



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 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 7:10.

Board Members Present: Kevin Gres, Kimber Smith, Melissande Colton, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, Victoria Martin, Nahed Guirguis, Beth Hirsch, Susan Burden, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Leo Portal, Barry Levine. Robyn Braun

Board Members Absent: Giovanni Ferdinand, Aimee Zeltzer, Martin Epstein, Victor Mityr, Sherilyn Correa, Grant Cohen

Guests: Matthew Gibbons

II. General Public Comment

- Short introduction by Matthew Gibbons from the The Westside Chamber of Commerce. Presentation on their Magazine and invited us to join their meetings and mixers.
- Brief celebration of Board President's Birthday.
- Barry Levine announced an event on January 21' 4-7pm Citizens United Protest at the Triforium Downtown
- Terry Gomes reminder regarding 2015 Homeless Count – need volunteers January 28 7pm. At Hamilton High School.

III. Community Reports

LAPD Report – Mario Gonzales - Asked for Homeless Count participation, Discussion of parcel thefts, update on Kramerwood Shootings, problem began at a known drug house., police in process of trying to shut down activities at the house and stop sale of house to occupant.

Office of Council President Wesson. Liz Carlin – brought trash pickup magnets and city phone sheets to distribute. Announce that the vehicle code will be posted in Reynier Park area and Garth Underpass regarding the homeless campers and vehicles that have been concerning residents. Wesson office has been working on dealing with the situation of locating and reinstating our SORONC banners that were being removed. Marj will handle the coordination of that.

Office of Councilmember Koretz. None

Office of the Mayor. None

Office of Assemblymember Bloom. Gearing up for Legislation in January, accepting proposals . Cut off is beginning of February. Happy to be partnering with our SORONC on the Car Seat Safety Event – point on this is Michael Bloom. Kids Are First finger printing program events coming soon.

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Office of Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas. None

Office of Senator Michelle. None

Office of Congress man Ted Lieu. Janet Turner – Excited about new swearing in ceremony in Washington. Looking forward to representing us in his new position. He plans to be very focused on our district, is going work hard on the issues concerning Veteran's homelessness, addressed issue of mail delivery to certain zip codes in the the district not being consistent . The Congressman has been appointed to the Budget committee. Will continue to update us on all the progress on issues in our district. New Office in on 5055 Wilshire.

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Draft meeting minutes of December 18, 2014 (Hirsch / GB011515-1)

- Item approved by consent.

V. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB011515-2)

Paula asked to be removed from the LGBTQ Committee

Doug asked to be added to the LUED Committee.

- **Requests confirmed by general consent**

Executive: Doug Fitzsimmons: Civility. Board members should review our Code of Civility and take it to heart.

Treasurer Report: Terry Gomes: Monthly expenses (Gomes / GB11515-3)

- Amount spent: **\$719.00**, Balance remaining: **\$34,505.88**
- moved and seconded.
- **Vote: 16-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**
- Doug stated that starting next month he will reinstate full committee reports.

Upcoming committee events and legislative issues

- **Board strategy and budget retreat:** Beth Hirsch - Event will take place at The Relational Center, on February 8. TRC will host and provide a brief team building exercise to help us negotiate the budget more effectively. Lunch will be provided. Meeting will start at 1pm.
- Doug asked for input to the meeting to be sent to him to be included in discussion
- Beth asked for Board members to fill out the Board Assessment Survey and return as soon as possible.

VI. Special Orders

Nomination of liaison to Palms Emergency Preparedness Committee (PEPC) (Public Safety / GB011515-4)

- Beth Hirsch and Robyn Braun were nominated
- Motion to amend that they share the position.
- Amendment Approved by consent
- **Nominations approved by general consent**
- Terry announced that there was another 30,000 grant from EMO that is available to all NC to apply. Suggestion made that we apply.

VII. New Business

- a. Motion to oppose a blanket application of the proposed residential development interim control ordinance (Gres / GB011515-5)**



- **Kevin Gres –presentation**, Send mailer to get 66% of support of each neighborhood in CD 5 before implementing ICO in that neighborhood. Let each neighborhood decide for themselves if they want those restrictions.
- **Liz Carlin** – responded briefly regarding the origins of the proposed ordinance to do an 18 month moratorium to prevent developers from using loopholes in the current zoning laws i.e, greening and eco-friendly designs that allow them to side step the current mansionization laws and build larger homes on small lots or homes that are out of character for the neighborhood.
- **Lengthy public comment and debate from members of the Beverlywood community and local developers** who are against the moratorium. They feel that the Beverlywood HOA's restriction on house size and character are enough and that they want to go ahead with any plans they already have to expand on their properties according to their family and community needs. Would like an opportunity to have a public forum to discuss the issue further.
- **1st Amendment to Proposal by Terry Gomes** - The motion should include letters to Councilmen, Koretz, Bonin, Wesson (cc: all the Councilmen) and the following added to the Motion to read "Further SORONC believes there should be a 6 month hold on the implementation of the ICO while the city solicits community input. SORO believes that each community should have the power to decide its own future in this matter and no community should be asked to follow a vocal minority no matter which side they fall on."
Motion seconded.
- **Debate:** Discussion about mailers not being the best way to solicit public input.
- **Amendment passes by consent.**
- **Further debate:** Discussion of presenting forums on the ICO and Mansionization issues.
- **New amendment** to strike the paragraph about specific mailers and 66% of community input.
- **Amendment passes by consent.**

New Motion with amendments read (see attached)

Vote: 13-Y, 4-N, 1-A, motion passes.

- b. **Motion to fund \$1623.01 for the purchase (or \$450 for the Rental) of two (2) 20x20 tents or canopies and to sponsor the Emergency Preparedness and Safety Expo at SOROFEST 2015 (Lynn / GB011515-6)**
 - **Mike presents Motion on behalf of Public Safety:** In order to increase the profile of the expo and be able to include more safety and EP organizations
 - **Rent vs Own** purchase tents best if approved, then the NC owns its own tents for future events.
 - **Moved and seconded**
 - with the **friendly amendment** to strike the rental clause.
 - **Amendment passes with consent.**



Vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 2-A, motion passes. (Kevin was out and did not hear and Bette left as well)

- c. **Motion to fund up to \$350.00 for a SORO NC Public Safety table, Refreshments and Food at the Regional Homeless Count January 28, 2015 event at Hamilton High (Lynn / GB011515-7)**

Terry presents motion on behalf of Public Safety Committee AS THE Site Coordinator for the Count:

- Food is needed as an outreach to help bring people in. Targeting to get 100 volunteers.
- Marj expressed that she might be out of town and would not be able to help that night with outreach. Beth agreed to take that on as she will be there as one of the coordinators of the event.

Moved, seconded

Vote: 17-Y, 0-N, 0-A, motion passes.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.



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
Kevin Gres	C	C	Y	C	Y	A	Y								
Kimber Smith	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y								
Melissande Colton	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Giovanni Ferdinand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Bette Billet	X	X	Y	C	N	Y	X								
Michael Lynn	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Jon Liberman	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Paula Waxman	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Michael Bloom	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Victoria Martin	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Nahed Guirguis	C	C	Y	C	N	A	Y								
Robyn Braun	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Aimee Zeltzer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Beth Hirsch	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Susan Burden	C	C	Y	C	a	Y	Y								
Marj Safinia	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Terrence Gomes	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Victor Mitry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Leo Portal	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y								
Sherilyn Correa	X	X		X	X	X	X								
Barry Levine	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y								
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								

Votes taken

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