



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2014, 7:00pm

Simon Wiesenthal Center, 3rd Floor

1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035 (Pico and Roxbury)

## I. Call to Order & Roll Call

SORO Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

**Board Members Present (16):** Kimber Smith, Beth Ryan, Robyn Braun, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Ellen Lanet, Paula Waxman, David Mattis, Brian Kite, Barry Levine, Susan Burden, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Doug Fitzsimmons and Grant Cohen.

**Board Members Absent (8):** Kevin Gres, Bette Billet, Michael Bloom, Daniel Boethin, Nahed Guirguis, Victor Mitry, Jessica Kurzban and Sarah Sabin.

## II. Community Reports

### • LA Police Department

Officer Gonazlez had a special detail and wasn't present at the meeting but sent the following report: West LA has experienced several burglaries but none in the SORO area. We continue to experience car break-ins on Olin, Halm Avenue, Chariton, Halm and Cadillac, Venice Blvd and Beverlywood Street. And there was a car stolen from Bagley and Kincardine.

### b. Office of City Council President Herb Wesson (Liz Carlin)

- There will be a community clean-up this Saturday on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – noon at Taylor's steakhouse located at 3361 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The event is hosted by Koreatown Youth Community Center and the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council.
- There is a new DOT website that allows for direct reporting where consumers can see if others have already reported and documents where multiple reports have been posted. <http://ladot.lacity.org>

### c. Office of State Senator Holly Mitchell (Ellen Moy)

- Fracking moratorium is out of committee with a 5/4 vote.
- There are 3 sex trafficking bills being considered allowing wiretapping for suspected sex traffickers, increasing the penalties for Johns and involving preventative education to middle schools.
- There is a free APP from RedCross – text "get quake" to 90999.

### d. Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley Thomas

- Assemblymember Thomas introduced himself and gave a bit of his background and the area that he serves. He indicated that there is a balanced budget for the first time in 30 years.
- District 1 makes up roughly 1/3 of his district and encouraged everyone to attend the May 1<sup>st</sup> forum at Hamilton High School.
- He also discussed AB1818 – bonus density and shared his views regarding the medical marijuana issues facing SORO and other communities in his district.

## III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Draft board minutes for March 20, 2014 (Ryan/GB041714-1)
  - Minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (15 board members voted)

## IV. Committee Reports

**Doug Fitzsimmons**  
President

**Brian Kite**  
Vice-President

**Terrence Gomes**  
Treasurer

**Beth Ryan**  
Secretary

**South Robertson  
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- a. Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absence requests (GB041714-2)
  - No changes were requested
- b. Treasurer's report and approval of monthly expenses (Gomes/GB041714-3)
  - Vote Count was: (15 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
  - Submitted financials for March 2014 were approved by the board with 15 board members voting.
- c. President's report
  - Doug reported that we have our Neighborhood Council elections coming up on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 4 PM at Shenandoah Elementary school. He encouraged anyone not on the ballot to volunteer on election day.
  - He also indicated that there would be a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM at Fu's Palace to discuss the 2014-2015 SORO budget and indicated that all committee chairs needed to be present and all board members and members of the public were invited.  
He encouraged everyone to reach out to SORO non-profits, parks, schools and the library to bring all NPG requests to the budget meeting.
  - There will be a By-laws committee meeting on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Robertson Rec Center.

**V. New Business**

- a. ***Motion to fund up to \$5,000 for reusable NC-branded shopping bags (Safinia/GB041714-4)***

**MOTION:**

- I. That SORO NC funds up to \$5,000 towards the purchase of branded tote bags for SORO NC outreach
- II. That SORO NC requests an increase in the daily purchase card limit to cover the purchase.

**VOTING ON THE MOTION:**

- Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Terrence Gomes
- Vote Count was: (15 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
- Motion was approved by the board

- b. ***Motion for \$400 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to SoRo Community Foundation for School Board District One Candidate Forum (Levine/GB041714-5)***

**MOTION:**

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council shall fund the facility and services through an NPG for \$400 to SORO Foundation.

**VOTING ON THE MOTION:**

- Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Kimber Smith
- Vote Count was: (15 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
- Motion was approved by the board

- c. ***Motion to request immediate beginning of public process to update the Century City Specific Plan (Fitzsimmons/GB041714-6)***



**MOTION:**

- I. That in response to acute community and development dissatisfaction with the 1981 Century City North Specific Plan (CCNSP), SORO NC officially requests that the City Council direct the Department of City Planning to immediately begin a public review and amendment of said Plan, and provide funds to complete the process in a reasonable and timely manner.
- II. That during the public process of reviewing and amending the CCNSP, the City places a moratorium on the use of alternative calculations of trip generation factors, as described in Section 6 of the current plan.

**AMENDMENT:**

- III. That in response to acute community and development dissatisfaction with the 1981 Century City North Specific Plan (CCNSP), SORO NC officially requests that the City Council direct the Department of City Planning to immediately begin a public review and amendment of said Plan, and provide funds to complete the process in a reasonable and timely manner.
- IV. That during the public process of reviewing and amending the CCNSP, the City places a moratorium on ~~the use of~~ *new project applications filed after the date of this motion that proposes* alternative calculations of trip generation factors, as described in Section 6 of the current plan.

**VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT:**

- Kimber Smith moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman
- Vote Count was: (14 YES/1 NO/1 Abstain)
- Motion was approved by the board

**VOTING ON THE MOTION:**

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman
- Vote Count was: (15 YES/0 NO/1 Abstain)
- Motion was approved by the board

**I. Adjournment**

The SORO NC Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, adjourned the meeting at 9:28 PM.



## Current Committee Membership

Board members must attend at least 7 committee meetings within a 12 month period.

Note that Bylaws, Robertson Revitalization, Board Development, and Parks & Recreation ad hoc committees may have no more than 6 voting members.

Committee	Education	Green Team	Land Use	Outreach	Public Safety	Transportation	Finance	Exec	Bylaws	Robertson Revital	Board Dev	NPG	Parks & Rec
Kevin Gres	Co												
Kimber Smith				Co									
Beth Ryan											Ch		
Robyn Braun													
Bette Billet													
Michael Lynn					Co								
Jon Liberman						Co							
Ellen Lanet						Co							
Paula Waxman		Ch											
Michael Bloom					Co								
Daniel Boethin													
Nahed Guirguis													
David Mattis													
Brian Kite									Ch				Co
Barry Levine	Co												
Susan Burden													
Marj Safinia				Co						Ch			
Terrence Gomes			Co				Ch						Ch
Martin Epstein													
Vacant Seat													
Victor Mitry			Co										
Jessica Kurzban													
Doug Fitzsimmons								Ch					Co
Grant Cohen													
Sarah Sabin													



## Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting Date: April 17, 2014

Votes taken	01	02	03	04	05	06
Kevin Gres	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kimber Smith	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Beth Ryan	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robyn Braun	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bette Billet	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael Lynn	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jon Liberman	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ellen Lanet	C	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Paula Waxman	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michoel Bloom	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daniel Boethin	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X
David Mattis	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brian Kite	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barry Levine	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Susan Burden	C	Y	Y	Y	A	A
Marj Safinia	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Terrence Gomes	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Martin Epstein	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Empty Seat	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Mity	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jessica Kurzman	X	X	X	X	X	X
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	Y	Y
Sarah Sabin	X	X	X	X	X	X

### Votes taken

1. March minutes (GB041714-1)
2. Treasurer's report (GB041714-2)
3. SORO NC bags (GB041714-4)
4. School Board Candidate Forum (GB041714—5)
5. Century City Specific Plan – Amendment (GB041714-6)
6. Century City Specific Plan – Motion (GB041714-6)