



Motion to fund \$1000 for Movies in the Park in conjunction with CD-10

Agenda Item: GB070809-03
Date: 8 July 2009
Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

Summary

That SORO NC fund \$1000 to sponsor CD-10's Movies in the Park event at Reynier Park on July 31st 2009.

Full Proposal

This is the second year of CD-10's very successful Movies in the Park summer series. CD-10 has chosen once again to bring one of the evenings to SORO and host a community movie screening at Reynier Park on July 31st.

Based on last year's success and events already held this year, attendance is expected to be about 600 people. SORO NC will have a significant outreach opportunity, and can continue to collaborate closely with CD-10 on events that serve our stakeholders, as we have done many times in the past.

Total cost for the event is estimated around \$2000. We propose part funding the food/refreshments portion of the evening only. The following are budget numbers from CD-10 for this event.

• 600 Raisinettes	306.00	
• 600 Twizzlers	306.00	
• Punch	100.00	
• 20 cases of water	120.00	(35 16.9 oz bottles at \$6/case)
• <u>600 hot dogs at \$1.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	
Total	\$1432	

Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC fund \$1000 to co-sponsor the purchase of food and refreshments for CD-10's Movies in the Park event at Reynier Park on July 31st 2009.

Considerations

Pro

Movies in the park make people happy
Large outreach opportunity

Con

Cost
Not specifically SORO NC branded

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:

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Motion to fund \$1050 for Peace Picnic 2009

Agenda Item: GB070809-04
Date: 8 July 2009
Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

Summary

That SORO NC fund \$1050 to sponsor the 2009 Peace Picnic at Robertson Recreation Center on September 13th.

Full Proposal

The Peace Picnic is an event that SORO NC has supported for a number of years. It draws a community crowd of 300-400 people and promotes values that we support. This event is both an outreach opportunity for SORO NC as well as a way to promote Public Safety and community building.

This year the organizers propose an upgrade to the sound system in response to community feedback. The numbers below represent a budget for the event.

Food & supplies	Estimated at	\$ 800.00
Flyers, posters, lawn signs etc.	Estimated at	\$ 800.00
Sound System Rental	Estimated at	\$ 550.00
Total expenses	Estimated at	\$2150.00

N.B. If approved, the \$1050 should be split equally from the Outreach budget and the Public Safety budget, with each committee putting \$525 towards the funding motion.

Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC fund \$1050 to sponsor purchase/rental of the items listed above for the Peace Picnic scheduled for September.

Considerations

Pro

Promotes public safety within community

Large outreach opportunity

Con

Funds could be spent more directly to impact public safety needs in that area.

Funds could be spent elsewhere

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Motion to increase SORO NC financial transparency

Agenda Item: GB070809-5

Date: 8 July 2009

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Summary

Seeks to increase the transparency of SORO NC by requiring distribution of monthly financial reports in advance of board meetings, Executive committee review of quarterly audits, and posting of all financial documents on the NC website.

Full Proposal

Despite the volunteer nature of the Board, SORO NC has worked hard to improve trust and transparency in its workings. Part of the public's trust in its government is built on its confidence in that government's ability to manage public funds.

While the Brown Act requires that any document distributed to the Board be made available to the public as well, it does not require that those documents (other than the agenda) be available the Board in *advance* of a meeting.

Requiring early distribution of our financial documents would allow the Board and Stakeholders alike the opportunity to review (and formulate questions about) the report before Board meetings.

Proposed Motion

In addition to any requirements in the Neighborhood Council Charter, the SORO NC bylaws, the Brown Act, or any other applicable law:

- I. That all monthly financial statements be available to the public via the SORO NC website at least three days prior to a general Board meeting;
- II. That quarterly audits be made available to the public via the website and be reviewed (at a minimum) at the open Executive Committee meeting prior to submission;
- III. That the SORO NC website include a Finance section that compiles the NC's monthly financial statements and audits

Considerations

Pro

Improves Board and stakeholder financial visibility

Creates an archive of past reports and audits

Con

Places additional burden on the office of Treasurer

Quarterly audit deadlines may not coincide with Exec Committee meeting dates

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Motion to establish the position of Assistant Treasurer

Agenda Item: GB070809-6

Date: 8 July 2009

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Summary

Seeks to create a back-up to the office of Treasurer

Full Proposal

While the position of Treasurer is among the most time-consuming of the Board roles, it is also one of the most important. The smooth, timely functioning of the office is critical to virtually every aspect of what we do and to the public's confidence in the Neighborhood Council.

SORO NC's bylaws, however, does not have provision for back-up for the office. As Board members volunteer their time, other professional and personal pressures sometimes constrain their ability to do NC business. Having an additional person trained and authorized to perform the Treasurer's duties would help distribute the burdens of the office and lessen periods of unavailability.

In this motion, the new role of Assistant Treasurer would be a non-Executive officer; in other words, elected by the Board under Article 7.7 of the Bylaws, but not eligible to vote in the Executive Committee. This would reaffirm that the Treasurer remains the lead voice in NC financial matters.

Note that per Article XIV, section 14.2, any amendment of the bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of actual board members, and is subject to approval by DONE.

Proposed Motion

That section 7.7.1 of the SORO NC bylaws be amended to include:

Assistant Treasurer

- Conduct all responsibilities of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.
- Complete any required financial training as mandated by DONE.
- Aid the Treasurer in the execution of his/her duties upon request.
- Non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

Considerations

Pro

As financial guidelines and requirements increase, lightens the load on the Treasurer

Con

Could lead to confusion and errors if the two positions fail to co-ordinate

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Other NCs have similar positions

May have difficulty recruiting for the position.

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