



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 7:00pm  
Simon Wiesenthal Center 3rd Floor  
1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035

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## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

SORO NC Board President Doug Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:13.

**Board Members Present:** Kevin Gres, Giovanni Ferdinand, Roger McCracken, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Michael Bloom, Aimee Zeltzer, Beth Hirsch, Barry Levine, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Dan Fink, Noa Zarur

**Board Members Absent:** Kimber Smith, Paula Waxman, Nahed Guirguis, Robyn Braun, Susan Burden, Leo Portal

**Guests:** Cesar Vergara, Hiro Kobayashi, Kenichi Isohata, Kevin Nishi??., Kerri Simmons, Derek Simmons, Bill Christopher, Matt Loghmani, Don Empakgris, Sayumi Kobayashi, Masanobu Suwa, Sylvia Moore, Heather Leikin, Evie Antheles, Daniel Tamm, Ken Blaker

## II. General Public Comment

None.

## III. Community Reports

### LAPD Report.

- Officer Rick Ballesteros- (filling in for Mario Gonzalez)
- Left flyers and information on crime and theft prevention.
- Food drive at LAPD. Eye Watch information regarding terrorist activities

**Office of Council President Wesson.** Liz Carlin – unavailable but left information with Doug – regarding cleanups, self-defense class, hearing on BMO, Winter Wonderland, CD 10 Turkey for seniors for the Holidays

**Office of Councilmember Koretz.** Joseph Galloway –

- Thanks to T. Gomes and the NC for coordinating the First Movies in the Park at Robertson Rec Center. More to come co-sponsored by CD 5 office of Paul Koretz
- Form for code 4129. Fill out form and send in to have someone removed from a business or vacant property who is trespassing.
- Contact Joseph for information regarding the City Charter School proposal to build new permanent building at Motor and National.
- Announced City Holiday parties and events.
- Meeting scheduled with city and local arborists regarding the affect construction at Robertson Rec will have on the trees at the site.

**Office of the Mayor.** Daniel Tamm

**Doug Fitzsimmons**  
President

**Kevin Gres**  
Vice-President

**Terrence Gomes**  
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- Same day plan check approval available for small projects from Building and Safety. Go Mobile app for city services.
- Coalition for Transportation and Technology, Alliance of City of LA, Metro and Cal-Trans to begin dealing with Smart Cars to make sure LA is prepared for this new tech.
- LA has reduced potable water consumption by 16 percent which is on track with Mayors call to decrease by 20% by 2017. More info at SavethedropLA.com.
- Executive Directive #14 outlining all el Nino preparedness response and recovery actions by the Mayor's office and city of LA. There will a series of Town Hall meetings to discuss. More information at elninola.com

## **IV. Presentation and Board Discussion**

### **Presentations:**

Briefing on future plans for the Fox Studios Lot - Bill Christopher Urban Concepts - on plans for new construction and expansion of Fox Studio lot.

#### **Questions regarding effects on parking and traffic.**

Presentation by Silvia Moore from LA Common Cause – regarding increasing public funds for political campaigns to help people who can't raise large donations a more fair chance to get elected.

**Barry asked her to come and do a presentation at the Education Committee.**

## **V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Draft meeting minutes of October 15, 2015 (Hirsch/GB111915-1)**
- b. Motion to advise City on NC Minutes Policy (Executive/GB111915-2)**

**All items on the Consent Agenda accepted by general consent**

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### **Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB111915-3)**

- **Noa Zarur** requested to join the Education Committee
- **Roger McCracken** requested to join the Transportation Committee
- **Doug Fitzsimmons** officially joined all the standing committees.

#### **Requests confirmed by general consent**

##### **Executive -**

- Doug asked each committee to create a Mission Statement to be turned in at February General Board Meeting.
- State representative Holly Mitchel will be at the December General Board Meeting.
- Election Committee needs to be formed for the 2016 NC Elections in June.

### **Treasurer's report & monthly expenses approval (Gomes / GB111915-4)**

Funds spent: \$1014.9. Remaining: \$38,854.33

- **Moved by Doug for a vote.**
- **Vote: 15-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Report accepted.**

#### **Land Use. Terry Gomes –**

- Report on Movies in the Park at Robertson Rec Center.
- Met Koretz's office regarding upcoming projects in Crestview and Historical Preservation Overlay for Crestview for Steinkamp home.



## VII. Special Orders

- a. Application of Michael Bitton for vacant Zone 3 seat / interim appointment through June, 2016 (GB111915-5)

Moved by Doug for Vote:  
16 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A

- b. Applications of Shariff Hazan, Heather Leikin, Ken Blaker and Ellen Lanet for vacant At-Large seat / interim appointment through June, 2016 (GB111915-6)  
Round 1 – Sharif Hazan – 5, Heather Leikin – 2, Ken Blaker – 7, Ellen Lanet – 3.

Round 2, run off - Ken Blaker – 11, Shariff Hazan – 6.  
Ken Blaker wins the At Large seat.

- c. Nomination of Elias Martinez for Vice-Chair of the LGBTQ Committee (GB111915-7)  
Due to not showing up to meeting to be voted on for past 4 months, Doug Moved that nomination would be permanently tabled.

Vote: 16 – Y, 1 – N, 0 – A

- d. Nomination of Nicole Zwiren for Vice-Chair of the Green Team Committee (GB111915-8)  
Due to not showing up to meeting to be voted on for past 4 months, Doug moved that nomination would be permanently tabled.  
Vote: 16 – Y, 1 – N, 0 – A

## VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to recommend modification of the NC Community Stakeholder definition (Fitzsimmons / GB101515-12)  
Doug moved; John seconded.  
• Vote: 16 – Y, 1 – N, 0 – A

## VIII. New Business

- a. Motion to approve 2016 General Board meeting schedule (Fitzsimmons / GB111915-9)  
Moved by Terry. Seconded by Jon.  
Accepted by general consent.

- b. Motion for action on development at 8590 Pico Blvd 7 story, 36 unit apartment project with 1000 feet of retail (Land Use / GB111915-10)

Presentation by Hiro Kobayashi  
Moved by Kevin. Seconded by Beth.  
Vote: 10 – Y, 6 – N, 2 – A

- c. Motion to fund up to \$205 to co-sponsor a FREE CHP “Child Car Seat Check Up” event (Public Safety / GB111915-11)  
Moved by Doug. Seconded by Jon.  
Motion to amend by striking #2 and #3 and adding “and fund up to \$50 for event expenses.  
Amendment accepted by consent.



Vote: 13 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – A

\*\*\*\*\*Meeting Temporarily adjourned at 9:32 for special meeting.  
Reconvened at 10:07\*\*\*\*\*

**d. Motion to present small business forum on ADA compliance regulation (Hirsch / GB111915)**

Several small businesses on Robertson have been served with Lawsuits for not having handicapped parking. Businesses asked for help.

**Vote: Moved by Doug. Seconded by Roger.  
Vote: Passes by general consent.**

**e. Motion to provide environmental feedback on the Robertson Rec Center project (Green Team / GB111915-13) – Barry Levine**

**Moved by Doug. Seconded by Jon.  
Vote: Passes by general consent.**

**f. Motion to annually allocate up to \$2500 to trim Pico and Robertson trees (Green Team / GB111915-14)**

Discussion to table until next meeting.

**Tabled until December Board Meeting by general consent.**

**g. Motion to pay up to \$750 to have an Independent Arborist examine tree situation at Robertson Recreation Center (Green Team / GB111915-15)**

Questions on necessity of overriding city arborists.

**Moved by Barry. Seconded by Amy.**

Debate on appropriateness of board challenging the city arborist vs supporting perceived wishes of the Crestview community.

**Motion to table until after City arborist and local arborist meet.  
Moved by Doug Seconded by Jon.**

**Vote to table: 4- Y, 7 – N, 1 – A. Fails  
Vote: 2- Y, 9 – N, 1 – A. Motion Fails.**

Motion is about securing homes and services for our Veterans and Veteran homeless.

**Moved by Jon. Seconded by Roger.  
Motion passed by consent.**

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36pm.



## 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	17
Kevin Gres	C	C	Y	Y	S H	S H	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	N	N	C
Kimber Smith	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael Bitton	X	X	X	X	K B	K B	Y	Y	C	N	C	X	C	C	X	X	X
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	C	Y	Y	S H	S H	Y	Y	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger McCracken	C	C	Y	Y	K B	K B	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y	N	C
Michael Lynn	C	C	Y	Y	S H	S H	Y	Y	C	N	C	Y	C	C	Y	N	C
Jon Liberman	C	C	Y	Y	K B	K B	Y	Y	C	N	C	Y	C	C	Y	N	C
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	Y	Y	K B	K B	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	N	N	C
Paula Waxman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael Bloom	C	C	Y	Y	S H	S H	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	X	X	X
Ken Blaker	X	X	X	X	X	X	Y	Y	C	A	C	X	C	C	X	X	X
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Robyn Braun	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aimee Zeltzer	C	C	Y	Y	EL	K B	N	N	C	A	C	Y	C	C	N	Y	C
Beth Hirsch	C	C	Y	Y	K B	K B	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	X	N	N	C
Susan Burden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marj Safinia	C	C	Y	Y	K B	K B	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	X	N	N	C
Terrence Gomes	C	C	Y	Y	S H	S H	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	X	N	N	C
Martin Epstein	C	C	Y	Y	EL	K B	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	X	N	N	C
Victor Mitry	X	X	X	X	EL	K B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Leo Portal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dan Fink	C	C	Y	Y	HL	K B	Y	Y	C	N	C	Y	C	C	A	A	C
Barry Levine	C	C	Y	Y	HL	S H	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	C	C	Y	Y	C
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Noa Zarur	C	C		Y	K B	K B	Y	Y	C	Y	C	Y	X	X	X	x	C

### Votes taken

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16. Motion to support the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 (S. 2013 and H.R. 3484) (Gomes / GB111915-16)