



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 17, 2010, 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 pro tem, Doug Fitzsimmons, called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**Board Members Present:** Rachel Lester, Kimber Smith, Harold Bock, Robyn Braun, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Joe Gjonola, Paula Waxman, Ryan Gaines, Terrence Gomes, Brian Kite, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Martin Epstein, Doug Fitzsimmons, Victor Mitry

**Board Members Absent:** Benjamin Bellet, Nahed Guirguis, Gerald Chavarria, Susan Burden

**Guests:** Eric Weiser, Elizabeth Carlin, Jennifer Badger, Brooke Powers

## II. General Public Comment

Terry said that WRAC needs two representatives Doug asked if pro-tem was fine. Terry said yes and volunteered to do it.

## III. Old Business

**Draft Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2010 (Hammond / GB052010-1).**

Amendment was made to p. 6. Brian moved to approve minutes as amended, Terry seconded. **Vote: Y-14, N-0, A-2. Minutes approved.**

**Treasurer Report and vote to approve monthly expenses (Gomes / GB052010-2).** P-card expenditures were for paper, office supplies, printing for the flyer for the emergency LAPD/LACH meeting. Doug moved to approve the report; Bette seconded. **Vote: Y-16, N-0, A-0. Report approved.**

Doug said that there were some issues with the SoRo Inc. motions and that they may have to come back as neighborhood purpose grants out of the 2009 budget. Terry said the fiscal year ends June 30. Our remaining balance will rollover and we should have about \$400. Marj asked about the \$9,000 for the festival. No further information from Terry or Liz as to why funding had not yet been received. DONE isn't responding. Terry said he would ask City Council to call if he continued to get no response.

## IV. Officer and Chair Election

**Candidate for President: Doug Fitzsimmons.** This vote was tabled until the board training session because Terry Gomes had expressed an interest in also running but had failed to submit a candidate statement in time. Doug suggested voting at the training day by which time Terry could submit a statement.

**Candidates for Vice President: Joe Gjonola, Brian Kite, Kimber Smith.** Each candidate had time to make a brief statement and answer questions from the board. According to our bylaws, we had two rounds of voting with the top two candidates from Round 1 moving forward to Round 2. **Round 1 Vote: Joe Gjonola (2-Y), Brian Kite (9-Y), Kimber Smith (5-Y). Round 2 Vote: Brian Kite (10-Y), Kimber Smith (6-Y). Brian Kite elected as Vice President.**

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**Brian Kite**  
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**Nomination of Paula Waxman and Larry Hess as co-chairs of the Green Team. (Green Team / GB061710-3).** Bette moved to approve this motion, Terry seconded. **Vote: Y-16, N-0, A-0. Paula and Larry approved as co-chairs of Green Team.**

## V. Community Reports

**Office of Councilmember Wesson.** Liz Carlin said they were partnering with the Mayor's office regarding a big meeting about the spending of the stimulus dollars on Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Westside JCC.

**Office of Councilmember Koretz.** Eric said they were hosting a CD-5 leadership summit on the Westside with representatives from Public works, LA Building and Safety, LAPD, LAFD, Department of Transportation etc. interfacing with the public. Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Fairfax High School.

**Office of the Mayor.** Jen Badger spoke about the Town Halls regarding spending of the stimulus dollars that they were hosting. Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Westwood Recreation Center. Deputy Mayor Larry Frank would be talking about the money that is just coming into committees and giving information about programs that are funded and how you can access the money.

**Office of Senator Price.** None

**LAPD Report.** None

**Robertson Recreation Center.** Brooke said that the summer camp program was starting on Monday. The Child Care employees had been given their pink slips and their last day would be Friday.

## VI. Discussion about Board Training on June 27

Discussion about board training event. Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> between 11am-5pm. Victor suggested the possibility of bringing in another NC leader to facilitate. Linda Lucks from Venice NC was mentioned. Marj said she didn't think we would need a facilitator but it was worth considering as we finalized the agenda. Kimber suggested a survey for the council to take to gauge interests and said she would send some examples to Marj. Rachel requested kosher food.

## VII. SoRo Festival Recap

The festival was a big success. Many reports about it being the best event yet. Harold asked that board members help take down any stray signs they saw promoting the event. Paula asked for the stakes to be reserved for use in the Hami Garden. The Green Team booth was focused on getting apartment buildings onto a recycling program, workshops and the sale of compost and worm bins. Rain water barrels were raffled. The Festival ran as a zero waste operation.

## VIII. New Business

**Motion to send a letter from SORO NC Board thanking Christel Wilson and Stephanie Marquez and the Festival Planning Committee for their work on the SoRo Festival (Waxman / GB061710-4)**

Michael suggested an amendment to include the Festival Planning Committee in the salutation for the letter.

Michael moved to approve the amendment; Harold seconded. **Vote: Y-16, N-0, A-0. Amendment approved.**



Kimber moved to approve the motion as amended; Robyn seconded. **Vote: Y-16, N-0, A-0. Amended motion approved.**

**Motion to approve Community Impact Statement Concerning Council File No. 05-1853 and 05-1853-S1 (Sidewalks) (Gjonola / GB061710-5)**

Discussion about the proposed letter and supplementary materials. Barry suggested an amendment to change the word “bare” to “bear” in paragraph 3, line 4. Michael said that there are many possible solutions to this that are out there but that the city’s approach is not a solution. He said that we need to send a message saying that we reject their proposal. Kimber suggested some language changes. What happens next? Michael explained we submit as a Community Impact Statement attached to the council file. Marj said we needed to amend the statement to fit with the CIS length restriction (100 words). Joe moved that we table the motion until the board training session to have a chance to amend the language. **Motion tabled.**

**Motion to fund \$1500 for Movies in the Park in conjunction with CD-10 (Safinia / GB071510-6).** Liz talked about Council Member Wesson’s enthusiasm and support for SORO and for Movies at Reynier Park. The proposed funding is for hot dogs, candy and popcorn to be distributed free of charge. The Council Member has a commitment to providing free food for everyone. 500 flyers will be distributed via Shenandoah Elementary School. 200 letters will be sent to the surrounding homes in English and Spanish. Last year, 1000 hot dogs were purchased and they ran out and more had to be purchased at the last minute. Marj said that the outreach committee had supported this motion unanimously. Kimber asked if SORO NC would have a presence at the event. Liz said we would have a table. Robyn asked how many NCs there were in CD10 . Liz said about 11. 3 NCs are funding the Movies in the Park. Harold moved to vote. Robyn seconded. **Vote: Y-15, N-0, A-1. Motion approved.**

**Motion to allocate \$150 for website security upgrade (Fitzsimmons / GB061710-7)** Doug said there had been a recent uptick in Drupal attacks on NC websites and that adding a captcha field to the login would help mitigate that. Paula moved to vote; Marj seconded. **Vote: Y-16, N-0, A-0. Motion approved.**

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8.50 p.m.



## Vote Tally

Y: yes | N: no | A: abstain | R: recuse | X: missed vote

<b>Motion: Vice President Election</b>	<b>01 – Round 1 vote Joe Gjonola (JG) Brian Kite (BK) Kimber Smith (KS)</b>	<b>02 – Round 2 vote Brian Kite (BK) Kimber Smith (KS)</b>
Rachel Lester	KS	KS
Kimber Smith	KS	KS
Harold Bock	KS	KS
Robyn Braun	BK	BK
Bette Billet	BK	BK
Michael Lynn	JG	KS
Zone 7		
Joe Gjonola	JG	BK
Paula Waxman	KS	KS
Ryan Gaines	BK	BK
Brian Kite	BK	BK
Nahed Guirguis	X	X
Terry Gomes	BK	BK
Ben Bellet	X	X
Gerald Chavarria	X	X
Barry Levine	KS	KS
Marj Safinia	BK	BK
Martin Epstein	BK	BK
Business 5		
Sue Burden	X	X
Doug Fitzsimmons	BK	BK
Victor Mitry	BK	BK
School 1		
School 2		