



General Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2013, 7:00pm — **NOTE date change**

Simon Wiesenthal Center, 3rd Floor

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

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

SORO NC Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Board Members Present (18): Kevin Gres, Beth Ryan, Robyn Braun (7:32 PM arrival), Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Ellen Lanet, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, Bethie Kohanbash, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein (7:32 PM arrival), Hector Garza, Victor Mitry, Doug Fitzsimmons and Erick Morales

Board Members Absent (5): Kimber Smith, Nahed Guirguis, David Mattis, Brian Kite, Susan Burden

II. General Public Comment

III. Presentation and Board Discussion

- a. RePower LA Coalition / Kokayi Kwa Jitahidi, Sr. Organizer
 - The Home Energy Improvement Program was explained as a way to ensure energy efficiency and transition from coal. For a free assessment, go to www.ladwp.com and click on residential programs and then savings to download the application.

IV. Community Reports

- a. Office of Council President Wesson (Carlin)
 - Liz Carlin reported that Council President Wesson will be at the SORO Festival. She also announced that the West Adams Community Plan updates will be coming on June 10th.
 - June 23rd CicLAVia will be on Wilshire Blvd from Grand to mid-Wilshire with historical buildings open to the public along the way.
 - Liz thanked Terrence Gomes for his help with Movies in the park which will take place on either Friday evening Aug 2, 16 or Sept 6 or 13th.
- b. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Bradkin)
 - Tania Bradkin introduced Lead Planning Deputy, Sean Bayliss and gave an update that she is continuing to work with Doug on personnel issue regarding Robertson Rec Center and also working on securing office space at the Rec Center for the NC as well as the homeless trash issue.
 - Tania reported that she enjoyed the SORO tree planting that she attended and also that they were looking for feedback on the CicLAVia that just took place along Venice Blvd.
- c. Office of Assemblymember Bloom (Cohen)
 - Stephanie Cohen reported that Assemblymember Bloom is looking forward to participating in this year's SORO Festival.
 - Stephanie provided updates on the Assemblymember's Bobcat Protection Act, Fracking Moratorium, Homeless Bill of Rights and a 2-yr bill on a ban on smoking in state parks.

V. Approval of Minutes

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Brian Kite
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
Treasurer

Beth Ryan
Secretary

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- a. Draft regular and special meeting minutes for April 18, 2013 (Ryan / GB052013-1)
 - Amended minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (18 board members voted)

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absence requests (GB052013-2)
 - Beth Ryan requested to be added to the By-Laws committee and Ellen Lanet requested to be added to the Economic Revitalization Committee.
 - All committee additions were unanimously approved by general consensus. (18 board members voted)
- b. President's report
 - Doug announced that tonight was Erick Morales' last board meeting. He is heading to Long Beach starting in August. Doug thanked him for everything that he has done over the years and the way that he contributed to the board and the community. Members of the board gave Erick a standing ovation.
- c. Treasurer's report and approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB052013-3)
 - Motion was moved by Marj Safinia and seconded by Jon Liberman.
 - Motion was approved by the board.
 - Vote count was: (16 YES/0 NO/1 Abstain)
- d. Upcoming committee events and legislative issues
 - Marj indicated that the SORO NC has a booth at the SoRo Festival and that they would be there all day and are looking for volunteers.
 - Victor indicated that he had signs here for board members to help put out in the community. Last year SORO Inc was fined \$1200 so Victor encouraged all board members to please help take down signs after the Festival.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to include an NC member on the LA2020 Commission (Gomes / GB041813-14)

AMENDMENT – Therefore, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council *requests* that a representative *from each of the five neighborhood council areas* be appointed as a full member to the independent LA 2020 commission.

- Amendment was moved by Ellen Lanet and seconded by Marj Safinia.
- Amendment was approved by the board.
- Vote count was: (9 YES/8 NO/0 Abstain)

MOTION – Therefore, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council demands that a representative of the Neighborhood Council be appointed as a full member to the independent LA 2020 commission.

- Motion was moved by Jon Liberman and seconded by Michael Lynn.
- Motion was approved by the board.
- Vote count was: (16 YES/1 NO/0 Abstain)

VIII. New Business



- a. Motion to support Proposition C on the May 21, 2013 City Ballot (Levine / GB052013-4)
 - Motion was moved by Terrence Gomes and seconded by Marj Safinia.
 - Motion was approved by the board.
 - Vote count was: (8 YES/6 NO/2 Abstain)
- b. Revised Motion to provide feedback on the Century City Center planning processes (Land Use / GB052013-5)

REVISED MOTION – That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council strongly believes it is in the best interests of the community that the Century City Center project’s proposed Alternative Trip Generation Factor be reviewed by the *City Planning* Commission at a public hearing *to be held locally to the proposed project* (per Section 6 of the Century City North Specific Plan) before the project is allowed to continue.

 - Barry Levine recused himself and left the room during discussion and vote.
 - Motion was moved by Terrence Gomes and seconded by Jon Liberman.
 - Motion was approved by the board by general consensus with 16 board members voting and 1 recused.
- c. Motion to support a variance at 1514 Bedford Ave 5-Unit Project Small Lot Development (Land Use / GB052013-6)
 - Motion was moved by Kevin Gres and seconded by Jon Liberman.
 - Motion was approved by the board.
 - Vote count was: (14 YES/3 NO/ Abstain)
- d. Motion to support an alcoholic beverage conditional use permit for the Mark for Events at 9300 W. Pico Blvd. (Land Use / GB052013-8)
 - Motion was moved by Jon Liberman and seconded by Marj Safinia.
 - Motion was approved by the board by general consensus with 16 board members voting.
- e. Motion to approve SORO NC communication guidelines (Safinia / GB052013-9)
 - Motion was moved by Terrence Gomes and seconded by Jon Liberman.
 - Motion was approved by the board by general consensus with 16 board members voting.
- f. Motion to approve fiscal year 2013-14 SORO NC budget (Gomes / GB052013-10)
 - Motion was moved by Doug Fitzsimmons and seconded by Michael Lynn.
 - Motion was approved by the board.
 - Vote count was: (16 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
- g. Revised Motion to provide feedback on proposed NC funding processes (Fitzsimmons / GB052013-11)



- Motion was moved by Terrence Gomes and seconded by Jon Liberman.
- Motion was unanimously approved by the board.
- Vote count was: (16 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)

- h. Motion to amend the SORO NC bylaws: stakeholder definition, vacancies, elections (Fitzsimmons / GB052013-12)

AMENDMENT – III. Article V: Governing Board, Section 6: Vacancies 6. In no event shall a vacant elected seat to be filled where a general election is scheduled to occur within sixty (60) days before *and after* the date that a written application is submitted to the Board.

- Amendment was moved by Jon Liberman and seconded by Terrence Gomes.
- Motion was approved by the board.
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- i. Motion to allocate \$200 to help fund the 2013 NC budget advocates (Fitzsimmons / GB052013-13)

- Motion was moved by Jon Liberman and seconded by Terrence Gomes.
- Motion was approved by the board.
- Vote count was: (13 YES/1 NO/2 Abstain)

- j. Motion to support a height variance at 1500 S. Beverly Drive (Land Use / GB052013-7)

- Motion to table was moved by Jon Liberman and seconded by Terrence Gomes.
- Motion to table was approved by the board by general consensus with 16 board members voting.

IX. Adjournment

Doug Fitzsimmons adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.



Current Committee Membership

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

Note that Bylaws, Econ 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	Trans- portation	Finance	Exec	Bylaws	Econ Revital	Board Dev	Parks & Rec
Kevin Gres	█				█							
Kimber Smith				█			█		█			
Beth Ryan				█			█	█	█		█	
Robyn Braun					█							
Bette Billet		█	█	█					█	█	█	
Michael Lynn					█		█					
Jon Liberman			█	█		█			█			
Ellen Lanet			█			█				█		
Paula Waxman		█					█					
Michael Bloom			█		█							
Bethie Kohanbash											█	
Nahed Guirguis												
David Mattis				█								
Brian Kite			█				█	█	█			█
Barry Levine	█	█		█		█	█			█		
Susan Burden			█									
Marj Safinia			█	█			█			█		
Terrence Gomes			█		█		█	█	█	█	█	
Martin Epstein		█										
Hector Garza											█	
Victor Mitry			█				█					
Org 3												
Doug Fitzsimmons				█		█	█	█	█	█		█
School 1												
Erick Morales	█			█		█					█	



Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting Date: May 20, 2013

Votes taken	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Kevin Gres	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	Y	C	C	C
Kimber Smith	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beth Ryan	C	C	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	C	C	C
Robyn Braun	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	C	C	C
Bette Billet	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael Lynn	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	Y	C	C	C
Jon Liberman	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	Y	C	C	C
Ellen Lanet	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	C	C	C
Paula Waxman	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C
Michoel Bloom	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	Y	C	C	C
Bethie Kohanbash	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	C	C	C
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
David Mattis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brian Kite	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barry Levine	C	C	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	C	R	C
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marj Safinia	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C
Terrence Gomes	C	C	Y	N	Y	N	Y	C	C	C
Martin Epstein	C	C	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	C	C	C
Hector Garza	C	C	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	C	C	C
Victor Mitry	C	C	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C
Org 3										
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C
School 1										
Erick Morales	C	C	A	N	N	Y	Y	C	C	C

Votes taken

1. Minutes Motion (GB052013-1)
2. Committee memberships and absence requests (GB052013-2)
3. Treasure's report (GB052013-3)
4. LA2020 Commission amendment (GB041813-14)
5. LA2020 Commission motion (GB041813-14)
6. Prop C motion (GB052013-4)
7. 1514 Bedford motion (GB052013-6)
8. Conditional Use permit for Mark for Events motion (GB052013-8)
9. Century City Center Planning revised motion (GB052013-5)
10. Communication guidelines motion (GB052013-9)



Votes taken	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Kevin Gres	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Kimber Smith	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Beth Ryan	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Robyn Braun	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Bette Billet	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Michael Lynn	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Jon Liberman	Y	C	N	Y	Y	C				
Ellen Lanet	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Paula Waxman	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Michoel Bloom	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Bethie Kohanbash	Y	C	N	Y	A	C				
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X				
David Mattis	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Brian Kite	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Barry Levine	Y	C	Y	Y	N	C				
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Marj Safinia	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Terrence Gomes	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Martin Epstein	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Hector Garza	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
Victor Mitry	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Org 3										
Doug Fitzsimmons	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	C				
School 1										
Erick Morales	Y	C	Y	Y	A	C				

Votes taken

- 11. 2013-2014 budget motion (GB052013-10)
- 12. Feedback on NC funding process (GB052013-11)
- 13. By-law changes amendment (GB052013-12)
- 14. By-law changes motion (GB052013-12)
- 15. Allocate \$200 to budget advocates motion (GB052013-13)
- 16. Motion to table height variance at 1500 Beverly (GB052013-7)