



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 7:00pm

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

Location: Robertson Recreation Center, 1633 Preuss Street, Los Angeles CA 90035- Room B.

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1. **Call to Order 7:04 pm by Michael Lynn**
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance Terence Gomes**
 3. **Roll Call:**
Present: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, C. Hayes Blackwood, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karbon (14)

Absent: Daniel Ferszt, Sandy Block, Jon Liberman (3)
Vacant: (8)

Ken Blaker left the meeting at 9:30 pm

4. **General Public Comment: None**
5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas: **Public Safety: LAMC RV parking signage Cattaraugus Oversized Vehicles 2am-6 am, Outreach**
 - b. Other Brief Board Announcements None
6. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda)- None
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) Chief Pham (left during report for call)
 - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Gave Report. CD10 office moved to 5213 W. Pico Blvd
 - d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Zipper) Katy Yaroslavsky presentation
 - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (VACANT)
 - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) gave report
 - g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado)
 - h. Office of Mayor Bass (VACANT)
 - i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Gaidzik)
 - j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) gave Report

- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (VACANT)
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (VACANT)
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices – Budget Advocate gave report

7. Q and A with LA City Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky: Councilwoman gave report

8. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations

- a. Notice of resignation of Ellen Lanet as a Board Member from the SORO NC General Board- Business Representative 5 (term exp June 2023)
- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative 5 - term expires June 30, 2025 (GB061523-01)
 - Jose L Lopez – No Show
 - Nikita - No Show

No show of either candidate. Seat is open. New applications required.
- c. Motion to Appoint Business Representative 1 -term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants)
- d. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 4 Representative) - term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants)
- e. Motion to Appoint Resident Zone 6 Representative - term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants)

9. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives

- a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - 1. 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; Elections (Ad-hoc) Joel Weinberger – Need board member to join Transportation Committee. Michael Lynn – we need an Outreach Chair.
 - 2. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Public Works, Animal Services, Data
- b. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB061523-02) **Benji Karbon, Michael Lynn join Transportation, Stuart Weiss join Public Safety**

10. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to require the submission of the community reports in writing (GB061523-03)

Moved: Baila Romm Second: Laurie Levine
Public Comment: None
Vote: 2 yes 12 no 0 abstain
Yes: Barry Levine, Joseph Mollaie
No: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Hayes Blackwood, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Benji Karbon
Motion Fails

- b. Motion to submit CIS in opposition to Council File 23-0036: Title, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation /Unarmed officers (GB061523-04)
Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Laurie Levine
Public Comment:
Vote: 11 yes 1 no 2 abstain
Yes: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Josef Mollaie
No: Barry Levine,
Abstain: C. Hayes Blackwood, Benji Karbon
Motion Passes
- e. Motion to submit a CIS in opposition of Council File 23-0002-S28: Title, AB 28 (Gabriel) / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence (GB061523-05)
Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Laurie Levine
Public Comment:
Vote: 7 yes 6 no 1 abstain
Yes: Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben
No: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, C. Hayes Blackwood, Barry Levine, Richard Bloom, Mitch Cohen,
Abstain: Laurie Levine
Motion Passes
- d. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S43: Title, Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm. (GB061523-06)
Moved: Baila Romm Second: Joseph Mollaie
Public Comment:
Vote: 13 yes 0 no 1 abstain
Yes: Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, C. Hayes Blackwood, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben
Abstain: Joel Weinberger
Motion Passes
- e. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S32, Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. (GB061523-07)
Moved: Laurie Levine Second: Joel Weinberger
Public Comment:
Vote: 13 yes 1 no 0 abstain
Yes: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, C. Hayes Blackwood, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben
No: Richard Bloom
Motion Passes

11. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve April 27, 2023 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB061523-08)
- b. Motion to approve May 18, 2023 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB061523-09) Fix typo
- c. Motion to approve May 25, 2023 General Board Special Meeting Draft Minutes (GB061523-10)
- d. Motion to approve May 2023 MERS Report (GB061523-11)
- e. Motion for the SORO NC to request Councilmembers Hutt and Yaroslavsky to write a letter of support for SB 411 (which will provide NCs the flexibility to have virtual meetings) to the members of the California Assembly Committee on Local Government (GB061523-12)
- f. Motion for the SORO NC to request CD 10 and CD5 open a Council File and for the SORO NC to submit a CIS for Special Enforcement Zone L.A.M.C. Sections 41.18; 56:11 signs be posted in all school zones within SORO NC boundaries and include the adjacent school zone east of La Cienega between Olympic and Cadillac (CD10) (GB061523-13)
- ~~g. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to Councilmembers Hutt and Yaroslavsky and submit a CIS to support Council File 23-0002-S44: Title, AB 74 (Muratsuchi) / Illegal Street Takeovers / Sideshows / Racing / Enforcement Tools / Fatalities Prevention. AB 74 would make street takeovers a standalone crime, expand the ability of law enforcement to impound participants' vehicles, and impose restrictions on offenders' driving privileges. (GB061523-14) removed by Joel Weinberger~~
- h. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to CD10 requesting that street lights be installed on the wooden poles in the 2700 and 2600 Shenandoah installed due to reported drug use and prostitution. (GB061523-15)
- ~~i. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to Councilmembers Hutt, Yaroslavsky and to submit a CIS opposing Council File 23-0002-S37: Title, SB 50 (Bradford) / Peace Officer / Traffic Stop / Low Level Violation / Prohibition (GB061523-16) removed by Joel Weinberger~~
- j. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to the Zoning Administrator Alexander Truong supporting the application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the operation hours of the hotel restaurant by the Marriott Residences Hotel (renamed Burton House) ZA 2023-1431 CUB (GB061523-17)
- k. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support the WRAC Motion for the City to inform communities of the methodology by which it determines the allocation of RHNA numbers and the calculations that derive density housing goals in order to meet the aims of the Housing Element, prior to the completion of Community Plan updates, replacing the word "insists" in paragraph 1 with the word "requires" (GB061523-18)
- ~~l. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to Councilmembers Hutt and Yaroslavsky, as well as submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 23-0307](#) & [Council File 23-0334](#) in opposition of~~

~~increasing the minimum wage of hospitality workers (GB061523-19) removed by Joel Weinberger~~

~~m. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to approve the language of the Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights and to write a letter to Mayor Bass, City Councilmembers, City Attorney, City Clerk, Commissioners of the BONC, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requesting formal recognition of such Declaration. (GB061523-20) Removed by Joel Weinberger~~

~~n. Motion to for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to approve the change of date for the First Responder Appreciation Day from July 23, 2023 to August 6, 2023 (GB061523-21) removed by Baila Romm~~

Moved: Mitch Cohen Second: Laurie Levine

Public Comment: None

Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, C. Hayes Blackwood, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben
Consent Agenda Passes items a, b, c, d, e, f, h, j, k, only

12. New Business

11 n) Motion to for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to approve the change of date for the First Responder Appreciation Day from July 23, 2023 to August 6, 2023 (GB061523-21)

Moved: Baila Romm Second: Mitch Cohen

Vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, C. Hayes Blackwood, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben

Motion passes

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Moved: Baila Romm Second: Laurie Levine

Vote: 13 yes 1 no 0 abstain

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben

No: C. Hayes Blackwood

Motion passes

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Moved: Stuart Weiss Second: Terry Gomes

Vote: 9 yes 4 no 1 abstain

Yes: Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben

No: Joel Weinberger, C. Hayes Blackwood, Barry Levine, Richard Bloom,

Abstain: Stuart Weiss

Motion Passes

**Michael Lynn moved to extend the meeting for 10 minutes without objection.
Ken Blaker left the meeting at 9:30 pm**

l. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to Councilmembers Hutt and Yaroslavsky, as well as submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 23-0307](#) & [Council File 23-0334](#) in opposition of increasing the minimum wage of hospitality workers (GB061523-19)

Moved: Laurie Levine Terrence Gomes

Vote: 10 yes 2 no 1 abstain

Yes: Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben

No: Joel Weinberger, Barry Levine,

Abstain: C. Hayes Blackwood

Motion Passes

m. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to approve the language of the Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights and to write a letter to Mayor Bass, City Councilmembers, City Attorney, City Clerk, Commissioners of the BONC, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requesting formal recognition of such Declaration. (GB061523-20)

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Laurie Levine

Vote: 9 yes 3 no 1 abstain

Yes: Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Richard Bloom, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karben

No: Joel Weinberger, C. Hayes Blackwood, Shirley Traum

Abstain: Laurie Levine

Motion passes

13. Adjournment 9:40 pm
