



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2014, 7:00pm
Simon Wiesenthal Center 3rd Floor
1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Kevin Gres VP SORO leads meeting. Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m.

14 Members Present

Kevin Gres, Giovanni Ferdinand, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Michael Bloom, Victoria Martin, Nahed Guirguis, Aimee Zeltzer, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Leo Portal and Grant Cohen

6 Members Absent

Doug Fitzsimmons, Marj Safinia, Kimber Smith, Susan Burden, Sherilyn Correa and Paula Waxman

II. General Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Community Reports

LA Police Department (Ballesteros & Gonzalez)

Crime is down. 13.8% decrease. Burglaries 38% decrease. Grand Auto Theft 25% increase. Make sure your car is empty. Less likely it will be broken in.

Office of Council President Wesson (Carlin)

Lego Movie in the park on Saturday night. Need volunteers to help out. They will be there at 10 a.m. Kevin G. asked about changing time for Sunday and Carlin responded that they changed it to Saturday night for this neighborhood after sundown. If SORO wants, they can make motion or pursue other days in the future.

Office of Assemblymember Bloom (Kurpies)

Bill passing to allow pharmacists to proscribe opiates. 2011 Bonds Bill- 6 month period-redevelopment funds. Vote in Senate. Microbeads in cosmetics didn't pass in Senate.

Office of State Senator Lieu (Turner)

AB22-Senate floor. Vote is imminent. Senator Lieu will rally for AB1839 and 400 Million for TV and Film production. August 14. ABC. City Attorney and Community Leaders review alcohol related conditions. Let Terry know what conditions SORO wants. Other neighborhoods limit Happy Hours because HH increase alcohol poisoning among young people. If you have a complaint re: Alcohol conditions at an establishment a person needs to send a formal complaint to ABC, go to the planning department and file the complaint, and go to police office and write a report to document the issue. CUB- Renewed. Question re: what a violation would look like. After Labor Day meeting the Alcohol Board will bring forward amendments about licenses that came out before the conditions went into place.

Office of Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas (Malsin)

Handicap Placard Users: very interested in crafting legislation about use, possibly modeled after Illinois Bill.

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IV. Approval of Minutes

Draft meeting minutes July 17, 2014 were accepted with 3 noted changes to be made by secretary before finalizing.

- **Amended minutes accepted by general consent**

V. Special Orders

Appointment for candidates to vacant Board seats:

At Large Seat 3

The following candidates were not present but it was noted that the board members could still vote for them: Ken Blaker, Tiffany Miller Cohen, Pieter Severynen, Meryl Chambers, Rich Bloom, and Michael Friedman. Robyn Braun and Krystal Navar were present and gave brief speeches.

Robyn Braun was appointed by a majority of the board. (Vote tally attached).

Organization Representative 4 Seat

Dan Berkovitz was not present. Barry Levine and Mark Hecht gave brief speeches and were asked questions by the board.

Barry Levine was appointed by a majority of the board.

Zone 3 Representative

Mellissande Cohen gave brief speech and was asked questions. She showed board Crestview newsletter and said she would help with SORO newsletter.

This seat was uncontested and Mellisande was appointed by a majority of the board.

VI. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee membership

No changes

Treasurer's report & approval of monthly expense

More transparency. Each region looking for this. City Attorney: donation letter of MOT space needs to be signed by Sue. Checking account will be filled to \$4k each month so if there is special need or request please let Terry know ahead of time

Monthly Expense Report passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

Motion to Send Letter of Support for California State Legislation AB 1147 Massage Therapy (Beth Hirsch / GB082114-7)

Introduction to problem. Discussion about this Bill passing and how it is a Land Use issue. Jon suggests the police setting up a central database for all persons involved and charged. State issued certificate thus city has no control or power to crack down these places. Power of authority needs to get back to city and this is what this bill will do. Need to limit number of massage parlors per area. Second step is to have each massage therapist have a license

Jon moved the motion and seconded by Aimee.

Motion was passed unanimously.



IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.



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	Y	Y	Y											
Kimber Smith															
Melissande Colton	X	X	Y	Y											
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	2Y	Y	Y											
Bette Billet	2C	Y	Y	Y											
Michael Lynn	C	Y	Y	Y											
Jon Liberman	C	Y	Y	2Y											
Doug Fitzsimmons															
Paula Waxman															
Michael Bloom	C	Y	Y	Y											
Victoria Martin	C	Y	Y	Y											
Nahed Guirguis	C	A	Y	1Y											
Robyn Braun	C	Y	Y	Y											
Aimee Zeltzer	1C	Y	Y	Y											
Beth Hirsch	C	A	Y	Y											
Susan Burden															
Marj Safinia															
Terrence Gomes	C	Y	Y	Y											
Martin Epstein	C	Y	Y	A											
Victor Mitry	C	A	Y	Y											
Leo Portal	C	Y	Y	Y											
Sherilyn Correa															
Barry Levine	X	Y	Y	Y											
Grant Cohen	C	Y	Y	Y											

Votes taken

1. Draft meeting minutes of July 17, 2014 (GB082114-1)
2. Nomination of Melissande Colton for Zone 3 Seat (GB082114-4)
3. Approval of monthly expenses (GB082114-6)
4. Motion to send letter of support for AB 1147 Massage Therapy (GB082114-7)

See following for other Board appointment vote tallies



Candidates	Ken Blaker	Tiffany Miller Cohen	Pieter Severynen	Meryl Chambers	Robyn Braun	Rich Bloom	Michael Friedman	Krystal Navar
Kevin Gres								Y
Kimber Smith								
Giovanni Ferdinand								Y
Bette Billet		Y						
Michael Lynn				Y				
Jon Liberman				Y				
Doug Fitzsimmons								
Paula Waxman								
Michael Bloom				Y				
Victoria Martin								Y
Nahed Guirguis				Y				
Aimee Zeltzer				Y				
Beth Hirsch								Y
Susan Burden								
Marj Safinia								
Terrence Gomes				Y				
Martin Epstein				Y				
Victor Mitry				Y				
Leo Portal				Y				
Sherilyn Correa								
Grant Cohen								Y
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Candidates	Barry Levine	Dan Berkovitz	Mark Hecht
Kevin Gres			Y
Kimber Smith			
Giovanni Ferdinand	Y		
Bette Billet	Y		
Michael Lynn			Y
Jon Liberman	Y		
Doug Fitzsimmons			
Paula Waxman			
Michael Bloom			Y
Victoria Martin	Y		
Nahed Guirguis	Y		
Aimee Zeltzer	Y		
Beth Hirsch	Y		
Susan Burden			
Marj Safinia			
Terrence Gomes	Y		
Martin Epstein	Y		
Victor Mitry	Y		
Leo Portal	Y		
Sherilyn Correa			
Grant Cohen	Y		
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