



Special Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2014, 8:00pm

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 8:10pm.

Board Members Present: Kevin Gres, Robyn Braun, Bette Billet, Jon Liberman, Ellen Lanet, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, Brian Kite, Barry Levine, Marjan Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein (late arrival), Victor Mitry, Doug Fitzsimmons

Board Members Absent: Kimber Smith, Beth Ryan, Michael Lynn, Daniel Boethin, Nahed Guirguis, David Mattis, Susan Burden, Jessica Kurzban, Grant Cohen, Sarah Sabin

II. General Public Comment

None.

III. New Business

Motion to amend the agenda to include item SB052214-3 Motion to confirm that Community Interest Stakeholders may vote for all seats

Doug reported that an hour before the Special Meeting, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requested a statement of clarification from SORO NC on the voting status of Community Interest Stakeholders prior to Friday's certification of 2014 NC election results. The item therefore came to the attention of the Board after the agenda was posted and there was an immediate need to take action.

- Marj moved to add the item; Bette seconded.
- **Motion vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item added to the agenda.**

Doug turns chair over to Brian for the remainder of the meeting. Motions taken in reverse order.

SB052214-3 Motion to confirm that Community Interest Stakeholders may vote for all seats

Because the definition change from Factual Basis to Community Interest Stakeholder (CIS) made by City Council triggered changes to the SORO NC bylaws that were not approved by the NC, it was unclear whether SORO CIS voters should be allowed to vote for seats other than At-Large. 77 provisional votes from CIS voters who live outside SORO's boundaries had not yet been counted from the SORO NC election, pending the Board's decision. Some discussion about including language that the motion would restore the original intent of the bylaws; some felt it was unnecessary.

Proposed amendment from Jon:

"...to vote for all Board seats, **retroactive to January 1, 2014**, as shown..."

- Bette moved to approve the amendment; Jon seconded.
- **Amendment vote: 9-Y, 3-N, 1-A. Amendment adopted.**
- Marj moved to approve the motion as amended; Robyn seconded.
- **Motion vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Motion approved unanimously.**

A Board resolution for the motion was sent to DONE the next day.

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Brian Kite
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
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SB052214-2 Motion to reallocate \$2000 from the Castle Heights NPG

DONE denied the Castle Heights Neighborhood Purposes Grant approved by the Board on May 15 due to incomplete paperwork. Discussion centered on several alternate options for spending the money. The motion was written with the intent of being amended.

Jon proposed the following, which was accepted by Doug as a baseline for discussion:

- “...to reallocate \$2000...for:
 - \$1000 for recurring operation expenses
 - \$500 for the 2014 Neighborhood Council Congress
 - \$500 for the NC Budget advocates”

Ellen felt that we should pay our bills forward to free money in the next fiscal year.

Proposed amendment from Ellen:

- “...to reallocate \$2000...for:
 - \$1500 for recurring operation expenses
 - \$250 for the 2014 Neighborhood Council Congress
 - \$250 for the NC Budget advocates”
- Ellen moved to approve the amendment; Victor seconded.
- **Amendment vote: 5-Y, 8-N, 0-A. Amendment fails.**

Kevin argued that it was clear the NC wanted to fund the Castle Heights NPG, and therefore the entire amount should be used to pay bills forward, freeing all the funds for a resubmission of the NPG in the next fiscal year. Proposed amendment:

- “...to reallocate \$2000...for:
 - \$2000 for recurring operation expenses”
- Kevin moved to approve the amendment; Marj seconded.
- **Amendment vote: 10-Y, 3-N, 0-A. Amendment adopted.**

Martin joins the meeting.

- Jon moved to approve the motion as amended; Kevin seconded.
- **Motion vote: 13-Y, 1-N, 0-A. Motion approved.**

SB052214-1 Motion to reconsider the NC’s opposition to the Century City Center based on proposed traffic mitigations

Barry recuses himself based on contracted work done for JMB Realty and leaves the meeting. Discussion as to whether the motion should include specific project benefits. After debate, a proposed amendment to remove them is withdrawn.

- Terry called the question; Michael seconded.
- **Vote to end debate: Debate ended general consent.**
- Doug moved to approve the motion; Ellen seconded.
- **Motion vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Motion approved unanimously.**

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Brian Kite at 9:15pm.



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	Y	N	Y	N	1Y	2Y	C	Y									
Kimber Smith																	
Beth Ryan																	
Robyn Braun	Y	Y	2Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y									
Bette Billet	2Y	1Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y									
Michael Lynn																	
Jon Liberman	Y	2Y	Y	N	N	1Y	C	Y									
Ellen Lanet	Y	Y	Y	1Y	Y	Y	C	2Y									
Paula Waxman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y									
Michael Bloom	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	2C	Y									
Daniel Boethin																	
Nahed Guirguis																	
David Mattis																	
Brian Kite	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	C	Y									
Barry Levine	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	R	R									
Susan Burden																	
Marj Safinia	1Y	N	1Y	N	2Y	Y	C	Y									
Terry Gomes	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1C	Y									
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	X	X	Y	C	Y									
Vacant																	
Victor Mitry	Y	A	Y	2Y	Y	Y	C	Y									
Jessica Kurzban																	
Doug Fitzsimmons	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	C	1Y									
Grant Cohen																	
Sarah Sabin																	

Votes taken

1. Motion to add SB052214-3 to the agenda
2. Amendment to SB052214-3: "retroactive to Jan 1"
3. Motion to confirm CIS voting status (SB052214-3)
4. First amendment to SB052214-2: "\$1500 / \$250 / \$250"
5. Second amendment to SB052214-2: "\$2000 for bills"
6. Amended motion to reallocate \$2000 (SB052214-2)
7. Motion to end debate on SB052214-1
8. Motion to reconsider opposition to Century City Center (SB052214-1)