



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Location: Burton House Hotel, 1177 S Beverly Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90035- Meeting Room

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 pm by Michael Lynn
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Terrence Gomes
3. Roll Call: Terrence Gomes
Boardmembers Present- Michael Lynn, Jason Plummer, Laurie Levine, Cheryl Holstrom, Stuart Weiss, Mitch Cohen, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Baila Romm, Joel Weinberger, Sandy Block, Shirley Traum, Eitan Gershov, Katelyn Best, Margarita Guzman, Marlene Katz, Sara Messall, Ken Blaker.

Boardmembers Absent- Joseph Mollaie, Noah Damsky, Holly Hubsher.

4. General Public Comment: Public Comment 1-

5. Brief Board Announcements

- a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
Baila Romm mentioned that at the next meeting the board should discuss the use of board member photos; that some members had their photos used recently without their permission and this needs to be discussed as a board.

Michael Lynn informed the council that the next meeting was scheduled for December 19th and asked that board members let everyone know if they will be present so a decision can be made on whether the meeting will be in person, on-line or if it will take place at all.

Margarita Guzman entered the meeting at 7:34 PM

6. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Baker) - 39796@lapd.online / (Ojeda) - 36393@lapd.online
- b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org **Not Present.**
- c. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org **Not Present.**

- d. Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org **Present, gave report.**
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org **Not Present.**
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews)- dina.andrews@lacity.org **Present, gave report.**
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Miller) - kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org **Present, gave report.**
- h. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell, 2nd District (Park) - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov **Not Present.**
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath, 3rd District (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov **Not Present.**
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) -Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov **Present, gave report.**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Penilla) - carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov **Not Present.**
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov **Not Present.**
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

**7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations
Public Comment (Item/Comment):**

- a. Motion to appoint the School Education Representative (Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB112124-01) **No Submissions**
- b. Motion to appoint the At-Large Representative 6 (Unfilled Organization Representative 1- Term expires June 30, 2027) (GB112124-02) **No Submissions**
- c. Motion to appoint Mallory Keller Smith as the At-Large Representative 7 (unfilled Zone 1 Representative- Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB112124-03)
Michael Lynn noted that Mallory Keller had emailed him about not being available to attend this meeting, but would resubmit for December. He mentioned the “Become a Board Member” tab on the website was having issues where people were applying prior to the deadline but it was not registering (2 Stakeholders reported that they had applied)
- d. Announcement of the automatic removal of Boardmember Kevin McCarthy due to three consecutive absences as the At-Large Representative 10 (Unfilled Zone 4 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027) - seat is now open for Application (GB112124-04)

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
 - I. Motion to appoint SORO NC Secretary (GB112124-05)
Continued to the next meeting.
 - II. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB112124-06)
Continued to the next meeting.
 - III. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 2 (GB112124-07)
Continued to the next meeting.
 - IV. Motion to appoint Homelessness Liaison (DONE) (GB112124-08)

**Motion to appoint Marlene Katz as Homelessness Liaison;
Moved by Joel Weinberger; Seconded by Ken Blaker;**

Roll Call:

Michael Lynn, Jason Plummer, Laurie Levine, Cheryl Holstrom, Stuart Weiss, Mitch Cohen, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger, Baila Romm, Sandy Block, Shirley Traum, Eitan Gershov, Katelyn Best, Margarita Guzman, Marlene Katz, Sara Messall, Ken Blaker.

Yes- 18, No- 0 Motion Passes.

b. **Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports**

I. **Standing Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Leisure Spaces; Business Advocacy & Development; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development**
Mitch Cohen mentioned Land Use will have a December 3rd meeting.

Michael Lynn said that he would be sending out an email list for Outreach as they are in need of more volunteers.

Joel Weinberger added that Transportation would be having a meeting on December 10th at 7PM via Zoom.

Baila Romm mentioned that Homelessness needs to be part of Public Safety.

Michael Lynn said that safety concerns should be brought to the attention of Baila Romm or Terrence Gomes.

Terrence Gomes added there would be a Homelessness meeting in December.

Joel Weinberger mentioned the homeless person attacking people with rocks.

Baila Romm added that there have been no police officers at our meetings; there has been lots of violence from homeless people towards the community.

II. **Ad-hoc Committees: Tree Removal Notification, Board Selection**

Barry Levine- there were no Tree notifications.

Michael Lynn mentioned they placed a submission to DONE with regards to the selections. Board Selection committee will more than likely have a meeting in January.

III. **Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council, Homelessness**

WRAC- Michael Lynn mentioned items going to Committees

Terrence Gomes discussed a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is being forced to slash its members from 10 trainers to 1 or 2; they will be trying to help them look for more funding.

c. **Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB112124-09)**

Katelyn Best joins Land Use and Transportation.

9. **Unfinished Business** (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # hands raised*)

a. None

10. **Consent Agenda: Michael Lynn**
Public Comment (Item/Comment)- None
Items Removed- None

a. Motion to approve the October 15, 2024 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB112124-10)

b. Motion to approve October 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB112124-11)

c. Motion for the SORO NC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of the motion in Council File 24-1222 to improve signaling for bus rapid transit and light rail

Position: For

Summary: The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council agrees with the motion in this Council File that identifies the problems with the current signal infrastructure for rapid transit in the City, including slowdowns to high-use transit and confusing traffic patterns leading to accidents.

We hope that LA DOT and Metro's plan on updating and improving transit signaling will result in faster, safer, and cleaner transportation for the City. We believe that signal prioritization has the potential to greatly improve several transit lines throughout the City, such as the light rail E Line that is heavily used by South Robertson stakeholders. (GB112124-12)

d. Motion for the SORO NC to approve the nomination of Margarita Guzman as the Chair of the Education Committee (GB112124-13)

e. Motion for the SORO NC to add "Community Cleanup Events" to the Outreach Committee purview and remove from Business Advocacy & Development Committee purview (GB112124-14)

f. Motion for the SORO NC to remove the Business Advocacy & Development Committee as a Standing Committee (GB112124-15)

g. Motion for the SORO NC to appoint Michael Lynn as the liaison to respond to the US Department of Transportation- Federal Transit Administration request for help identifying historic properties, prehistoric sites, sacred sites, and/or traditional cultural properties located in the Metro Bike Share Project area (GB112124-16)

h. Motion for the SORO NC to discontinue possession of the Brother HL5250DN and Brother MFC5440CN printers, and extra ink cartridges (GB112124-17)

Baila Romm left the meeting at 8:10 PM

Moved by Mitch Cohen; Seconded by Joel Weinberger

Roll Call:

Michael Lynn, Jason Plummer, Laurie Levine, Cheryl Holstrom, Stuart Weiss, Mitch Cohen, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger, Sandy Block, Shirley Traum, Eitan Gershov, Katelyn Best, Margarita Guzman, Marlene Katz, Sara Messall, Ken Blaker.

Yes- 17, No- 0 Motions Pass.

11. New Business

Public Comment (Item/Comment): No Public Comment

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to remove the Leisure Spaces Committee as a Standing Committee (GB112124-18)

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Laurie Levine.

Roll Call:

Michael Lynn, Jason Plummer, Laurie Levine, Cheryl Holstrom, Stuart Weiss, Mitch Cohen, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger, Sandy Block, Shirley Traum, Eitan Gershov, Katelyn Best, Margarita Guzman, Marlene Katz, Sara Messall, Ken Blaker.

Yes- 17

No- 0 Motion Passes, Leisure Committee dissolved.

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to sponsor or co-sponsor a Spring 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and send to the Leisure Spaces Committee for planning (GB112124-19)
Motion to table item indefinitely Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Barry Levine.

Roll Call:

Michael Lynn- No, Jason Plummer- No, Laurie Levine- No, Cheryl Holstrom- No, Stuart Weiss- No, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Barry Levine- Yes, Joel Weinberger- No, Sandy Block- No, Shirley Traum- No, Eitan Gershov- No, Katelyn Best- No, Margarita Guzman- No, Marlene Katz- No, Sara Messall- No, Ken Blaker- Yes.

Yes- 4, No -13 Motion to table Fails.

Motion to create an Ad-Hoc committee to plan details and potential costs to sponsor or co-sponsor a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, with Katelyn Best, Sara Messall and Margarita Guzman as Committee members, and would terminate at the end of the tournament or by June 30th whatever came first.

Moved by Michael Lynn; Seconded by Laurie Levine.

Roll Call:

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Yes- 17, No- 0 Motion Passes 17-0-0

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 PM by Michael Lynn.