



# General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 7:00pm

*Meetings end at 9:30pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.*

**Location: Robertson Recreation Center, 1641 Preuss Road, Los Angeles CA 90035- Room B**

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1. **Call to Order 7:00 pm**
  2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  3. **Roll Call: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben (14 - Quorum achieved)**  
**Hayes Blackwood entered the meeting at 7:02 pm**  
**Avi Youshaei joins the board at 7:30 pm**  
**Sara Messal joins the board at 7:35**  
  
**Absent: Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine**  
**15 present 4 absent**
  4. **General Public Comment: Amy Haberland**
  5. **Brief Board Announcements**
    - a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements  
 Baila Romm - Board Retreat- when is a good time/ month? Send email to board members, Jon- concerned about no motions. Michael Lynn announced the next meeting will be the Residence Inn.
  6. **Community Reports**
    - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) Not Present
    - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) Gave Presentation Shin Black
    - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Terrence Gomes gave report,
    - d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Rodriguez) Allen Z. introduced Cairo gave report- Cairo Rodriguez is the new Field Deputy for South Robertson.
    - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) Not present
    - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames)
      - a. Office of Mayor Bass (Ensley)
      - b. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Laflan) Gave Presentation
      - c. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Not present – sent report
      - d. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant)
      - e. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Echavarria) not present

- f. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices Kay Hartman – Budget Advocates gave report.

**7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations**

Public Comment: None

- a. **Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 1 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB101923-01)**

- **Avi Youshaei**

Moved: Baila Romm                      Second: Jon Liberman

Public Comment: none

Vote: 13 yes 1 no 0 abstain

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

No: Terrence Gomes

**Avi Youshaei joins the board at 7:30 pm**

- b. **Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 7 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB101923-02)**

- **Sara Messall**

Moved: Jon Liberman                      Second: Joseph Mollaie

Public Comment: None

Vote: 13 yes 1 no 0 abstain 1 ineligible

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

No: Terrence Gomes

Ineligible: Avi Youshaei

**Sara Messal joins the board at 7:35**

- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 8 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- d. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Business Representative 5- Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- e. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3 - Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- f. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Term expires June 30, 2025) **(No Applicants)**

**8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives**

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments

- I. LANCC (GB101923-03) Terrence Gomes and Jon Liberman

Moved: Jon Liberman   Second: Terrence Gomes

Public comment: none

Vote: 14-0

2 ineligible

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben  
Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

**Terrence Gomes and Jon Liberman voted in as LANCC Representatives**

II. WRAC (GB101923-04)

**Michael Lynn remains as main rep:**

III. WRAC Alternate (GB101923-05) Jason Plummer

**Moved: Terry Second Jon**

**Board Agreed to combined II and III for the vote**

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman

Public comment: none

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

**Vote: 14 yes 0 abstain 0 no 2 ineligible**

Michael Lynn WRAC Main Representative

Jason Plummer WRAC Alternate

IV. LADWP (GB101923-06)

V. LADWP alternate (GB101923-07)

**Combine IV and V postpone to next month**

VI. Budget Advocates (2) (GB101923-08)

Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Terrence Gomes

Public comment: stakeholder 1

**Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

**Jon Liberman voted as rep to Budget Advocates**

VII. Sustainability Alliance (GB101923-09)

**Brianna Shepard self-appoints**

Moved: Baila Romm Second; Jon Liberman

Public Comment: none

**Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

**Brianna Shepherd voted as Sustainability Rep**

b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports

- I. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development;
- II. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council  
 Stuart Weiss reported that the congressional council that took place on September 25th. It consisted of 40 people plus 3 representatives from other neighborhood councils. The intent of the council is to have collaborative relationships from different community organizations within the larger 37th congressional district council.  
 Joseph Mollaie asked if the congresswoman attended the meeting. Stuart Weiss said she did not but made a welcome video.

- c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB101923-10) **Baila Romm join Outreach,**

**9. Unfinished Business**

- a. None

**10. Consent Agenda**

Public Comment: none

- a. Motion to approve September 21, 2023 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB101923-11)
- b. Motion to approve September 2023 MERS Report (GB101923-12)
- ~~c. Motion to approve the SORO NC Revised Budget (GB101923-13)~~
- d. Motion to appoint Benji Karben as the SORO NC Education Committee Vice-Chair (GB101923-14)
- e. Motion to appoint Jason Plummer as the SORO NC representative to the WRAC Mobility & Transportation Committee (MTC) (GB101923-15)
- f. Motion for the SORO NC to write a Welcome Letter to the Wyllow Dispensary reflecting etiquette and protocols of “being a good neighbor” and explaining trees that were cut down were planted by the NC and were property of the City (GB101923-16)
- g. Motion to send a letter to CD5 to follow up on fast tracking the applications for bollards from the Department of Engineering. (GB101923-17)
- ~~h. Motion for the SORO NC to install (50) signs at stop signs along Airdrome, 18th Street, Sawyer and Guthrie between Robertson and La Cienega to warn drivers to obey the law and stop at stop signs, cost not to exceed \$600.00 (GB101923-18)~~
- ~~i. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to LAPD West Traffic to enforce traffic laws in Crestview and La Cienega Heights (GB101923-19) withdrawn~~
- j. Motion to approve SORO NC Public Safety Committee fiscal Calendar: 9/06/2023 Wednesday, 10/09/2023 Monday, 11/06/2023, Monday, 12/04/2023 Monday, 01/03/2024 Wednesday, 02/05/2024, Monday, 03/04/2024 Monday, 04/01/2024 Monday, 05/06/2024 Monday, 06/03/2024 Monday, 07/01/2023 Monday (GB101923-20)
- ~~k. Motion to approve SORO NC Outreach Calendar fiscal Calendar: 10/30/2023 Monday, 11/27/2023 Monday, 1/29/2024 Monday, 2/26/2024 Monday, 3/25/2024 Monday, 4/29/2024 Monday, 5/28/2024 Tuesday, 6/24/2024 send back to committee Monday, 7/29/2024 Monday (GB101923-21) removed by~~

~~Baila Romm~~

- I. Motion to adopt WRAC motion “Request to Refer Metro TCN to City Council Transportation Committee & LADOT” and to file it as a CIS on council file 22-0392 (GB101923-22)
- m. Motion to the SORO NC follow through on planting trees with it’s rollover funds that are earmarked for tree planting; \$9644.42 (GB101923-23)  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 event with CD 10 and CD5 and create an ad-hoc committee as to the specific tree planting locations and other logistics, consisting of Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman, and Stuart Weiss (GB101923-24)
- n. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$2500.00 for the distribution of homeless meals and drinks on Thanksgiving Day to be prepared by Teddy's Cafe of West Los Angeles (GB101923-25)
- ~~e. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to Councilwoman Yaroslavsky (CD-5) and Councilwoman Hutt (CD-10) regarding potential expansion of the Los Angeles City Council and/or further redistricting based on news reports as well as information at: <https://www.lageovreform.org/> and <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1196-S1> and to address what these changes might mean to the SORO NC stakeholders and community (GB101923-26)~~
- ~~p. Motion for the SORO NC to request that the City Council agendize as soon as possible, a resolution that if 2/3 of any Neighborhood Council votes to take advantage of alternate teleconferencing provisions, that they may do so pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 411, California Government Code Section 54953.8 (GB101923-27)~~
- ~~q. Motion for the SORO NC write a letter to all City Council Members to request that the City Council agendize and pass forthwith the following amendment to its current Rule 48: that so-called default voting be abandoned, that every Councilmember must be physically present in their seat in the Council Chamber to count towards quorum, and must vote either "yes" or "no" or be indicated as “absent” and, under no circumstances, may a vote when the Councilmember is not physically in their seat be counted as anything other than “absent.” (GB101923-28)~~
- r. Motion for the SORO NC to:
  - I. urge BONC to provide for a 90 day comment period (extended for intervening holidays) for all board members and stakeholders to weigh in with concerns about the 8/10/23 version of the Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LHJspdK3R4lvTz8wsPbxqhHxGRAXi-4m/view>
  - II. urge BONC to ensure that the Code of Conduct appears on every BONC agenda during such period;
  - III. urge BONC to circulate each of BONC’s agendas during that period to every Neighborhood Council and Board member; and
  - IV. encourage every Neighborhood Council to add discussion of the Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy to their agenda so there is full discussion and input from all board members and interested stakeholders, not just a few people. (GB101923-29)

- s. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to CD5 requesting the transfer of City owned property adjacent to Irving Schacter Park to the Department of Recreation and Parks for recreational use (GB101923-30)
- t. Motion to rename the SORO NC Parks and Rec Committee as the “**Leisure Spaces Committee**” and expand its purview to include the Robertson Branch of the Public Library (GB101923-31)
- u. Motion for the SORO NC to file a CIS in support of CF23-0866 (Quimby funds for capital improvements to Reynier Park) and also write letters of support to CD-5 and CD-10 (GB101923-32)

**Moved: Mitch Cohen Second: Jon Liberman**

**Public Comment: none**

**Consent Agenda: Items a,b,d,e,f,g,j,l,m,n,r,s,t,u only**

**Vote 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

**Consent Agenda Passes: Items a,b,d,e,f,g,j,l,m,n,r,s,t,u only**

## 12. New Business

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to create an Ad-hoc Committee to re-confirm location placement for the SORO NC medallions consisting of 3 or 4 Board members (GB101923-33) **Board members are Stuart Weiss, Jon Liberman, Terrence Gomes, Joseph Mollaie, Avi Youshaei**

**Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Jon Liberman**

**Public Comment: stakeholder 1**

**Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

### 10 c. Motion to approve the SORO NC Revised Budget (GB101923-13)

Substitute motion refers Budget back to committee to bring back more transparency

**Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Joseph Mollaie**

**vote: 4 yes 7 no 0 abstain 5 ineligible**

yes: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman  
no: Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen,

ineligible: Brianna Shepard, Hayes Blackwood, Avi Youshaei, Sara Messall, Benji Karben

**Substitute motion fails**

**vote original motion 10 c.**

**Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Joel Weinberger**

**vote: 11 yes 0 no 5 ineligible**

yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman  
ineligible: Brianna Shepard, Hayes Blackwood, Avi Youshaei, Sara Messall, Benji Karben

**Motion passes**

~~h. Motion for the SORO NC to install (50) signs at stop signs along Airdrome, 18th Street, Sawyer and Guthrie between Robertson and La Cienega to warn drivers to obey the law and stop at stop signs, cost not to exceed \$600.00 (GB101923-18) **withdraw motion**~~

~~i. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to LAPD West Traffic to enforce traffic laws in Crestview and La Cienega Heights (GB101923-19) **withdraw motion**~~

k. Motion to approve SORO NC Outreach Calendar fiscal Calendar: 10/30/2023 Monday, 11/27/2023 Monday, 1/29/2024 Monday, 2/26/2024 Monday, 3/25/2024 Monday, **4/29/2024 Monday**, 5/28/2024 Tuesday, 6/24/2024 Monday, 7/29/2024 Monday (GB101923-21) removed by Baila Romm

**Motion to send back to ommittee**

**Moved: Baila Romm Second: Jon Liberman**

**Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben**

**Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall**

**Motion Passes**

o. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to Councilwoman Yaroslavsky (CD-5) and Councilwoman Hutt (CD-10) regarding potential expansion of the Los Angeles City Council and/or further redistricting based on news reports as well as information at: <https://www.lagovreform.org/> and <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1196-S1> and to address what these changes might mean to the SORO NC stakeholders and community (GB101923-26)

Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Jon Liberman

Amend: to send to all council representatives

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Ken Blaker

**Item pulled by Terrence Gomes to go back to Executive Committee**

p. Motion for the SORO NC to request that the City Council agendize as soon as possible, a resolution that if 2/3 of any Neighborhood Council votes to take advantage of alternate teleconferencing provisions, that they may do so pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 411, California Government Code Section 54953.8 (GB101923-27)

**Moved: Shirley Traum Second: Joseph Mollaie**

**Move to Amend CIS**

**Moved: Joel Weinberger Second: Jon Liberman**

**23-1113 and 23-1114**

**Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben  
Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

**Motion to amend passes**

**Vote as amended**

**Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben  
Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

**Motion passes as amended**

- q. Motion for the SORO NC write a letter to all City Council Members to request that the City Council agendize and pass forthwith the following amendment to its current Rule 48: that so-called default voting be abandoned, that every Councilmember must be physically present in their seat in the Council Chamber to count towards quorum, and must vote either "yes" or "no" or abstain be indicated as "absent" and, under no circumstances, may a vote when the Councilmember is not physically in their seat be counted as anything other than "absent." (GB101923-28)

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Joel Weinberger

**Amend: to add yes, no or abstain**

**Motion to amend:**

**Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

**Vote on motion as amended to add yes, no, or abstain**

Moved: Mitch Cohen Second: Jon Liberman

**Vote as amended**

**Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligible**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Brianna Shepherd, Ken Blaker, Jason Plummer, Hayes Blackwood, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben

Ineligible: Avi Youshaei, Sarah Messall

**Motion passes as amended**

**13. Adjournment: 8:53 pm**