



# Board Retreat & Budget Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 8, 2015, 1:00pm

The Relational Center

2717 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

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## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

SORO NC Board President Doug Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 1:20.

**Board Members Present:** Kimber Smith, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, Nahed Guirguis, Beth Hirsch, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Leo Portal, Grant Cohen, Barry Levine

**Board Members Absent:** Kevin Gres, Melissande Colton, Giovanni Ferdinand, Bette Billet, Victoria Martin, Aimee Zeltzer, Susan Burden, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Sherilyn Correa, Robyn Braun

**Guests:** Cedar Landsman

## II. General Public Comment

None.

## III. Board Team Building

- a. Board Team Building and Communication exercises run by The Relational a. Committee Budget requests
- b. Development of draft budget
- c. Ratification of revised fiscal year 2014-15 budget (GB021815-1)

## IV. Committee Reports discussion of Board Goals

Doug opened the floor for input. Ideas discussed per committee:

**Out Reach** - Commercial Data Base, data base software and business card scanner. Neighborhood vision and community plan, SORO banners need to be fixed or replaced, possibly hire a publicist to bring attention to South Robertson Neighborhood. Printing and materials for Town hall events.

**Land Use** - Town Halls, on Mansionization, Density Bonus, Infrastructure needs. Quality of life issues. Creation of online application process for developers. Land use training sessions for Board and committee members.

**Green Team** - Town Hall on water conservation, Preserving and maintaining the trees that SORO NC planted. Maintaining the Hami Community Garden.

**Public Safety** -Emergency Preparedness, Crime prevention, LAPD communications issues and investigations issues, New Police Captain at West LAPD

**Transportation** – create a vision and suggestions for LADOT on how we see South Robertson streets improvements, Caltrans cleanups of underpasses, etc.

**LGBTQ** – Would like to create a LGBTQ center for SORO, needs more help with outreach to find what demographic needs help

**Education** - Fresh Fruit on Friday continued

**Parks and Rec** – Upcoming meetings with the community about the new Robertson Rec Center.

## V. Revision of Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget

- a. Development of draft budget – Remaining budget to be spent \$24,000. There was vigorous discussion and debate over proposed budget items until a consensus was met.

**Doug Fitzsimmons**  
President

**Kevin Gres**  
Vice-President

**Terrence Gomes**  
Treasurer

**Beth Hirsch**  
Secretary

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b. Ratification of revised fiscal year 2014-15 budget (GB020815-1)

**(Final Budget attached)**

**Moved and Seconded.**

**Vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Final Amended Budget passes.**

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.



## 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	x														
Kimber Smith	Y														
Melissande Colton	x														
Giovanni Ferdinand	x														
Bette Billet	x														
Michael Lynn	Y														
Jon Liberman	Y														
Doug Fitzsimmons	Y														
Paula Waxman	Y														
Michael Bloom	Y														
Victoria Martin	x														
Nahed Guirguis	Y														
Robyn Braun	x														
Aimee Zeltzer	x														
Beth Hirsch	Y														
Susan Burden	x														
Marj Safinia	Y														
Terrence Gomes	Y														
Martin Epstein	x														
Victor Mitry	x														
Leo Portal	Y														
Sherilyn Correa	x														
Barry Levine	Y														
Grant Cohen	Y														
School Rep 2															

### Votes taken

1. Ratification of revised fiscal year 2014-15 (GB020815-1)