



General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 2015, 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 7:15.

Board Members Present: Giovanni Ferdinand, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Adam Rich, Michael Bloom, Ken Blaker, Nahed Guirguis, Krystal Navar, Aimee Zeltzer, Gary Kasbarian, Beth Hirsch, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Susan Burden, Victor Mitry, Yvette Edidin, Noa Zarur

Board Members Absent: Charlie Stein, Michael Bitton, Bryan Warman, Michael Lynn, Martin Epstein, Dan Fink, Frank Shelton

Guests: Jessie Creed – Running for City Council CD 5

II. General Public Comment

- Jessie Creed. Brief campaign speech
- Board says tearful goodbye to Board member Kimber Smith who has had to resign after 7 years due to family illness.

III. Community Reports

Office of Assemblymember Bloom. Stephanie Cohen –

- Presented Certificate to Kimber Smith. Thanked her for her hard work.
- Announced Annual Food Drive and Community Reception on December 14th 5-7pm

IV. Presentation and Board Discussion

Presentation topic:

Daniel Tamm, Office of Mayor Garcetti - Public Engagement

Remarks regarding what his office does and various Projects and Initiatives:

- Great Streets
- Homelessness and Poverty Projects – Welcome Home, Permanent Supportive Housing, Prop HHH
- Input on the Mayor's Budget
- Back to Basics
- Improve disaffected areas
- Neighborhood Youth Programs
- Sustainability Plan – on website at LAmayor.org/sustainability
- Save Energy LA
- Save the Drop
- 311 App

*****New business item f. moved up by general consent of the Board.**

f. Motion that the LADWP transition to 100% renewables by 2035 (Green Team / GB112916-12)

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Paula Waxman Co-Chair of Green Team Committee presented Motion.
Board Questions on feasibility.

- **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Beth Hirsch.**

V. Consent Agenda

a. Draft meeting minutes of 15 September 2016 and 20 October 2016 (Hirsch / GB112916-1)

- All items on the Consent Agenda accepted by general consent

VI. Committee Reports

a. Changes to Board committee membership (GB112916-2)

None.

Executive Report.

- Thanked Beth Hirsch again for the Homelessness Town Hall. Beth thanked her whole team. *****Video of Event is on the Facebook page.**
- Announced SPA 5 Homeless Count Kick-off. A cooperative event between SORO NC, Palms NC, CD -5 and LAHSA. January 8th 2-5pm at the IMAN Center in palms.
- All Board members need to sign the Code of Conduct by next Board meeting or be removed from the board.
- Great Streets Application for South Robertson Blvd has been turned in. Waiting for Approval.
- Urged Committee Chairs to please do committee meeting minutes.
- Civic University id coming up again. We need to vote on a team one woman one man to attend.
- Doug Fitzsimmons announced he was elected Chair of WRAC – Westside Regional Alliance of Councils.
- Time to discuss if meeting food needs to be illuminated due to higher costs.

Treasurer Report. September Funds remaining: \$29,418.00

October Funds remaining: 26,216.65

Approval of monthly expenses (Liberman / GB112916-3)

- **Moved by Doug Fitzsimmons. Seconded by Marj Safinia**
- **Vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

Outreach. No outreach meeting for December.

VII. Special Orders

a. **Application of Noa Zarur and Lourdes Hernandez for vacant Student School seat / one year appointment (GB112916-4)**

Both Candidates attended and gave speeches.

- **Vote: Noa Zarur: 10. Lourdes Hernandez: 5.**
- **Noa is accepted back to the board.**

b. **Application of Alex Mosby and Yami Bolanos for vacant Zone 2 Representative seat / interim appointment until 2018 (GB112916-5)**



Due to scheduling changes /timing of the Board meeting, Ken Blaker felt that there was not enough time for other potential Board Candidates to apply therefore he moved that the Vote on these candidates be tabled until next board meeting

- **Seconded by Aimee Zeltzer.**

Board debate on necessity.

- **Vote on Motion to table item until next Board meeting in December.**
- **Vote: Y – 8. N – 7. A. – 0.**

c. Beth Hirsch and Aimee Zeltzer for Homelessness Liaison (GB112916-6)

Aimee Zeltzer withdrew.

- **Nomination of Beth Hirsch approved unopposed.**

VIII. New Business

a. Motion to support small lot subdivision project at 6075 Hargis St. (Land Use / GB112916-7)

Jon Liberman recused himself.

Motion for this small lot project presented by Krystal Navar. Additional presentation by Architects – Ben-Willner.

Board Questions regarding: Size/scale, setbacks, parking, surrounding neighborhood. Neighborhood notifications. Is it in a Transportation District? No.

Moved by Beth Hirsch. Seconded by Victor Mityr.

Board debate: Not an adequate amount of community input to make a decision. Poor design features that could cause problems for neighbors. Replacing rental properties. Not affordable.

- **Vote: Y – 6, N – 6, A – 2. Motion does fails.**

b. Motion to approve 2017 General Board meeting schedule (Executive / GB112916-8)

- **Moved by Marj Safinia. Seconded by Jon Liberman.**
- **Motion to amend accepted by consent.**

Motion to amend by Adam Rich to choose alternate dates of September 14th and October 26th.

- **Seconded by Marj Safinia.**
- **Motion to amend accepted by consent**

Motion by Jon Liberman to also change December to the 14th.

- **Seconded by Krystal Navar.**
- **Full Motion as amended passed by consent.**

c. Motion for SORO NC to Sponsor and Fund \$350 for a “Coffee with a Cop” Event (Public Safety / GB112916-9)

- **Vote: Y – 14. N – 0. A – 0.**



- d. **Motion to approve \$350 for one-year of online community survey services (Fitzsimmons / GB112916-10)**
 - **Moved by Marj Safinia. Seconded by Beth Hirsch.**
 - **Vote: Y – 13. N – 0. A – 0.**

- e. **Motion to approve up to \$100 for 2017 Homeless Count kickoff meeting (Hirsch / GB112916-11)**
 - **Moved by Marl Safinia. Seconded by Ken.**
 - **Vote: Y – 13. N – 0. A – 0.**

******F. Was moved to front of the Agenda. ******

- a. **Motion to support the City’s 2017 marijuana regulation ballot measure (Fitzsimmons / GB112916-13)**

Motion presented by Doug.

- **Moved by Doug Fitzsimmons. Seconded by Jon Liberman.**
- **Vote: Motion passes by consent.**

- b. **Motion to request audit of LA Homeless Services Authority (LANCC / GB112916-14)**

Motion presented by Jon Liberman.

Questions regarding validity of accusations.

Marj asked if the we could substitute the word inappropriate for frivolous. Agreed to by Jon Liberman.

- **Moved by Jon Liberman. Seconded by Aimee Zeltzer.**
- **Vote: Y – 10. N – 2. A – 1. Motions passes.**

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.



Vote Tally

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

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| Motion | 01 | 02 | 03 | 4 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | N | L | B |
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| Charlie Stein | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Kimber Smith | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Mike Bitton | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Giovanni Ferdinand | Y | C | Y | N | N | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | X | Y | | Y |
| Bryan Warman | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Michael Lynn | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Jon Liberman | Y | C | Y | N | R | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | Y | | Y |
| Doug Fitzsimmons | Y | C | Y | Y | N | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | N | | Y | Y |
| Adam Rich | Y | C | Y | Y | Y | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | Y | | Y |
| Michael Bloom | Y | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Ken Blaker | Y | C | Y | Y | A | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | Y | | Y |
| Nahed Guirguis | Y | C | Y | Y | N | C | C | C | X | X | X | X | X | | Y | Y |
| Krystal Navar | Y | C | Y | Y | Y | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | Y | | Y |
| Aimee Zeltzer | Y | C | Y | Y | N | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | | Y | Y |
| Gary Kasbarian | X | C | Y | Y | N | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | Y | | Y |
| Beth Hirsch | Y | C | Y | Y | N | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | N | | Y | Y |
| Barry Levine | Y | C | Y | N | Y | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | Y | | Y |
| Marj Safinia | Y | C | Y | N | Y | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | Y | | Y |
| Susan Burden | Y | C | Y | N | Y | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | A | Y | | Y |
| Martin Epstein | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Victor Mitry | A | C | Y | N | Y | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | Y | | Y | Y |
| Dan Fink | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Frank Shelton | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Yvette Edidin | A | C | Y | N | A | C | C | C | Y | Y | Y | C | X | Y | | Y |
| Noa Zarur | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Y | | | |



Votes Taken –

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