

SORO NC Board Applicant Statements

15 December 2016

Candidates for Zone 2 Representative

Interim appointment expiring 2018

Alexander Mosby

Dear Friends,

I have been deeply convicted recently to reexamine my level of involvement in my community. I believe the majority of people want to live and work in a positive and uplifting environment, yet for some reason they choose not to take an active role in making this happen. There are probably a millions reasons why this is the case, but for me none of them are good enough anymore. As I sought ways to be involved, I came across this wonderful opportunity. I would love to learn, grow, and contribute amongst those of you who have already taken up the mantle of community leadership. It would be an honor to serve on the SORO Board of Directors.

Yamileth (Yami) Bolanos

I have been a resident of this neighborhood for over 7 years and I love it here!

For the first five years I was also a Business owner PureLife Alternative Wellness Center that was located @ 1649 La Cienega Blvd. A fully compliant Prop D collective. Sadly with the passage of D we had to relocate to Chatsworth.

During the 8 years that we were located on La Cienega we enjoyed a great relationship with the community, and I even established personal friendships in the community directly because of the store.

I originally ran for this position a few years back... with the full intention of starting a "Neighborhood Watch" if given this position I will do just that!

I am ready to help in any way to explore and come up with workable solutions to real problems in the neighborhood.

As a medical marijuana advocate I also have much experience working with city and state government. In Sacramento I helped pass a AB258 (which stopped discrimination against mmj users who were up for transplant) that was signed by the governor last July and became law in January 2016 and is now saving lives.

I am presently sitting on a working group with the city that will come up with sensible regulations that will make it a better and safer community for us all.

Thank you for considering me for this position.



Motion to change Reynier Park hours

Agenda Item: GB121516-6
Date: 15 December 2016
Proposed By: Brian Warman

Background

At numerous SORO NC Park and Recreation Committee meetings, community members have complained that Reynier Park's hours of operation on the official laparks.org website are listed as Dawn to Dusk, but municipal code sets them at 5am to 10:30pm (the default). This has created confusion within the community as well as within LAPD, hampering enforcement.

Reynier is set within a residential neighborhood and is unsupervised by Parks staff. Given that similar small pocket parks have limited hours, it is appropriate that Reynier's operation also be restricted to daylight hours.

SORO NC has previously requested that regardless of operating hours, the park be lit from dusk until dawn for safety purposes.

Proposed Motion

- I. SORO NC formally requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the support of our Councilmembers, recommend that City amend the Municipal Code to set the hours of operation for Reynier Park to dawn to dusk.
 - II. SORO NC further asks that park signage be updated to prominently reflect the new hours.
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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Clarifies park hours of operation, aiding police.

If enforced, should cut down on neighbor complaints regarding late-night park use and overnight claiming of party areas.

Arguments against:

Beyond meeting notices, no outreach to the larger community has been done.

Dusk comes very early in the winter. Kids need a place to play.

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Circle SORO - Bike path

Agenda Item: GB121516-7

Date: December 15, 2016

Proposed By: Barry E. Levine and Transportation Committee

Background

Within the boundaries of SORONC there are very few bike paths. Now that the Expo line is complete, bike paths connecting the stations to Century City would seem like a good idea. In some areas trees can be saved by not replacing crumbling sidewalks with new concrete sidewalks requiring the trimming of root systems and the lose of some mature trees. Semi permeable, flexible, recycled plastic or 3D printed segments could replace concrete in some areas of the bike paths. Details of routes and construction materials can be worked out within our committees and the appropriate city agencies. This motion is meant to establish two new prospective routes and indicate the interest of the Board in moving forward through discussions in Land Use, Transportation and Green Team committees.

Proposed Motion

- I. SORO NC would like our City Council members to support the addition of two bike paths through the SORO NC connecting the Expo Line with Century City

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 2

Against:0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
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Arguments for:

Provide healthy, safe alternative means of transportation and reduce traffic in our neighborhood

Protect the older trees in our neighborhood from removal due to concrete sidewalk replacements

Arguments against:

Underutilized expenditure of funds.

Loss of pedestrian only usage of sidewalks.

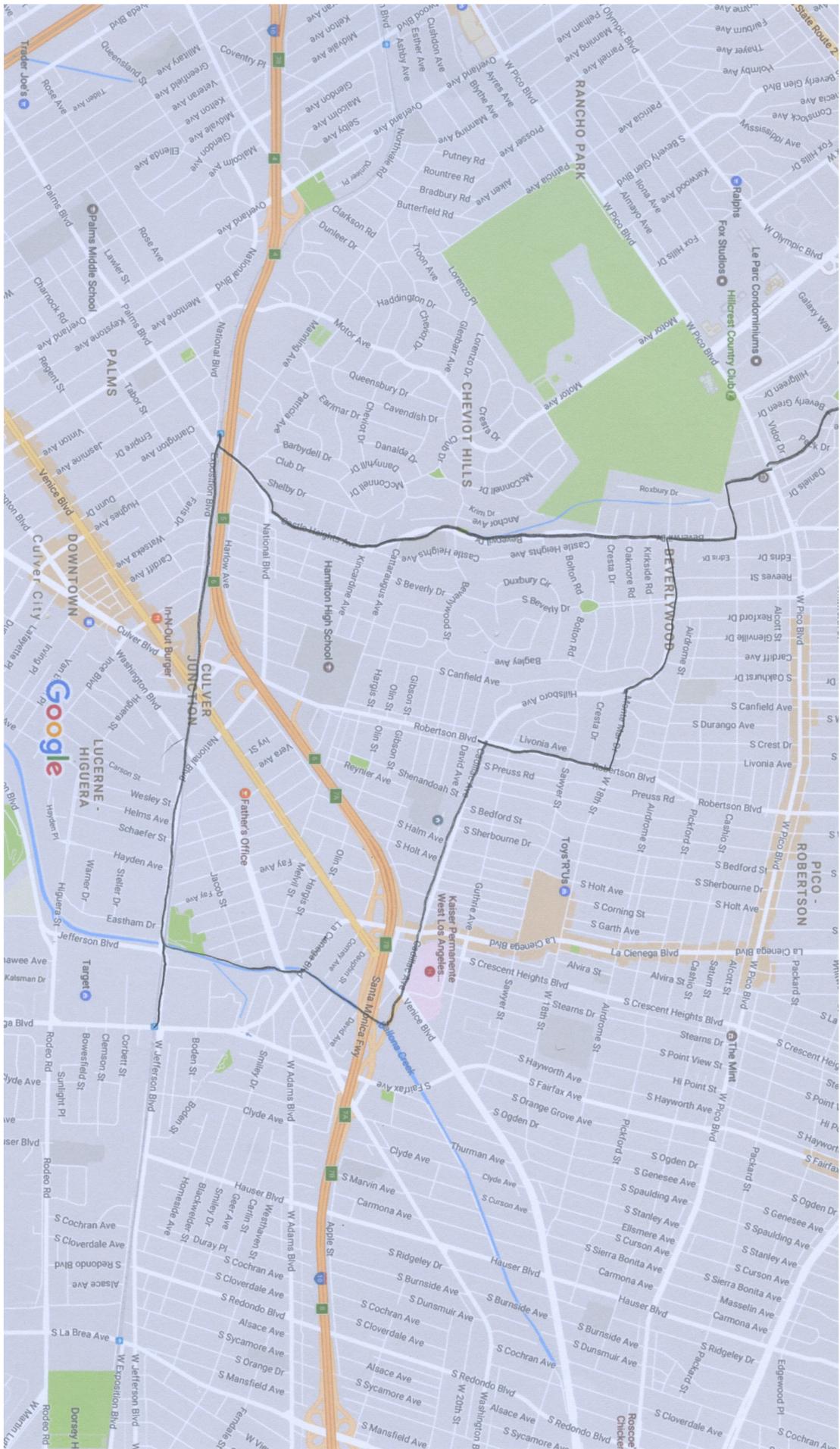
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Motion to spend up to \$350 for new printer drum and belt units

Agenda Item: GB121516-8

Date: 15 December 2016

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Background

Four years ago, we bought a Brother HL-4570CDW color laser printer. It's been a reliable workhorse. However, its print count now stands at 54,000 pages, and it's time to replace the drum (our second, each having a 25,000 page life), the belt unit (50,000 page life) and toner collection unit (also 50,000). The current cost for all three comes in at roughly \$300 + tax (prices fluctuate).

Alternately, we could simply replace the printer. Our particular model is discontinued. The replacement model (HL-8350) is \$260 + tax. Unfortunately, it uses different toner cartridges, and we currently have > \$500 of unused toner cartridges, which should last us about 9 months, depending on the volume of printing we do. It *is* possible to reset the drum and belt page counts to extend their lives, but print quality will eventually suffer.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC authorizes up to \$350 for replacement drum, belt, and toner collection units to maintain its laser printer.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
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Arguments for:

The printer is operating well. It makes sense to maintain it.

Arguments against:

We're going to have to replace it eventually, and probably before the end of the life of the replacement parts.

We should reset the counters for now and try to get through our remaining toner stock. We can get a new printer in spring or the new fiscal year.

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Motion to approve an additional \$1200 for meeting food

Agenda Item: GB121516-9

Date: 15 December 2016

Proposed By: Executive

Background

During our 2016-17 budget process, SORO NC approved \$1200 annually for food during our monthly meetings. We have provided food for Boardmembers and guests for at least eight years. The feeling has been that a 7pm meeting start doesn't allow time for people to eat after work.

In practice, it is difficult to feed 30+ people for \$100 per meeting, particularly as we try to accommodate Kosher preferences. Indeed, we've been spending almost twice that amount each month, and our allocated funds are already dwindling. Complicating matters, we need restaurants who can routinely and reliably deliver with a minimum of Board effort.

Proposed Motion

- I. SORO NC allocates an additional \$1200 for General Board meeting food, for a FY 2016-17 annual total of \$2400.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Allows Boardmembers and guests to eat, making long meetings manageable.

Food helps attract community participation.

Arguments against:

We don't need to provide dinner; food could be snacks and cookies.

\$2400 is a big chunk of our annual budget. Nor is it clear where the money is coming from within the budget.

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