



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:00pm
Hamilton Senior High School Cafeteria
2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Board Members Present: Rachel Lester, Kimber Smith, Harold Bock, Robyn Braun (7:45), Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Brian Kite, Barry Levine (8:45), Troy Richardson, Marjan Safinia, Sam Jagger, Martin Epstein, Susan Burden, Victor Mitry, Doug Fitzsimmons

Board Members Absent: Nick Burkhardt, Paula Waxman, Armando Roman, Nahed Guirguis, Erick Morales

Guests: Mario Gonzalez, Liz Carlin, Charles Miller

II. General Public Comment

No public comment. Doug advised the crowd that it was a full agenda, to please fill out speaker cards for agenda items, and that we would try to get through as many comments as time allowed.

III. Community Reports

LAPD. SLO Gonzalez reported that there had been no major incidents or increases in crime over the last month.

Office of Councilmember Wesson. Liz will discuss medical marijuana issues with the Councilmember.

Office of Councilmember Koretz. No report

Office of the Mayor. No report

Office of Senator Price. No report

Robertson Recreation Center. No report

IV. Old Business

Confirmation of Board committee memberships and absences (GB072111-1)
Erick Morales requested an official absence for December 2011 and January 2012. Armando Roman joins Green Team.

- **Requests approved by general consent**

Motion to reconsider minutes of 20 October 2011 (Fitzsimmons / GB072111-2)

- **Motion approved by general consent**

Draft Board Meeting Minutes of 17 November 2011 (Burkhardt / GB072111-3).

- **Minutes accepted by general consent**

Treasurer Report

- Victor moved to accept the report; Marj seconded.

Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Brian Kite
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
Treasurer

Nick Burkhardt
Secretary

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- **Vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

VI. Committee Reports

Executive. Ben Bellet is no longer on the Board due to exceeding the maximum number of absences.

Other committee reports were truncated due to the full agenda.

VII. New Business

Resolution to congratulate the Honorable Herb Wesson for his historic election to the Presidency of the Los Angeles City Council (Fitzsimmons / GB121511-5)

- Terry moved; Bette seconded.
- **Motion approved by general consent**

Motion to approve the 2012 General Board meeting calendar (Fitzsimmons / GB121511-6)

- Terry moved; Marj seconded.
- **Motion approved by general consent**

Motion to approve NC Election Alternatives Survey (Kite / GB121511-7)

After much discussion about the validity of the process and whether SORO NC should decline to participate, discussion exceeded maximum time allocated.

- Kimber moved to table; Michael seconded.
- **Table vote: 10-Y, 5-N, 0-A. Motion tabled**

Motion to encourage landscaping with indigenous plants for Phase II of the Exposition Line Rail Project (Waxman / GB121511-8)

Charles Miller of Palms NC spoke in support of the measure.

- Marj moved; Victor seconded.
- **Motion approved by general consent**

Motion to recommend LA Dept. of Recreation and Parks replace City Hall lawn with sustainable landscaping (Waxman / GB121511-9)

- Bette moved; Rachel seconded.
- **Vote: 7-Y, 7-N, 1-A. Motion fails**

Motion to support small-lot development at 2008 Preuss (Mitry / GB121511-10)

The property owners spoke in support of the measure.

- Bette moved; Victor seconded.
- **Vote: 13-Y, 0-N, 1-A. Motion passes**

Motion to support Pressman Academy expansion with proposed mitigations (Gomes / GB121511-11)

Barry joins the meeting. Doug announced that Hamilton Campus Police had mistakenly turned an unknown number of people away at the gate. Extensive testimony from representatives of the Pressman Academy and opposing neighborhood groups. Speaker cards filled out were 7 opposed to the expansion, 4 in favor.

- Michael moved to table; Bette seconded.
- **Table vote: 7-Y, 9-N, 0-A. Motion to table fails**

Doug proposes substitute language:

To formally support the proposed Pressman Academy expansion project with the understanding that mitigation discussions (as reflected in the attached Proposed Neighborhood Protection Plan) continue between Temple Beth Am, Pressman Academy, and the neighbors of the 1000 block of South Corning Street.



- Doug moved substitute motion; Bette seconded.
- **Substitute motion vote: 11-Y, 4-N, 1-R. Motion passes**

Remaining motions were not considered due to time:

- Motion to file a community impact statement supporting a temporary ban on medical marijuana dispensaries (Fitzsimmons / GB121511-12)
- Motion to approve \$4999 for Fresh Fruit on Fridays for Shenandoah Elementary School (Levine / GB121511-13)
- Motion to approve \$3000 for Fresh Fruit on Fridays for Shenandoah Elementary School (Levine / GB121511-14)
- Motion to Submit a Community Impact Statement RE: Proposed Sidewalk Repair Ordinance (Lynn / GB121511-15)

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.



Board Committee Membership

As of 15 December 2011

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

Note that Bylaws, Econ Revitalization, and Board Development meet infrequently. Those three ad hoc committees may only have 6 voting members.

Committee	Education	Green Team	Land Use	Outreach	Public Safety	Finance	Exec	Bylaws	Econ Revital	Board Dev	Parks & Rec
Rachel Lester											
Kimber Smith											
Harold Bock											
Robyn Braun											
Bette Billet											
Michael Lynn											
Nick Burkhart											
Zone 8											
Paula Waxman											
Armando Roman											
At Large 1											
Nahed Guirguis											
Terry Gomes											
Brian Kite											
Barry Levine											
Troy Richardson											
Marj Safinia											
Sam Jagger											
Martin Epstein											
Sue Burden											
Victor Mitry											
Organization 3											
Doug Fitzsimmons											
School 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	13	14	15	16
Rachel Lester	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	A	Y	Y	Y				
Kimber Smith	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	A	Y	Y				
Harold Bock	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y				
Robyn Braun	X	X	X	X	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	N				
Bette Billet	C	C	C	Y	C	C	N	C	Y	Y	N	Y				
Michael Lynn	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	N	X	Y	Y				
Nick Burkhart																
Zone 8																
Paula Waxman																
Armando Roman																
At Large 1																
Nahed Guirguis																
Terry Gomes	C	C	C	Y	C	C	N	C	N	Y	N	N				
Brian Kite	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	N	Y				
Barry Levine	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Y	N	R				
Troy Richardson	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	N				
Marj Safinia	C	C	C	Y	C	C	N	C	Y	Y	N	N				
Sam Jagger	C	C	C	Y	C	C	N	C	N	Y	Y	Y				
Martin Epstein	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	N	Y				
Sue Burden	C	C	C	Y	C	C	N	C	N	Y	N	Y				
Victor Mitry	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	N	Y				
Organization 3																
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	C	Y	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	N	Y				
School 1																
Erick Morales																

Votes taken

1. Committees and absences
2. Reconsider October draft meeting minutes
3. November draft meeting minutes
4. Monthly expenses
5. Wesson congratulations
6. 2012 meeting calendar
7. Election alternatives: table motion
8. Expo Line landscaping
9. City Hall landscaping
10. 2008 Preuss
11. Pressman Academy: table motion
12. Pressman Academy: substitute motion