



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 21, 2013, 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 7:10 PM.

**Board Members Present (17):** Kimber Smith, Beth Ryan, Robyn Braun, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Ellen Lanet, Daniel Boethin (NEW BOARD MEMBER), Nahed Guirguis, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Martin Epstein, Sarah Sabin, Terrence Gomes, Victor Mitry, Jessica Kurzman and Doug Fitzsimmons.

**Board Members Absent (8):** Kevin Gres, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, David Mattis, Brian Kite, Susan Burden, Hector Garza and Grant Cohen.

## II. General Public Comment

- a. Marquise from Nextdoor.com discussed the increase in activity on nextdoor.com and indicated that two local communities had very active websites connecting neighbors – Castle Heights and Cheviot Hills. Cheviot Hills had an uptick in activity after they experienced 9 burglaries.
- b. One Love collective at 8940 National Blvd owner and representative came to offer their support of our motion on collectives in the SORO area.

## III. Applicants for Open Board Seats

- a. At-large Seat 1 (partial term expiring 2014): Daniel Boethin & Erick Morales (GB112113-1)
- b. Daniel Boethin received 9 votes and Erick Morales received 7 votes.
- c. Daniel Boethin was appointed to fill the empty At-large board seat.

## IV. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez)
  - Area has experienced car burglaries and robberies. Two incidents of robbery where suspects were described as 4 males with revolver but didn't take anything. One incident occurred on 8900 block of Pico Blvd and the other incident occurred on 9300 block of Monte Mar.
- b. City Council President Herb Wesson (Field Deputy Liz Carlin)
  - Liz discussed the West Adams plan and the on-going work involved in that as well as thanked the outreach committee for the successful Town Hall event. Council President Wesson is following up with the individuals from the Town Hall and hoping to have a meeting with them in the coming weeks regarding medical marijuana dispensaries.

## V. Approval of Minutes

- a. Draft board retreat minutes for October 17, 2013 (Ryan / GB112113-2)
  - Amended minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (17 board members voted)

## VI. Committee Reports

- a. Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absence requests (GB112113-3)
  - No changes were requested
- b. President's report

**Doug Fitzsimmons**  
President

**Brian Kite**  
Vice-President

**Terrence Gomes**  
Treasurer

**Beth Ryan**  
Secretary

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- c. Treasurer's report and approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB112113-4)
  - Submitted financials were unanimously approved by general consensus. (17 board members voted)
- d. Outreach Committee Report – thanks to all who came to the Town Hall event. Good attendance and always good to hear feedback from the community on what are important topics. Meeting date has been moved to December 9<sup>th</sup> at Robertson Rec Center.
- e. Transportation Committee Report – The transportation committee meeting will no longer be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday but has been moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. The December meeting will be a joint meeting with Land Use.

**VII. New Business**

- a. Motion to support variance request for live/work duplexes at 8732-8736 Venice Blvd (Land Use /GB112113-5)
  - Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Marj Safinia.
  - Vote Count was: (12 YES/2 NO/3 Abstain)
  - Motion was approved by the board.
- b. Motion to urge requirement of Police Permits for legal medical marijuana dispensaries and mandatory produce safety measures (Gomes/GB112113-10)

AMENDMENT: Replace paragraph 4 of the motion with the following paragraph.

Therefore, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council demands that the City Council must act immediately to protect the public health and welfare of patients by enacting regulations that mandate safety measures (including, but not limited to product origin, laboratory testing, agriculture inspection and similar protocols), the cost of which is to be borne by the dispensaries.

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Terry Gomes.
- Amendment was approved by general consensus with 17 board members in attendance.

MOTION:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council moves to demand that the City Attorney, the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Council move forward forthwith to eliminate any and all Post-ICO medical marijuana collectives (MMC) deemed to be operating illegally per Measure D.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council moves to send a letter to Councilmembers Koretz and Council President Wesson demanding that a Council File be created to address the possible requirements that all Pre-ICO MMC's that comply with Measure D in location and operations are required to obtain a Police Permit to operate.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council recognizes that the City of Los Angeles is enacting regulations to make medical cannabis available to patients in need. However, the City of Los Angeles has failed to enacted public health and safety guidelines to ensure quality control concerning contaminants, pesticides, molds, or other dangers that could affect patient's health and well-being.

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~~patients by enacting regulations that mandate safety measures including, but not limited to laboratory testing, agriculture inspection and similar protocols.~~

Therefore, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council demands that the City Council must act immediately to protect the public health and welfare of patients by enacting regulations that mandate safety measures (including, but not limited to product origin, laboratory testing, agriculture inspection and similar protocols), the cost of which is to be borne by the dispensaries.

Furthermore, SORO NC authorizes the communication of this resolution to any and all communication channels, including via an official Community Impact Statement.

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- Motion was approved by general consensus with 17 board members in attendance.

- c. Motion to approve 2014 NC election stipulation worksheet answers (Ryan/GB112113-7)

**MOTION:**

To approve the following stipulations for the 2014 SORO NC election:

1. Polls open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (six hours)
  2. Pending check on cost and availability, the preferred location is Shenandoah Elementary with Hamilton High School as primary back-up.
  3. No vote-by-mail.
  4. Ballots translated into Spanish and Farsi.
- Beth Ryan moved the motion and it was seconded by Martin Epstein.
  - Motion was approved by general consensus with 15 board members in attendance.

- d. Motion to approve 2014 General Board meeting calendar (Fitzsimmons/GB112113-8)

**AMENDMENT:** Change the proposed October general board meeting date of October 16<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- Amendment was approved by general consensus with 16 board members in attendance.

**MOTION:**

To adopt the 2014 SORO NC General Board meeting schedule as follows:

January 16, 2014  
February 20, 2014  
March 20, 2014  
April 17, 2014  
May 15, 2014  
June 19, 2014  
July 17, 2014  
August 21, 2014  
September 18, 2014  
October 23, 2014 – changed date  
November 20, 2014



December 18, 2014

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- Motion was approved by general consensus with 16 board members in attendance.

e. Motion to approve a SORO NC Community Grant process (Gomes/GB112113-6)

AMENDMENT:

The application acceptance date will be from December 1, 2013 to ~~January 8, 2014~~ January 31, 2014 by 5 PM PST.

~~On January 9, 2013~~ Shortly after the deadline, the NPG ad-hoc Committee and the SORO NC Executive Committee will meet to review the application(s) received.

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- Amendment was approved by general consensus with 16 board members in attendance.

AMENDMENT:

SORO NC board reserves the right to grant full or partial portions applied for.

- Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Kimber Smith.
- Amendment was approved by general consensus with 16 board members in attendance.

MOTION:

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- Motion was approved by general consensus with 16 board members in attendance.

f. Motion to urge that the City Council require net neutrality in its City-wide broadband RFP.

MOTION: To request that the City include provisions protecting and requiring net neutrality in the winning City-wide broadband service provider.

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- Motion was approved by general consensus with 16 board members in attendance.

g. Motion to table GB112113-11 and GB112113-12 until the next meeting.

- Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Victor Mity.
- Motion was approved by general consensus with 16 board members in attendance.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

The SORO NC Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, adjourned the meeting at 10 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													
Hector Garza													
Victor Mitry			Co										
Jessica Kurzban													
Doug Fitzsimmons								Ch					Co
Grant Cohen													
Sarah Sabin													



## Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting Date: November 21, 2013

Votes taken	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Kevin Gres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kimber Smith	C	Y	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	2C
Beth Ryan	C	Y	Y	C	C	1C	C	C	C	C
Robyn Braun	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Bette Billet	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Michael Lynn	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Jon Liberman	C	Y	2Y	C	2C	C	2C	2C	2C	C
Ellen Lanet	C	A	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Paula Waxman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michoel Bloom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dan Boethin	X	X	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Nahed Guirguis	C	A	N	C	C	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	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marj Safinia	C	Y	Y	2C	C	C	C	C	C	1C
Terrence Gomes	C	1Y	A	C	C	X	C	C	C	C
Martin Epstein	C	Y	Y	C	C	2C	C	C	C	C
Hector Garza	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Mity	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Jessica Kurtzman	C	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	2Y	1Y	1C	1C	C	1C	1C	1C	C
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sarah Sabin	C	A	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

### Votes taken

1. Draft minutes (GB112113-2)
2. Treasurer's Report and monthly expenses (GB112113-4)
3. Motion to support variance request for 8732-8736 Venice Blvd (GB112113-5)
4. Amendment regarding medical marijuana dispensaries (GB112113-10)
5. Motion regarding medical marijuana dispensaries (GB112113-10)
6. Motion to approve 2014 Election Stipulation worksheet (GB112113-7)
7. Amendment to approve 2014 General Board Calendar (GB112113-8)
8. Motion to adopt 2014 General Board Calendar (GB112113-8)
9. Amendment to approve Community Grant Process (GB112113-6)
10. Amendment to approve Community Grant Process (GB112113-6)



## Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting Date: November 21, 2013

Votes taken	11	12	13
Kevin Gres	X	X	X
Kimber Smith	C	X	X
Beth Ryan	C	C	C
Robyn Braun	C	C	C
Bette Billet	C	C	C
Michael Lynn	C	C	C
Jon Liberman	C	2C	C
Ellen Lanet	C	C	C
Paula Waxman	X	X	X
Michael Bloom	X	X	X
Dan Boethin	C	C	C
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X
David Mattis	X	X	X
Brian Kite	X	X	X
Barry Levine	C	C	C
Susan Burden	X	X	X
Marj Safinia	C	C	C
Terrence Gomes	C	C	C
Martin Epstein	C	C	C
Hector Garza	X	X	X
Victor Mitry	C	C	2C
Jessica Kurzman	C	C	C
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	1C	1C
Grant Cohen	X	X	X
Sarah Sabin	C	C	C

### Votes taken

11. Motion to approve Community Grant Process (GB112113-6)
12. Motion regarding net neutrality in City-wide Broadband RFP (GB112113-9)
13. Motion to table motions not discussed (GB112113-11 and GB112113-12)