



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 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: Kevin Gres, Kimber Smith, Melissande Colton, Giovanni Ferdinand, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, Robyn Braun, Aimee Zeltzer, Beth Hirsch, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Victor Mitry, Leo Portal, Barry Levine

Board Members Absent: Victoria Martin, Nahed Guirguis, Susan Burden, Martin Epstein, Sherilyn Correa, Grant Cohen

Guests: Julieann Willes, Elisa Leonelli, RVNA, Michael Thomas

II. General Public Comment

Frank Bart - representing a small lot subdivision project on National and Robertson. Did not get on the agenda this month so he presented his project in Public Comment to let us know they had addressed landscaping, front stoop adjustments and parking issues brought up in previous LUED Committee meetings. Public hearing on the project scheduled for July 15.

Michael Thomas – Announced Swift Games Weekend Warrior project at Robertson Rec Center July 25.

Barry Levine – JMB sold their Century City project.

III. Community Reports

Office of Council President Wesson. Carlin - Congrats to the NC on the successful SORO Festival. Announced the new Spring Newsletter “Eye on the 10th” put out by Council President Herb Wesson’s office. Doug Fitzsimmons thanked the Councilman’s office for their hard work and support during the festival and every year.

Office of Councilmember Koretz – Galloway – Congrats to the NC on the SORO Festival. Announced two new motions introduced by the Councilman

- **File 15-072** asking the Dept of Housing and Community Investment, Dept of City planning and the Dept of Building and Safety to study the impact of small lot subdivisions on rent controlled housing.
- **File 14-0268-88**, a motion to review The City’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance and how the city regulates implementation of the Ellis Act.

Asked for NC’s to support these two motions.

Announced various community events in June.

Office of Assemblymember Bloom. Cohen – State budget highlights – increased funding for early childhood education and higher education.

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Announced they are hosting a School Supplies drive for low income families in the Hollywood area on July 16th.

Terry Gomes asked about a series of Bills that are making their way through the Assembly that remove local control over local issues such as cell towers placement and parking requirements for SB1818. Cohen - stated that Assemblymember Bloom is aware and the watching these bills. Will get back to the NC with more details.

Office of Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas. Scott Malsin –
Congrats on SORO Fest. Bills to watch from the Assemblyman

- AB446- wants support of indefinite extension of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act
- AB1299, transfer responsibility of Health services for foster youth from the county they entered the system to the county where they actually live.
- Bill on Fairness in the workplace, no forced overtime for state employees.

Doug Fitzsimmons – questions for both Bloom and Ridley Thomas regarding their views on the bills in the Assembly regarding Medical Marijuana. How do they plan to vote? Both will get back to the NC.

IV. Consent Agenda

- Draft meeting minutes of May 21, 2015 (Hirsch / GB061815-1) removed to new business**
- Motion to request that NC recommendations be included in City planning and land-use determinations (WRAC / GB061815-2)**
- Motion to demand full funding for DONE staffing and online NC elections (LANNC / GB061815-3) removed to new business**
- Motion to call for public hearings on short-term rental legislation (LANNC / GB061815-4) removed to new business**
- Motion to request the declaration of a City state of emergency on homelessness (LANNC / GB061815-5) removed to new business**
- Motion to request expanded community hearings on sidewalk vending (LANNC / GB061815-6) removed to new business**
- Motion to Write a Community Impact Statement in Support of City Council Motion 14-0907 to Develop Plans to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Green Team / GB061815-7) removed to new business**

One remaining item. Moved by Marj. Seconded by Terry. Approved by consent.

*****Moved from Unfinished Business –**

- Motion to support AB 446: indefinite extension of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act (Fitzsimmons / GB052115-2)**
Board discussion and questions about where the 10 million budget was coming from. Scott Malsin reported that it was an accumulative number from various sources and the budget for the running of the park was only a half million. All funds for programs and projects were coming from grants and various federal and state sources and not from the general fund.
Doug mentioned concerns the NC had about language in a briefing document that came out of the Assemblymember's office that referenced that the amount of park space was demographed by how many African American and Latino neighborhoods were in the region and was that an appropriate way to determine if an area needed more park space? Is there a need for more expansion of that park?

S. Malsin said that the demographic information had been changed to reflect that there was, in general, a lack of park space and services in the region



and an overall need for improvements and expansions to meet Federal, State and local standards.

Terry mentioned public safety issues at the park. jay walking, lack of oversight of personal trainers using the park for business, blocking the use of stairs from other park goers. Giovanni mentioned concerns about needing increased parking.

Malsin said he would look into it.

Moved by Jon. Seconded by Terry. Vote: Motion passes by general consent.

V. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB010115-2)

New Quality of Life Committee – New memberships.

Beth Hirsch, Amiee Zeltzer, Doug Fitzsimmons, Terry Gomes, Jon Lieberman, Robin Braun, Leo Portal, Melissande Colton, Michael Bloom, Giovanni Ferdinand

- **Requests confirmed by general consent**

Executive/President's Report. Special thanks to all who made the SORO fest a success. Some discussion of moving the next board meeting to Mon 7/13. Grant Cohen is resigning from the board. This leaves an open School Rep seat and Co-chair position for Green Team. Need to begin a search to fill board seats.

Treasurer Report. End of Fiscal Year Funds spent: \$5476.94 Funds remaining: \$9239.99

Approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB061815-9)

- Jon moved to accept the report; Marj seconded.
- **Vote: 17-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

Green Team. Amiee Zeltzer - Need new Co-Chair for Green Team due to Grant Cohen leaving SORO.

Outreach. Marj - Committee meeting was moved to June 22nd. Will discuss the information gathered from the SORO Fest surveys.

VI. Special Orders

- Application of Roger McCracken for vacant Zone 5 seat / one-year interim appointment (GB061815-10)** short introduction
Moved by Michael and Seconded by Jon.
Vote: 14 – Y, 1 – N, 2 – A. New boardmember confirmed.
- Application of Noa Zarur for vacant Student seat / one-year appointment (GB061815-11)** Motion to table the appointment to the next board meeting so we can look at the other applicants.
Moved by Terry. Seconded by Jon. Vote: 13 –Y, 4 – N, 1 - A

VII. Unfinished Business

- Motion to support AB 446: indefinite extension of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act (Fitzsimmons / GB052115-2)** *moved up on the agenda.*
- Motion to allocate \$500 each (\$1000 total) to support the NC Budget Advocates and 2015 Congress of Neighborhood Councils (Fitzsimmons / GB052115-12)** Board Questions and Discussion: General questions about what the money would be used for. Budget events, venues, food, city hall staff and printing.



Moved by Marj. Seconded by Melissande. Vote: 16 – Y, 1- N, 0 A.
Motion passes.

- c. **Motion to recommend an ordinance requiring recreational vehicles and campers to have and display a 72-hour parking pass to park on City streets (Fitzsimmons / GB052115-14)**

Board discussion and questions about legality, fairness to homeowner with RVs and other parking restrictions.

Moved by Jon, Seconded by Michael. Vote: 15 – Y, 2 – N, 1 – A.

VIII. New Business

- c. **Motion to fund outreach keychains and banner displays for \$1,411.54 (Safinia / GB061815-12)** Questions about whether these were the best prices. Doug explained that he researched for the best price and value for both the stand and the key chains. **Moved by Doug. Seconded by Jon. Vote: 16 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A.**
- d. **Motion to approve up to \$1550 for portable sound system (Fitzsimmons / GB061815-13) - Moved. Seconded. Vote: 17 – Y, 0 –N, 0 - A. Motion passes.**
- e. **Motion for a \$3000 neighborhood purposes grant to the LAUSD We Build program (Gomes / GB061815-14) Moved by Marj. Seconded by Jon. Vote: 17 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A. Motion passes.**
- f. **Neighborhood Purposes Grant to 101 Enterprises to support Movies in the Park 2015 for \$1000 (Safinia / GB061815-15) Moved by Jon. Seconded by Terry. Vote: 17 – Y, 0 – N, 0- A. Motion passes.**
- g. **Motion for \$2,325 to promote SORO NC’s Neighborhood Purposes Grant program in local Jewish community media (Gres / GB061815-16)**
Removed by Gres

Moved from Consent agenda

- a. **Draft meeting minutes of May 21, 2015 (Hirsch / GB061815-1)** correction to discussion of Code of Conduct and Code of Civility. Conduct is for the City and Civility is for the NC. **Motion passes by consent as amended.**
- c. **Motion to demand full funding for DONE staffing and online NC elections (LANNC / GB061815-3)**
Moved by Jon. Seconded by Terry. Motion passes by consent.
- d. **Motion to call for public hearings on short-term rental legislation (LANNC / GB061815-4)**
Public Comment. Objection to the language used in the Motion specifically the word “eliminate”
Moved Marj. Seconded by Terry.
Board Debate: Doug Proposed an amendment as follows: “ I. SORO NC supports community public hearings that specifically include neighborhood councils to discuss legislation on short-term rentals. This process would allow a properly drafted and enforceable citywide ordinance.” **Amendment proposed by Doug. Seconded by Jon. Amendment passes without objection.** Board debate on language clarification.
Vote: 17 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A. Motion passes with amendments.



e. Motion to request the declaration of a City state of emergency on homelessness (LANNC / GB061815-5) *tabled until next Board meeting.*
f. Motion to request expanded community hearings on sidewalk vending (LANNC / GB061815-6) *tabled until next Board meeting*

h. Motion to Write a Community Impact Statement in Support of City Council Motion 14-0907 to Develop Plans to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Green Team / GB061815-7)

Board discussion: On whether it's Los Angeles or even the US that's causing the greenhouse effect or in fact China or India.

Moved by Jon. Seconded by Marj. Vote: 12 – Y, 5 – N, 1 – A.

i. Motion to support variance for “the Eiden project” 1701-1711 S. La Cienega (Bloom / GB061815-17) Questions about the Car pool plan and impact on traffic. **Moved by Aimee. Seconded by Michael.** Board Debate: **Terry proposes a motion to Amend:** The SORO NC supports a variance to allow the Eiden Project to open a school subject to the School providing the NC with a car pool plan by Tuesday June 23.

Amendment seconded by Marj. No objection. Amendment passes.

Vote: Motion passes as with no objection.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12pm.



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	16	17
Kevin Gres	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	N	N	X	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	N	C
Kimber Smith	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Melissande Colton	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	C	C	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Barry McCracken	X	X	X	X	X	Y	X	Y	X	X	X	X	C	C	C	N	C
Michael Lynn	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	N	C
Jon Liberman	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Paula Waxman	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Michael Bloom	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	N	C
Victoria Martin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Robyn Braun	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	A	C
Aimee Zeltzer	X	X	X	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Beth Hirsch	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marj Safinia	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Terrence Gomes	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	N	C
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Mitry	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Leo Portal	C	C	C	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Sherilyn Correa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barry Levine	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	Y	C
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
School Rep 2																	

Votes taken

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