



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 20, 2012, 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 NC Board President Doug Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Board Members Present (17): Kevin Gres, Beth Ryan, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Ellen Lanet, Paula Waxman, Michael Bloom, David Mattis, Brian Kite, Barry Levine, Susan Burden, Terrence Gomes, Hector Garza, Victor Mitry, Doug Fitzsimmons, Erick Morales

Board Members Absent (6): Kimber Smith, Robyn Braun, Bethie Kohanbash, Nahed Guirguis, Marj Safinia, Martin Epstein

City Officials and their Representatives Present (2): David Giron and Tania Bradkin from the office of Councilmember Paul Koretz

Members of the Public Present (8): Cary Brazeman, Michal Rogson, Leon Rogson, Grey Blavin, Victoria from Metro PCS + 3

II. General Public Comment

Cary Brazeman, candidate for Los Angeles City Controller, introduced himself.

III. Community Partner Reports

Office of Councilmember Koretz. David introduced Tonya Bradkin as his replacement as Field Deputy for CD5.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Draft Board Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2012 (Epstein / GB122012-1)

- Submitted minutes accepted by general consensus.

Draft Board Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2012 (Epstein / GB122012-2)

- Add Ellen Lanet to the transportation committee.
- Amended minutes accepted by general consensus.

V. Special Orders

a. Election of Officers - 2 year terms

President (GB122012-3)

- Board Vote - Doug Fitzsimmons was re-elected by a unanimous vote to continue serving as president. (Y-17/N-0/A-0)

Vice-President (GB122012-4) – Three board members indicated interest in serving as Vice-President – Erick Morales, Jon Liberman and Brian Kite.

There was a suggestion to have more than one vice-president. It would require a change in the by-laws.

- Board Vote - Brian Kite was re-elected by the board to continue serving as Vice-President. (Brian/12, Erick/3, Jon/1, Abstain/1)

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Brian Kite
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
Treasurer

Beth Ryan
Secretary

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Treasurer (GB122012-5)

- Board Vote - Terrence Gomes was re-elected by a unanimous vote to continue to serve as treasurer. (Y-17/N-0/A-0)

Secretary (GB122012-6)

- Board Vote - Beth Ryan was elected by a unanimous vote to serve as secretary of the board. (Y-17/N-0/A-0)

b. Confirmation of Committee Chair nominees - 2 year terms

- i. **Education: Barry Levine and Kevin Gres (Co-Chairs) (GB122012-7)**
 - Approved by general consensus.
- ii. **Green Team: Paula Waxman, Larry Hess and Saran Kirschbaum (Co-Chairs) (GB122012-8)**
 - Approved by general consensus.
- iii. **Outreach: Kimber Smith and Marj Safinia (Co-Chairs) (GB122012-9)**
 - Approved by general consensus.
- iv. **Public Safety: Mike Lynn (Chair) and Michael Bloom (Co-Chair) (GB122012-10)**
 - Approved by general consensus.

c. Election of Board liaisons – 2 year terms

- i. **LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (GB122012-11)**
 - Terrence Gomes voted as the liaison with Jon Liberman as the alternate. (Terry-10/Jon-7)
- ii. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (GB122012-12)**
 - Terrence Gomes voted as the liaison with Ellen Lanet as the alternate. (Terry-12/Ellen-5)
- iii. **Department of Water and Power (DWP) (GB122012-13)**
 - Jon Liberman voted as the liaison with Erick Morales as the alternate. (Jon-11/Erick-6)
- iv. **Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) (GB122012-14)**
 - Four board members were voted by general consensus to represent SORO with LAPD's CPAB – Terrence Gomes, Kevin Gres, Michael Bloom and Jon Liberman.
- v. **Five (5) authorized Community Impact Statement submitters (GB122012-15)**
 - It was decided by general consensus to have the executive committee – made up of Doug Fitzsimmons, Brian Kite, Terrence Gomes and Beth Ryan – to be the CIS submitters.
- vi. **Second signatory on financial reports (GB122012-16)**
 - It was decided by general consensus to have Hector Garza and Doug Fitzsimmons be the additional signers.

VI. Committee Reports (15 minutes—2 minutes each)

a. Confirmation of Board committee memberships & absence requests (GB122012-17)

- Beth Ryan indicated that she has not been listed as a member of the Outreach Committee – she has been a member since April 2012
- Mike Lynn reminded the board that he would be absent for the January meeting
- The above changes were accepted and approved by general consensus.

b. President's report

i. Establishment of a working group for community grant process



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- Paula Waxman, Barry Levine, Hector Garza, Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman and Bette Billet agreed to serve on the community grant working group.
 - c. **Financial report & approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB122012-18)**
 - In order to get the motions paid for in the fiscal year, all funding motions should be to the board and approved no later than the March meeting.
 - Terrence went over the P-card charges indicating that there were no changes from the normal monthly charges for storage, sprint, vonage and e-fax.
 - Board voted to approve the financials by general consensus.
 - d. **Standing committees**
 - i. Transportation – no meeting nothing to report.
 - ii. Education – Barry indicated that Canfield Elementary school wants fresh fruit along with Shenandoah Elementary. There will be a mock court at Shenandoah.
 - iii. Green – Paula discussed taking the Metro line downtown and suggested a field trip for the SORO board.
 - iv. Land Use – Terrence discussed the Adas Torah location variances requested. This will be discussed along with the cell phone tower substation at their next meeting.
 - v. Public Safety – Mike Lynn discussed the many projects being handled by the committee including; testing ham radios, emergency preparedness, pedestrian safety, self-defense training, safe passages and SORO NC window signs.
 - vi. Outreach – In the absence of Marj and Kimber, Beth discussed the Town Hall that took place on December 6th. She indicated that there would be follow-up meetings with SORO residents every few months to allow them to stay connected with their neighbors.
 - e. **Ad-Hoc committees**
 - i. No reports.
 - f. **Board Development and Elections Committee: Board retreat/training**
 - i. Beth Ryan and Doug Fitzsimmons discussed the upcoming new board training. The date that most of the board members could attend was Sunday, January 13th although some of the presenters indicated that they would not be available. It was agreed that Beth would send out an e-mail to the entire board with more details.
 - g. **Liaisons**
 - i. No reports.
- VII. New Business (30 minutes)**
- a. **Motion to consider support for a proposed cellular substation at 1830 S. Robertson (Gomes / GB122012-19)**
 - i. Veronica from Metro PCS presented her report for the cell towers to be erected on the roof at 1830 S. Robertson. She discussed their efforts to find a location suitable, other locations of cell towers, timeline for project, cost of project, renewing contract options, etc.
 - ii. Several members of the community spoke opposing the location of the cell phone towers – including a mother of three kids who lives in the community and is concerned by the toxicity and health hazards of the towers.
 - iii. Michal Rogson shared that they had received 200 signatures from community members opposing the cell tower project. She discussed how congested the traffic was at that intersection and that the alley was already tight. She indicated that three local real estate agents have written letters regarding real estate prices decreasing.



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- iv. Grey Blavin also spoke opposing the cell phone towers that would be erected directly across the street from them blocking their view and potentially causing harm to their daughter.
- v. Doug Fitzsimmons read two letters that had been sent to him by community members opposing the cell phone towers.
 - The board voted to have the Land Use Committee vote on this issue and bring it back to the General Board meeting in January. (Y-12/N-5/A-0)

- b. **Motion for \$3000 to purchase emergency equipment and supplies (Lynn / GB122012-20)**
 - i. Mike Lynn discussed the items the committee would be buying to make sure that the committee had enough equipment for the training and also to have supplies for the triage team in case we do experience a crisis.
 - Board voted to approve \$3,000 (Y-11/N-5/A-1)
- c. **Motion to allocate up to \$400 to fund 2012 NC vote-by-mail (Exec / GB122012-21)**
 - i. Doug Fitzsimmons indicated that there was an additional cost associated with vote-by-mail that the board needed to vote on.
 - Board voted to approve up to \$400 (Y-16/N-0/A-1)
- d. **Motion to support Grayce Liu's appointment as General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Exec / GB122012-22)**
 - i. Doug Fitzsimmons shared that the Mayor has sent a letter in support of Grayce Liu being the permanent General Manager. The issue will now go before the City Council. SORO wanted to add our support for Ms. Liu.
 - Board voted unanimously to support Grayce Liu as the permanent General Manager for Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. (Y-16/N-0/A-1)

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Brian Kite thanked Doug Fitzsimmons for his commitment and for agreeing to serve as president for an additional two years.
 - b. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM
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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.

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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												
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Hector Garza												
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Org 3												
Doug Fitzsimmons												
School 1												
Erick Morales												



Board Vote Tally Sheet

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Votes taken	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Kevin Gres	C	2C	Y	E	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	T	T	J	C
Kimber Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beth Ryan	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	T	T	J	C
Robyn Braun	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bette Billet	2C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	1C	C	C	T	T	J	C
Michael Lynn	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	T	T	J	C
Jon Liberman	1C	1C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	2C	J	T	J	2C
Ellen Lanet	C	C	Y	A	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	T	E	J	C
Paula Waxman	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	J	T	J	C
Michael Bloom	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	T	T	E	C
Bethie Kohanbash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nahed Guirguis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
David Mattis	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	T	E	E	C
Brian Kite	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	1C	J	T	J	C
Barry Levine	C	C	Y	E	Y	Y	1C	2C	C	C	J	T	E	C
Susan Burden	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	J	T	J	C
Marj Safinia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Terrence Gomes	C	C	Y	E	Y	Y	2C	C	2C	C	T	T	J	1C
Martin Epstein	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hector Garza	C	C	Y	J	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	J	E	J	C
Victor Mitry	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	T	E	E	C
Org 3														
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	1C	C	J	E	E	C
School 1														
Erick Morales	C	C	Y	B	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	T	T	E	C

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Votes taken

1. Draft meeting minutes of Oct, 2012 (GB122012-1)
2. Draft meeting minutes of Nov, 2012 (GB122012-2)
3. Election of Doug Fitzsimmons as President (GB122012-3)
4. Election of Brian Kite as Vice-President (GB122012-4)
5. Election of Terrence Gomes as Treasurer (GB122012-5)
6. Election of Beth Ryan as Secretary (GB122012-6)
7. Confirmation of Education Chair (GB122012-7)
8. Confirmation of Green Chair (GB122012-8)
9. Confirmation of Outreach Chair (GB122012-9)
10. Confirmation of Public Safety Chair (GB122012-10)
11. Election of Board Liaison – LANCC (GB122012-11)
12. Election of Board Liaison – WRACC (GB122012-12)
13. Election of Board Liaison – DWP (GB122012-13)
14. Election of Board Liaison – CPAB (GB122012-14)



Board Vote Tally Sheet (continued)

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Kevin Gres	C	C	C	2Y	N	2Y	Y	Y
Kimber Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beth Ryan	C	C	C	Y	2Y	Y	Y	Y
Robyn Braun	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bette Billet	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	Y	2Y
Michael Lynn	C	C	C	1Y	Y	1Y	Y	Y
Jon Liberman	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	2Y	Y
Ellen Lanet	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paula Waxman	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	Y	1Y
Michael Bloom	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bethie Kohanbash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nahed Guirguis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
David Mattis	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Brian Kite	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	1Y	Y
Barry Levine	C	C	C	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Susan Burden	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Marj Safinia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Terrence Gomes	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Martin Epstein	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hector Garza	C	C	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Victor Mitry	C	C	C	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Org 3								
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	C	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
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15. Election of Board Liaison – CIS Submitters (GB122012-15)
16. Election of Second Signatory on financial reports (GB122012-16)
17. Confirmation of Board committee memberships & absence requests (GB122012-17)
18. Approval of Monthly Expenses (GB122012-18)
19. Motion regarding cell phone substation at 1830 S. Robertson Blvd (Gomes/GB122012-19)
20. Motion for \$3,000 to purchase emergency equipment and supplies (Lynn/GB122012-20)
21. Motion to allocate up to \$400 to fund 2012 NC Vote-by-mail (Exec/GB122012-21)
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