



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 19, 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 (19):** Kevin Gres, Kimber Smith, Beth Ryan, Giovanni Ferdinand, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Paula Waxman, Victoria Martin, Nahed Guirguis, Aimee Zeltzer, Beth Hirsch, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Leo Portal and Sherilyn Correa.

**Board Members Absent (3):** Michael Bloom, Susan Burden and Grant Cohen.

## II. Special Orders

- a. Seating of newly elected board members and oath of office administered by Tom Soong from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- b. Recognition of Outgoing board members – Commendations were presented to all out-going board members
- c. Susan Bursk was present to recognize all nominees for the Susan Bursk Community Service Award Nominees.

## III. Fifteen Minute Recess

## IV. General Public Comment

No public comment

## V. Community Reports

- a. **Office of City Council President Herb Wesson (Liz Carlin)**
  - i. Liz Carlin thanked everyone for their efforts with the SORO Festival that took place on June 1, 2014.
- b. **Office of Assemblymember Bloom (Kurpies)**
  - i. Josh Kurpies introduced himself and explained that he was taking over for Stephanie Cohen who took another position. He thanked everyone for the warm welcome to those who he met at the SORO Festival.
- c. **Office of State Senator Lieu (Turner)**
  - i. Janet Turner introduced herself as the representative for State Senator Lieu.
- d. **Office of State Congresswoman Karen Bass (Irwin)**
  - i. Charles Erwing introduced himself as the representative for Congresswoman Bass. He indicated there would be a Westside Community Forum on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## VI. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion GB061914-1 – Meet the Candidates Minutes
  - i. Minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- b. Motion GB061914-2 – DRAFT May 15, 2014 Minutes
  - i. Minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- c. Motion GB061914-3 – DRAFT Special Minutes May 22, 2014

**Doug Fitzsimmons**  
President Pro-tem

**Vacant**  
Vice-President

**Terrence Gomes**  
Treasurer Pro-tem

**Beth Ryan**  
Secretary Pro-tem

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- i. Minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- d. Motion GB061914-4 – DRAFT Board Training June 8, 2014 Minutes
  - i. Minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- e. Motion GB061914-5 – DRAFT Special Meeting June 8, 2014 Minutes
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**VII. Committee Reports**

- a. Treasurer's report and approval of monthly expenses (Gomes/GB061914-6)
  - i. Terry Gomes moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman
  - ii. Vote Count was: (18 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
  - iii. Submitted financials were approved by the board with 18 board members voting.
- b. President's report
  - i. Elections – Doug commended the board and Beth Ryan for the successful election.
  - ii. SORO Festival – Special thanks to Terry Gomes and Jon Liberman for stepping in to take over leadership for the SORO Festival this year. And for Mike Lynn for going above and beyond with the public safety area as well.
  - iii. Century City Center update – Beverlywood and JMB reached an agreement which will bring \$1.75M to the Robertson Blvd area in a phased plan including new exit ramps, allowing for a cost of living increase to the funds and indicating that the funding will be released upon issuance of permits.
- c. Board Discussion
  - i. Committee Missions – each committee chair informed the new board members of the mission of each committee, when they meet and the projects that the committee has been focusing on over the past year.
  - ii. Goals and Budget retreat – The board retreats generally take place on a Sunday afternoon and should be scheduled in the next month or two to allow the board a chance to discuss the budget and goals for the coming year.
  - iii. Board and Committee Leadership – The new board members learned about the various Standing Committees and Chairs, Co-Chairs vs. Vice Chairs, CIS writers and 2<sup>nd</sup> signatory.
  - iv. Liaison Roles – The SORO board has the following liaison positions available: LANC, WRAC, DWP, CPAB, SORO Community Foundation, Budget Advocates
  - v. All positions will be voted on in during the July 17, 2014.

**VIII. New Business**

- a. ***Motion to approve provisional Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget (Gomes/GB061914-7)***

**MOTION:**

To approve the attached FY 2014-15 budget for submission to DONE.



Operation - \$7,885  
Outreach - \$14,115  
Community Improvement - \$7,500  
Neighborhood Purpose Grants - \$7,500

**VOTING ON THE MOTION:**

- i. Terry Gomes moved the motion and it was seconded by Mike Lynn
- ii. Vote Count was: (19 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
- iii. Motion was approved by the board with 19 board members voting.

**IX. Adjournment**

The SORO NC Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.



## Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting Date: June 19, 2014

Votes taken	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Kevin Gres	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Kimber Smith	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Beth Ryan	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Bette Billet	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Michael Lynn	C	C	C	C	C	Y	2Y
Jon Liberman	C	C	C	C	C	2Y	Y
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Paula Waxman	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Michoel Bloom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victoria Martin	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Nahed Guirguis	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
At-Large 3							
Aimee Zeltzer	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Beth Hirsch	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marj Safinia	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Terrence Gomes	C	C	C	C	C	1Y	1Y
Martin Epstein	C	C	C	C	C	X	Y
Victor Mitry	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Leo Portal	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Sherilyn Correa	C	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
Org 4							
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	X	Y	Y
School 2							

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6. Motion GB061914-6 – Treasurer's report
7. Motion GB061914-7 – Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Provisional Budget