next Board meeting.

Office of Neighborhood Empowerment - Jasmine Elbarbary-

- Announcing that the moratorium on NC bylaws has been lifted and we can make changes to our bylaws at this time if we wish.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Draft meeting minutes of April 21, 2016 (Hirsch / GB061616-1)
 - b. Draft meeting minutes of May 19, 2016 (Hirsch / GB061616-2)
- **All items on the Consent Agenda accepted by general consent**

VI. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB061616-3)

Barry Levine and Beth Hirsch asked to join the Parks Committee
Adam Rich asked to join the Public Safety Committee

- **Requests confirmed by general consent**

President Report. Doug Fitzsimmons

Announcement of Board Training on Sunday July 10 at 1pm

Announced that next Board meeting in July we will be an election of new Executive Committee Officers, Committee Chairs, and Liaisons Board Assignments.

Treasurer Report. Funds Spent: \$7469.32. Funds remaining: \$14,307.29

c. Treasurer's report & monthly expenses approval (Exec / GB061616-4)

- **Vote: 15 -Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

Public Safety. Mike Lynn and Michael Bloom –



- Report on Public Safety Fair (Focus on Emergency Preparedness) at the festival. Big hit. Has grown in scope and popularity. Blood Drive and Mammogram Testing.
- Jon announced that Jon and Terry plan to resign from running the SORO Festival. Expressed strongly that someone will need to step up to run it next year.

Outreach. Marj Safinia–

- Brief report on Election Outreach and FB advertising results very positive numbers and will continue use them next year. Lower turnout of voters than expected since we did it at the festival this year. Determined that we should have polls open longer if we do it at the festival again.
- Did an Ideas board at the SORO Booth based on past Surveys, asked people to vote with dots on what ideas they liked the most. (Fun way of doing a survey) Could see immediate results. Thing that got the most votes was to have a Shuttle run directly from Robertson Blvd to the Metro stations.

VII. New Business

- Motion to reallocate Fiscal Year 2015-16 funds (Executive / GB061616-5)**
 - **Jon Moved the Motion. Mike Lynn seconded.**
 - **Vote: 15 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A. Motion passes.**

- Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget, outreach survey, and strategic plan (Finance & Executive / GB061616-6)**

Questions from New Board members on what the budget allocations are ii. Hami Garden, Fresh Fruit on Friday.

- **Moved by Marj Safinia. Seconded by Beth Hirsch**
- **Vote: 15 - Y, 0 – N, 0 – A. Motion passes.**

- Motion to approve up to \$150 for Board Training event (Executive / GB061616-7)**

- Moved by Jon. Seconded by Aimee.

Marj proposed an amendment to increase the amount to &200 for Board Training (period) and not specify food .

- **Seconded by Giovanni.**
- **Vote on Amendment: passes by consent.**
- **Vote on Motion.: 15 - Y, 0 – N, 0 - A. Motion passes**

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.



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
Charlie Stein	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Kimber Smith	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Mike Bitton	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Bryan Warman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Michael Lynn	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Jon Liberman	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Adam Rich	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Michael Bloom	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Ken Blaker	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Nahed Guirguis	C	C	X	X	X	X	X								
Krystal Navar	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Aimee Zeltzer	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Gary Kasbarian	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Beth Hirsch	C	C	X	X	X	X	X								
Barry Levine	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Marj Safina	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Victor Mitry	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Dan Fink	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Frank Shelton	C	C	X	X	X	X	X								
Yvette Edidin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Noa Zarur	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								

Votes taken

1. Consent Agenda Draft meeting minutes for April/May 2016 (GB061616 -1 & 2)
2. Confirmation of Board committee memberships (GB061616-3)
3. Approval of monthly expenses (GB061616-4)
4. Motion to reallocate Fiscal Year 2015-16 Funds (GB061616-5)
5. Motion approve Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget, Outreach survey and Strategic plan GB062112-5)
6. Motion to approve up to \$200 for Board Training (GB061616-7)