



Motion to approve 2013 General Board meeting calendar

Agenda Item: GB111512-5

Date: 15 November 2012

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

In an effort to allow full community and Board input into SORO NC's General Meeting dates, this motion seeks to establish an approved meeting calendar for 2013.

In the past, some stakeholders and Board members have expressed concern about meeting scheduling. The NC has endeavored to avoid conflicts with other events, holidays, and celebrations, but it hasn't always been possible. Opening the schedule to public discussion—while it still may not fully satisfy all parties—will ensure a more transparent process.

The following informational calendar includes the "regular date" (the customary third Thursday of each month) as well as notations on possible conflicts and alternate dates. In developing the list of potential conflicts, a best effort was made to survey U.S. Federal, Jewish, Christian, and Islamic celebrations. Any omissions are unintentional.

The Board may opt to adopt the regular calendar as it stands or modify it through amendments to this motion. Note that none of the normal dates fall on a Federal or State holiday.

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Regular 2013 Date	Possible Conflict	Possible Alternate(s)
January 17		
February 21		
March 21		
April 18		
May 16		
June 20		
July 18		
August 15		
September 19	Sukkot I	Tuesday, Sept. 17
October 17		
November 14		
December 19		





Proposed Motion

- I. To adopt the 2013 SORO NC General Board meeting schedule ("normal dates") shown above.
- II. This motion does not supersede any aspect or procedure set forth in the NC bylaws, particularly Article VIII, Section 1, Item 2: Special Board Meetings.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 3 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Setting a yearly meeting calendar allows for community input into our schedule.

Meeting on a consistent date (i.e., the third Thursday of the month) may be more easily remembered by stakeholders.

Arguments against:

The dates may still need to be amended as emergencies arise or if we are unable to secure a meeting location on those dates (however unlikely).

Although this calendar sets the dates for regular meetings, special meetings may be need to be called that go beyond the schedule listed here.



Motion to Fund 2012 SORO NC Town Hall up to \$500

Agenda Item: GB111512-6

Date: 11/15/12

Proposed By: Kimber Smith, Marjan Safinia

Full Proposal

SORO NC's Bylaws call for the Council to organize an annual Town Hall event to offer our stakeholders the opportunity to interact with City officials about issues that affect their lives. Historically, these Town Hall events have been well attended by a diverse range of stakeholders and have provided valuable information to the community of critical issues. These events have also yielded increased visibility for the Council.

The 2012 SORO NC Town Hall will focus on developing leadership and organization in zones not currently served by a neighborhood or homeowners association. We will bring together residents from areas within SORO that are not currently formally organized, help them identify their needs, and provide them with information and best practice models of organizing including, simple mailing lists and social-media platforms, neighborhood watches, and the process of building formal neighborhood and homeowners associations. Participants will also have an opportunity to interact with important city partners including the LAPD and LA City Council representatives.

The SORO NC Outreach Committee assigned \$500 for this year's event in its 2012 working budget. This funding motion is to cover the cost of the location, outreach, copying and printing, relevant office supplies, and light refreshments.

Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC approve up to \$500 of funds to cover the costs associated with the production and outreach of our 2012 Town Hall Event on neighborhood leadership and organization.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 5

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$500
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

SORO NC Bylaws Section 11:1 stipulates that we hold a Town Hall meeting at least once per year.

2012 focus is a valuable opportunity for residents to connect with their neighbors, the NC and city partners.

Supporting local neighborhood leadership and organization will help the NC better reach and serve residential stakeholders.

Arguments against:

There may be other worthy topics to focus on this year.

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Motion to fund up \$750 for SORO NC business cards

Agenda Item: GB111512-7
Date: 15 November 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

LA City business cards help identify us as official City representatives. In this proposal, all new Board members, returning Board members who are running low or whose card is out of date would receive a set of 200. The paper is recycled. Last time we ordered, each set was \$33.50; the proposal would fund 20+ sets of cards (\$670, assuming the price hasn't increased). The motion also includes a small contingency for unforeseen press costs, tax, etc.— although since it is *up to* \$750, we are not committed to spend the full amount.



The cards themselves will include the SORO NC logo in green. The cards also include the member's contact info, seat, and major SORO office/chair held.

While we may be able to find cheaper alternatives, cards printed by the City's

General Services Department have the advantage of an engraved and embossed City seal and union label (and streamlined inter-departmental billing): this is clearly an official City of LA card.

On the other hand, if we go with an outside vendor and skipped the engraving and embossing (using, say, morningprint.com), we could design the card any way we want, have a full-color back with our logo, and still be \$10 cheaper per set.

Since it's helpful for committee chairs to have identifying cards, the order will be placed once the new chairs are appointed.

Proposed Motion

- I. To approve up to \$750 for the printing of business cards for SORO NC Board members.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 3 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$0
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Helps Board members identify themselves to the community and reinforces that the NC is an official City entity.

Arguments against:

Cost. This is also not a budgeted expense, so the funds would come out of another project.

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