



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 10:00pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

Location: Online via Zoom.com <https://zoom.us/j/89930026366>

1. **Call to Order 7:06 pm by Michael Lynn**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Michael Lynn**
3. **Roll Call: Joel Weinberger, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Benji Karbon, (14)**

Absent: Sarah Adivi, Shevy Lieder, Shirley Traum, Joseph Mollaie, Sophia French (5)

Jon Liberman entered the meeting at 7:27 pm
Sandy Block entered the meeting at 7:31 pm
Dina Leeds entered the meeting at 8:00 pm
Jacob Shofet entered the meeting at 8:12 pm

4. **General Public Comment: Call-In User_1, Marlene Katz, Call-In User_2**
5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Update on resuming in-person Neighborhood Council meetings after March 29, 2023 – After March 29, 2023 no longer meeting on Zoom.
 - b. Mayor Bass has withdrawn BONC nominee Josh Nadel
 - c. Raquel Beltran has “resigned” as General Manager of DONE
 - d. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas- Prioritize agenda item for Community participation, hybrid meetings,
 - e. Other Brief Board Announcements: Terrence Gomes: LA Marathon Closures. Bill Gross: Prioritize members of the public regarding Planning decisions on Agenda, Laurie Levine: Discuss hybrid meetings future agenda item

Bill Gross left the meeting at 7:18 pm

6. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) Not Present

- b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) Not Present
- c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Not Present
- d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Zipper) Gave Report
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (?) Not assigned
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) Gave Report
- g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado) Not Present
- h. Office of Mayor Bass (?) Not Present
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (?) Not Present
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Not Present
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (?) Not Present
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (?) Not Present
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices
 - 5–10-minute presentation by Peter from LA **Now Postponed to next month**
 - Budget Advocate: Kay Hartman - Gave Report

Jacob Shofet Left Meeting At 8:34 pm

**7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, Resignations & Leaves of Absence
Public Comment: Goat Puppet, Mr. Hopp,**

- a. Announcement of the automatic removal of Sophia French from the SORO NC due to missing five (5) General Board meetings within a fiscal year (At-Large Representatives 2 expiring June 30, 2023 will be open after March 26, 2023)
- b. Motion for the SORO NC to appoint Jon Liberman as the Second Signer (GB031623-01)
 - Moved: Baila Romm Second: Terrence Gomes
 - Roll call vote: 15 yes 0 no
 - Yes: Joel Weinberger, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon
 - Absent for vote: Sandy Block
 - Motion passes**

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives

- a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - 1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety – Pizza Station will host; Homelessness; Outreach – Needs more committee members and a co-chair; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development; Elections (Ad-hoc)
 - 2. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Public Works, Animal Services, Data- No Announcements
- b. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB031623-02)
 - Daniel Ferszt- Join Public Safety, Jon Liberman- Join Land Use,**
 - Fabiola Prieto: We need more board member participation for Outreach. Send items to add to the newsletter. Send Committee announcements, etc.

9. Unfinished Business

Public Comment: Goat Puppet as Adolf Hitler IV, Richard Hopp,

- a. Motion to approve January 2023 MERS Report (GB031623-03)

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman

Vote: 14 yes 2 no 0 abstain 1 ineligible

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Jon Liberman

No: Bill Gross, Dina Leeds

Ineligible: Benji Karbon

Motion Passes

- b. Motion to oppose the WRAC motion "Venice Blvd. Improvements Project Concerns/Withhold Support" (GB031623-04)

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman

Jon Liberman calling the question; Terrence Gomes 2nds

Roll call vote: End discussion and call the question

15 yes 0 no 2 abstain

Yes: Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon.

Abstain: Joel Weinberger, Daniel Ferszt

Motion to end the discussion and call the vote passes

Roll call Vote on 9 b

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Ken Blaker, Fabiola Prieto, Benji Karbon

No: Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen

Abstain: Daniel Ferszt, Baila Romm, Jon Liberman, Richard Bloom, Dina Leeds

Vote: 7 yes 5 no 5 abstain

Motion Passes

- c. Motion for the SORO NC to a write letter to LA City PLUM Committee & LA City assigned Planner supporting Crossings Campus proposed Office Project (Apple anchor tenant) at 8888 Venice Blvd. and 8829 National Blvd in Los Angeles (GB031623-05)

Barry Levine Recusal due to has live in partner who receives income from Apple

Moved: **TERRENCE GOMES** Second: **JON LIBERMAN**

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

Abstain: Daniel Ferszt, Baila Romm

**14 Yes, 2 Abstain, 1 Recuse.
Motion Passes.**

**Daniel Ferszt left the meeting at 8:46 pm
Barry Levine Re-Entered the Meeting at 8:47 pm**

10. Consent Agenda

**Public Comment: Richard Call-In User_1, Jay, Heather,
Moved: Baila Romm Second: Terrence Gomes**

- a. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of February 16, 2022 General Board Meeting (GB031623-06)
- b. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of February 16, 2022 General Board Special Meeting (GB031623-06.1)
- c. Motion to approve February 2023 MERS Report (GB031623-07)
- d. Motion for the SORO NC to approve a letter to be submitted to CD5 and CD10 for Public Safety issues in the South Robertson area (GB031623-08)
- e. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to Mayor Bass requesting that the SORO NC and the Neighborhood Councils be given a role in selecting the DONE General Manager in keeping with our role in Article 9, Section 900 as defined in the City Charter (GB031623-09)
- f. Motion for the SORO NC to support the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition motion that all Neighborhood Councils submit a CIS to CF 23-0600 strongly requesting that the City Council places no amount restrictions on Neighborhood Council roll over funds for the FY 2023-2024 because the City Clerk Funding Division failed to provide the Neighborhood Councils in a timely manner. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition requests that all Neighborhood Councils submit a CIS to CF 23-0600 strongly requesting that the Neighborhood Council's annual funding be increased to \$100,000 for the next Fiscal Year (GB031623-10)
- g. Motion for the SORO NC to submit a letter to Mayor Bass to review the appointments of all current BONC commissioners for the betterment of the Neighborhood Council system and the stakeholders we serve (GB031623-11)
- h. Motion that the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council submit a letter commending the Los Angeles Police Department response to recent hate crimes on Pico Blvd. (GB031623-12)

**Moved: Baila Romm Second: Terrence Gomes
Roll call vote: 14 Yes 1 No 1 Ineligible.**

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Mike Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Jon Liberman, Mitch Cohen
No: Bill Gross
Ineligible: Benji Karbon

Consent Agenda “a through h” passes

Fabiola Prieto left the meeting at 8:58 pm

11. New Business

Public Comment: Richard Call in User_1, Heather Witt, Adolf Hitler IV Goat Puppet, Christine Thomas, Tom Valkos,

- a. Motion to write letter to the city to Request Trial Program to Expand LA Now shared-ride service into SORO boundaries (GB031623-13) **Postponed to next month Unfinished Business**
- b. Motion for the SORO NC to a write letter to the LA City assigned Planner supporting proposed multi-Use commercial & residential proposed development at 8787 Venice Blvd. in Los Angeles with conditions (GB031623-14)
Applicant gave presentation: Shane - Development, Jamie Poster-Rosenberg - Development and Wally Marks project owner/ developer
Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Laurie Levine

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Richard Bloom, Dina Leeds, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

No: Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen

Abstain: Baila Romm

Baila Romm requested to change vote from “abstain to no” prior to the final vote count. Mike Lynn said it was okay to change vote. Dina Leeds was very vocal and objected to the decision to allow Baila Romm to change vote to no.

Recommendation to contact the City Attorney was made.

Motion to reconsider the vote on 11 b

Moved: Jon Liberman Moves to Reconsider 11b Second: Terrence Gomes

Roll Call vote to reconsider 11b:

Yes: Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen Yes, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

No: Richard Bloom, Dina Leeds, Barry Levine

Abstain: Joel Weinberger

10 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstain

Motion to reconsider 11b passes

Point Of Order- Michael Lynn Moves to Extend the Meeting To 10:05pm Without Objection

Roll Call Vote On 11b

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine, Richard Bloom, Bill Gross, Dina Leeds, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon.

No: Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen

7 Yes, 7 No.
Motion 10 b fails

- c. Motion for the SORO NC to move the Community Reports section to after New Business as it appears on the agenda of the General Board meeting (GB031623-15) **Unfinished Business next month**
- d. Motion for the SORO NC the representatives responsible for presenting community reports should be required to present their reports to the board in writing, by a deadline 72 hours before the general board meeting. After the report is submitted to the board in writing, the representatives would then make themselves available to the board at the allotted time to answer any questions from the board members (GB031623-16) **Unfinished Business next month**
- e. Motion for the SORO NC to a write letter to the LA City assigned Planner supporting proposed Memory Care Facility with a variable reduced side yard at 1502 Robertson Blvd in Los Angeles **Unfinished Business next month**

12. Adjournment 10:05 pm
