



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 15, 2012, 7:00pm
Simon Wiesenthal Center 3rd Floor
1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Board Members Present: Kevin Gres, Kimber Smith, Beth Ryan, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Ellen Lanet, Michael Bloom, Bethie Kohanbash, David Mattis, Barry Levine, Marjan Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Hector Garza, Victor Mitry, Doug Fitzsimmons

Board Members Absent: Paula Waxman, Brian Kite, Nahed Guirguis, Sue Burden, Robyn Braun, Erick Morales

Guests: SLO Mario Gonzalez, Councilman Koretz, Elizabeth Carlin, David Giron

II. Swearing In of Newly-elected Board Members and Recognition of Out-going Members

- Councilman Koretz gave a warm welcome to the new board members and empathized how much he thanks the board for rolling up their sleeves and doing such great work.
- Councilman Koretz swore in the new board members and read the South Robertson Neighborhood Pledge.
- Doug asked that we take a 15 minute break and enjoy the refreshments.

III. Recess

IV. General Public Comment

V. Special Orders

Nomination and election of Board officers (GB111512-1)

Marj moved to postpone the nomination and election of board officers to December board meeting and that we extend the terms of the current board officers until those elections are made.

Motion passed unanimously.

- December 10th is the next meeting.
- Doug made an overview of the Rules and mention that if you have questions please ask during the meeting.
- We general ask for a motion from the board and require a second. If you want to submit a motion let me know in advance because there is a process and it must be posted for the public 72 hours the meeting. Motions are preferred to go through committee and then presented to the board.
- Marj offered to be available as a buddy to help with new member's transition to the board.
- Doug reminded that there are city officials also available to answers questions and let them know how they can help.

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Brian Kite
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
Treasurer

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VI. Community Partner Introductions & Reports

a. LA Police Department (Gonzalez & Ballesteros)

b. Office of Council President Wesson (Carlin)

- Liz introduced herself and discussed how she can help the new board. she gave an overview of President Councilman Wesson's territory.
- Announced Wesson office donates turkeys for seniors and if you know a senior whom is interested they must call Wesson's office. There are a limited number of Turkeys so first come first serve.
- Computer classes are also available from Wesson's office
- Needing volunteers for the upcoming Winter Wonderland. This event is annual and for the lower income community kids. If your able to volunteer and please contact Wesson's office.
- Thank you for serving your community and please reach out if you have any questions.

c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Giron/ Koretz)

- I reiterate what Liz said and give yourself a round of applause
- Please invite the councilman's office so we can better serve the community.
- Councilman Koretz talked about the public transportation opportunities that his office is in favor of.

VII. Approval of Minutes

a. Draft meeting minutes of October 18, 2012 (Epstein / GB111512-2)

Due to technical issues, minutes will be considered at the December meeting.

Motion to temporarily suspend standing rule requiring ethics certificate before voting on financial and Land Use issue for those Board members who have taken the training, but have not yet received certificates.

Doug observed that with the NC elections, DONE had a backlog of ungraded tests. He moved from the floor that the Board allow Boardmembers who have made a good faith effort to take the test be allowed to vote in this and the special meeting (four Board members would still have to abstain).

- **Standing rule suspended for the evening by general consent**

Doug called a 20 minute recess in order to convene the special meeting

IX. Committee Reports

Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absences (GB071912-3)

- a. David to be added to the outreach committee
- Michoel to be added to the public safety and land use committees
- Ellen to be added to the land use and education committees
- Kevin to be added to the transportation and public safety committees
- Michael Lynn Absence Request for January 2013

Requests confirmed by general consent

- b. Standing committees

Treasurer Report. Financial report & approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB111512-4)



Marj moved
Terry second
13-Y 0-N 4A Motion Passes

Land Use.

- Mentioned there was a recent lively discussion about the release of the graph.
- Also discussed providing a list of ideas for cd 5 cd and cd10 of what we feel is important. We're still working on this.

Public safety

- Gave a brief overview of the committee

Education

- Barry gave an over view of the tutoring program and discussed the fresh fruit Friday program.

Outreach.

- Town Hall will be in December 6th and visit SORONC.org for details.

Transportation.

- Meeting will be canceled in December.

c. Ad-Hoc committees

i. Board Development and Elections Committee

Welcome all new Board Members and a big thanks to Robyn, Terry, Eric, and all others that gave their times and support for the Election Events

IX. Transition Discussion

- a. Officers, committee chairs, and representatives
- b. Committee goals and leadership
- c. Communications: Brown Act, official Board positions
- d. Ethics and sexual harassment training
- e. Board retreat/training

X. New Business

- a. Motion to approve 2013 General Board meeting calendar (Exec / GB111512-5)
Calendar changes for 2013 May 21st, Sept. 17, Nov. 21

Doug moved
Jon second

Motion passes by general consent

- b. Motion to fund up to \$500 for 2012 Town Hall (Smith / GB111512-6)

Jon moved
Terry second

13Y 0-N 4A Motion Passes

- c. Motion to fund up to \$750 for SORO NC business cards (Fitzsimmons / GB111512-7)

Doug moved

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm





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	Transportation	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	█	█		█		█	█			█		
Sue Burden												
Marj Safinia			█	█			█			█		
Terrence Gomes			█		█		█	█	█	█	█	
Martin Epstein		█						█			█	
Hector Garza												
Victor Mitry			█									
Org 3												
Doug Fitzsimmons				█		█	█	█	█	█		█
School Rep 1												
Erick Morales	█	█		█		█					█	



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
Kevin Gres	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y				
Kimber Smith	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y				
Beth Ryan	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y				
Robyn Braun	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Bette Billet	Y	C	C	Y	C	2Y	Y	Y				
Michael Lynn	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	2Y				
Jon Liberman	Y	C	C	Y	2C	Y	1Y	Y				
Ellen Lanet	Y	C	A	A	C	A	A	A				
Paula Waxman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Michael Bloom	Y	C	A	A	C	A	A	A				
Bethie Kohanbash	Y	C	A	A	C	A	A	A				
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
David Mattis	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y				
Brian Kite	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Barry Levine	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y				
Sue Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Marj Safinia	Y	C	C	1Y	C	1Y	Y	Y				
Terrence Gomes	Y	C	C	2Y	C	1Y	2Y	Y				
Martin Epstein	Y	C	C	A	C	A	A	A				
Hector Garza	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y				
Victor Mitry	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y				
Org 3												
Doug Fitzsimmons	Y	C	C	Y	1C	Y	Y	1Y				
School Rep 1												
Erick Morales	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				

Votes taken

1. Motion to postpone officer elections until December
2. Suspend Standing Rule
3. Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absences (GB071912-3)
4. Financial report & approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB111512-4)
5. Motion to approve 2013 General Board meeting calendar (Exec/GB1115125)
6. Town Hall Amendment
7. Motion to fund up to \$500 for 2012 Town Hall (Smith / GB111512-6)
8. Motion to fund up to \$750 for SORO NC business cards (Fitzsimmons /GB111512-7)