



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 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 7:08.

Board Members Present: Kevin Gres, Melissande Colton, Giovanni Ferdinand, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, Victoria Martin, Nahed Guirguis, Robyn Braun, Aimee Zeltzer, Beth Hirsch, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Leo Portal, Barry Levine, Grant Cohen

Board Members Absent: Kimber Smith, Bette Billet, Susan Burden, Sherilyn Correa,

Guests: Veronica de la Cruz – Robles, Ray Verches, Ellen Lanet

II. General Public Comment

Barry Levine – Farmer market on La Cienga is being evicted

Ellen Lanet – Mansionization/Paul Koretz ICO – Protesting that draft minutes regarding her public comment statements at Boarding Meeting Feb 19, 2015 were inaccurate.

Ann Porter – from the Northeast Los Angeles chapter of Move to Amend announced new video available on youtube “A Question of Personhood”

Randy Traweek –Robertson Recreational Park building concerns

Ray Verches – Update on New SoCal Gas Meter upgrades and reading procedures

Sue Leedom – representing her company Molly B’s Cookies, Cakes and Pies and

The B & K Sugar Arts Lab on So Robertson

III. Community Reports

a. LA Police Department (Gonzalez) – increase in auto thefts and break ins, house burglaries,

b. Office of Council President Wesson (Carlin) – Recycling and E Waste event , announcement of LAPD entrance exam, RV homeless campers at Reynier Park and Cattaraugus, Doug Fitzsimmons brought up the idea of having camper permits

c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Galloway) - Coyotes sightings – Contact Animal Services, Special Olympics Event, the Armenian Genocide March, Opera Works launching Arts for Social Awareness, Resolution regarding RV campers, Clean Streets program, Beth Ryan was appointed to handle concerns from Crestview regarding Robertson Recreation Park project.

d. Office of Assemblymember Bloom (Cohen) –budget hearing on a 1 billion dollar Emergency Water package, District office address change, 2800 28th street, suite #105, SM 90405

e. Office of Mayor Garcetti (Tamm) - Mayor’s Raise the Wage LA campaign, board questions regarding jobs and housing issues relating to the minimum wage increase. Cutting business taxes.

f. City Attorney’s office – Veronica de la Cruz - Introduced herself as our new Neighborhood Prosecutor.

Doug Fitzsimmons
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Kevin Gres
Vice-President

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IV. Presentation and Board Discussion

Presentations

- a. Michael Navarre, President of the West LA Chamber of Commerce - Presentation on recruitment of local SORO businesses.
- b. LA Fire Department - Deputy Chief Daren Palacios and Assistant Chief Villanueva –brief Discussion of reorganization of city divisions and upper command structure with emphasis on community outreach and more cooperation with LAPD. New dispatch system with improved response time.
- c. MySafeLA – Cameron Barrett - brief discussion of Pulse Point app, finds someone in your area with CPR training if you have an emergency. Fire safety presentation and information on their free smoke alarm and CO detector program, free installation and free fire safety education, earthquake preparedness and planning at schools and community organizations.
- d. LAFD - Upcoming Mass Casualty Drill with EMS, LAFD and LAPD at West Field Mall

V. Consent Agenda

a. Draft meeting minutes of February 8, 2015 (Hirsch / GB031915-1)

Feb 19th minutes removed by Doug for discussion

Consent Agenda accepted by general consent

b. Draft meeting minutes of February 19, 2015 (Hirsch / GB031915-2)

Discussion of possible amendments to public comment from Ellen Lanet. Language provided by Ellen was agreed to. During Board discussion members of the public got up and protested that they wanted further changes to their public comments about the Rec Center Project, after which –

Doug moved that we postpone voting on the minutes for Feb 19th until further advice from the Executive Committee. Seconded.

Vote: Y- 10, N- 7, A 3. Motion passes.

VI. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB031915-3)

Victoria resigned as Public Safety Vice-Chair but remains part of PS committee.

Confirmed by general consent.

b. President's report – Doug Fitzsimmons - Board training status – Doug reminded board members that have not completed their board training that they could be removed from the Board by DONE.

c. Treasurer's report & monthly expenses approval (Gomes / GB031915-4)

- Funds remaining: \$,19,027.39. **Vote: Y – 16, N- 0, A – 0. Report accepted.**

Land Use. Terry Gomes –

- Bonus Density concerns
- 10 small lot sub division projects in the works
- Reports of tenants being evicted unfairly from apartments for redevelopment of condos and commercialized short term rentals

Education. Barry Levine – Soccer equipment Donations for Shenandoah Elementary were completed.

Green Team. Paula – Water Conservation Town Hall – Rain barrel giveaway.



LGBTQ. Leo – Attending GSA Meeting at Hamilton High.

Public Safety. Mike Lynn and Beth Hirsch –

- CPR Classes April 18th and 19th
- Emergency Expo preparation are moving forward
- PR campaign for Expo in the works, Need pictures of the past events
- PEPC – Sikh Temple Location Chosen to store emergency medical supplies.
- DAC, April 25th at Iman Center.
- Carseat Safety event was huge success.

Outreach. Marj Safinia –

- Coordination and promotion of Green Team’s Water Conservation Town Hall.
- Community Asset map and Database will be started this month. Asked for Volunteers to work on this project.
- Need volunteers for Editors and Communications Team.

VII. New Business

- a. **\$750 for 2015 Water Conservation Town Hall (Green Team & Outreach / GB031915-5)** Marj asked to amend the \$750 to \$950 to cover possible rain barrel event portion and other unexpected costs.

Motion vote: 16-Y, 1-N, 0-A. Amended motion approved.

- b. **\$5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Hatzolah (Gres / GB031915-6)**
Postponed

- c. **\$4500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Touch of Kindness (Gres / GB031915-7)** postponed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.



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

Votes taken

1. Consent Agenda (GB031915-1)
2. Amendment of Draft Board meeting minutes of February 19, 2015 (Hirsch / GB031915-2)
3. Approval of monthly expenses (GB031915-4)
4. \$750 for 2015 Water Conservation Town Hall (Green Team & Outreach / GB031915-5)