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General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 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 8:25 PM MICHAEL LYNN**
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance: MICHAEL LYNN**
 3. **TERRENCE GOMES; Roll Call: JOEL WEINBERGER, DANIEL FERZST, BARRY LEVINE, TERENCE GOMES, ELLEN LANET, KEN BLAKER, RICHARD BLOOM, LAURIE LEVINE, MICHAEL LYNN, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, BENJI KARBON, JON LIBERMAN, SANDY BLOCK.**

ABSENT: BAILA ROMM, FABIOLA PRIETO, DINA LEEDS. SARA ADIVI, SHEVY LIEDER, SHIRLEY TRAUM

RESIGNS: BILL GROSS

13 PRESENT 7 ABSENT

QUORUM ACHIEVED

4. **General Public Comment** *(time for each speaker to be determined by- 15min divided by # hands raised: max 2 minutes per speaker)*

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. **Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas**
MICHAEL LYNN- BILL GROSS RESIGNS
BARRY LEVINE-WANTS TO ELIMINATE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO EXECUTIVE
 - b. **Other Brief Board Announcements**
6. **Community Reports**
 - a. **LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) ABSENT**
 - b. **LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) PRESENT, GAVE REPORT**
 - c. **Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) PRESENT, GAVE REPORT**
 - d. **Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Zipper) PRESENT, GAVE REPORT**
 - e. **Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (?) ABSENT**

- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) ABSENT
- g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado) ABSENT
- h. Office of Mayor Bass (?) ABSENT
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (?) ABSENT
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) **PRESENT, GAVE REPORT**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (?) ABSENT
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (?) ABSENT
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices
 - 5-10 minute presentation by Peter from LA Now **PRESENT, GAVE REPORT**

7. **Board Membership- Selections, Removals, Resignations & Leaves of Absence**
(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 # virtual hands raised)
- a. Notice of automatic removal of Shevy Leider as a Board Member from the SORO NC General Board due to 5 cumulative General Board meeting absences (per Bylaws)- Business Representative 1 (term exp 2023) is open

BUSINESS 1 SEAT AVAILABLE FOR MAY'S AGENDA
KEN BLAKER MOVES; JON LIBERMAN 2NDS
JON LIBERMAN-WHAT KIND OF ADVICE
MICHAEL LYNN-DECLINE TO GIVE ADVICE

- b. Motion to Appoint Stuart Weiss as the At-Large Representatives 2 (term expires June 30, 2023) (GB042723-01)

Laurie Levine: What is your day to day? Will you be able to commit?
Stuart Weiss-Retired, 30 years in the neighborhood.
Volunteers at local synagogue

Terrence Gomes; Roll Call: Joel Weinberger, Daniel Ferzst, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ellen Lanet, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Benji Karbon, Jon Liberman, Sandy Block.

13-YES 0-NO

8:44PM Stuart Weiss enters meeting as member
8:44 Michael Lynn resigns
Ken Blaker acting president

- c. Motion to Appoint Michael Lynn as the At-Large Representatives 3 (term expires June 30, 2025) (GB042723-02)
MICHAEL LYNN- I HAVE BEEN ON SORO FOR 13 YEARS. I GIVE IT MY ALL. HOPEFULLY YOU TAKE ME BACK.

3-C ZONE OPENED RESIGNATION. AT LARGE REP.3 FOR 2 YEARS.

ELLEN LANET MOVES, JON LIBERMAN 2NDS.

**JON LIBERMAN- HAS ANYONE CONTACTED THE CITY ATTORNEY
KEN BLAKER- CANNOT BE ON BOARD AND GET APPOINTED; THAT'S
WHY HE RESIGNED.**

**TERRENCE GOMES; ROLL CALL: YES-JOEL WEINBERGER, DANIEL
FERZST, BARRY LEVINE, STUART WEISS, TERRENCE GOMES, ELLEN
LANET, KEN BLAKER, RICHARD BLOOM, LAURIE LEVINE, JOSEPH
MOLLAIE, BENJI KARBON, JON LIBERMAN, SANDY BLOCK.**

NO-0

13-YES 0-NO

- d. Motion for the SORO NC to appoint two (2) Representative to attend WRAC Roundtables with key elected officials (Sup. Horvath- **May 22**, C.A. Feldstein Soto- **June 5** and Mayor Bass- **June 26**) (GB042723-03)

MAY 22ND- JOSEPH, ELLEN

JUNE 5TH- TERRENCE, JON

JUNE 26- TERRENCE, JOSEPH

MICHAEL LYNN MOVES; JOEL WEINBERGER 2NDS

**TERRENCE GOMES; ROLL CALL: YES- TERRENCE GOMES; ROLL CALL:
JOEL WEINBERGER, DANIEL FERZST, BARRY LEVINE, TERRENCE
GOMES, ELLEN LANET, KEN BLAKER, RICHARD BLOOM, LAURIE LEVINE,
MICHAEL LYNN, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, BENJI KARBON, JON LIBERMAN,
SANDY BLOCK.**

NO-0

14-YES, 0-NO

8. 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)
 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 (GB042723-04)

DANIEL FYRST- BUSINESS AND SAFETY

**STUART WEISS- BUSINESS ADVOCACY AND LAND USE
TERRENCE GOMES- BUSINESS ADVOCACY**

**PUBLIC COMMENT
NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

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. Motion to write letter to the City to Request Trial Program to Expand LA Now shared-ride service into SORO boundaries (GB042723-05)

**JON LIBERMAN- MOVES; TERRENCE GOMES 2NDS
JOEL WEINGERGER- LAWNOW ADJACENT TO SORO. WOULD BE GREAT
TO HAVE INSORO. WE WANT THEM TO RUN A TRIAL.
BENJI KARBEN-ARE SCHOOLS BEING NOTIFIED?
JOEL WEINBERGER-NOTHING SPECIFIC YET
KEN BLAKER-WE COULD NOTIFY**

**TERRENCE GOMES; ROLL CALL:
YES- JOEL WEINBERGER, DANIEL FERZST, BARRY LEVINE, TERRENCE
GOMES, ELLEN LANET, KEN BLAKER, RICHARD BLOOM, LAURIE LEVINE,
MICHAEL LYNN, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, BENJI KARBON, JON LIBERMAN,
SANDY BLOCK.**

NO-0

14-YES, 0-NO

- b. 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 (GB042723-06)

POINT OF INFORMATION- JOSEPH MOLLAIE- CAN I WITHDRAW MOTION

TERRENCE GOMES MOVE, JON LIBERMAN-2NDS

- c. 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 (GB042723-07)

JOSEPH MOLLAIE- COMMUNITY PARTNERS COMMENTS TAKE UP A LOT OF TIME. MOVE TO THE END, REPORTS BE SUBMITTED 72HRS BEFORE MEETING.

KEN BLAKER; JOE SPONSORS BUT WON'T BE SUPPORTING 9C

TERRENCE GOMES- COMMUNITY SHOULD BE HEARING WHAT WE DO

RICHARD BLOOM- I AGREE WITH JOSEPH; WE ARE ONLY AN ADVISORY ROLE

JOEL WEINBERGER- WE SHOULD NOT LET THEM SIT THROUGH MEETINGS, WE SHOULD BE WRITING LETTERS

KEN BLAKER-MOVE THE MEETING 15 MINUTES TO 9:45PM

TERRENCE GOMES; ROLL CALL:

YES- ELLEN LANET, JON LIBERMAN, TERRENCE GOMES

NO- JOEL WEINBERGER, DANIEL FERZST, BARRY LEVINE, TERRENCE GOMES, KEN BLAKER, RICHARD BLOOM, LAURIE LEVINE, MICHAEL LYNN, BENJI KARBON, SANDY BLOCK.

ABSTAIN- JOSEPH MOLLAIE

3-YES, 9-NO 1 ABSTAIN MOTION FAILS

JON LIBERMAN MOVES, ELLEN LANET 2NDS

JOSEPH MOVES TO REWRITE IT NEXT MONTH

KEN BLAKER- NO OBJECTION? TABLED TO NEXT MONTH

JON LIBERMAN MOVES; JOSEPH MOLLAIE 2NDS

- d. 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 (GB042723-08)

TERRENCE GOMES; ROLL CALL:

YES- JOEL WEINBERGER, DANIEL FERZST, BARRY LEVINE, TERRENCE GOMES, ELLEN LANET, KEN BLAKER, RICHARD BLOOM, LAURIE LEVINE, MICHAEL LYNN, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, BENJI KARBON, JON LIBERMAN, SANDY BLOCK.

13-YES, 0-NO

- 10. **Consent Agenda** (*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. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of March 16, 2022 General Board Meeting (GB042723-09)
 - b. Motion to approve March 2023 MERS Report (GB042723-10)

- ~~c. Motion for the SORO NC to write letter to the LA City assigned Planner supporting proposed new Automated Car Wash Tunnel at the existing Mobil gas station 2305 La Cienega Blvd in Los Angeles (GB042723-11)~~
- d. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Approve up to \$12,000 for a Radar Trailer for use by LAPD in the SORO NC Area (GB042723-12)
- e. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Approve the Revised FY 2022-2023 Budget (GB042723-13)
- f. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to submit a CIS on CF 20-0668-S7 requesting that the City Council take immediate steps to (1) significantly expand the number of Councilmembers so that each represents a more manageable number of Angelenos, (2) set up an independent committee to redistrict the City appropriately, and (3) take steps as needed to ensure districts are more competitive and that there is more grass-roots participation and more equitable representation (GB042723-14)
- g. 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 Senate Judiciary Committee (GB042723-15)
- h. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to not renew the four (4) paid Zoom licenses that are due to expire this fiscal year (GB042723-16)

10 C. REMOVED
10 I. REMOVED

**MICHAEL LYNN MOVES Consent Calendar Items A, B, D, E, F, G, H ;
 JOSEPH MOLLAIE 2NDS**

**TERRENCE GOMES; ROLL CALL:
 YES- JOEL WEINBERGER, STUART WEISS, BARRY
 LEVINE, TERENCE GOMES, ELLEN LANET, KEN BLAKER, RICHARD
 BLOOM, LAURIE LEVINE,
 MICHAEL LYNN, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, BENJI KARBON,
 SANDY BLOCK.**

JON LIBERMAN-ABSTAIN

12- YES, 0-NO, 1-ABSTAIN

- 10.c. Motion for the SORO NC to write letter to the LA City assigned Planner supporting proposed new Automated Car Wash Tunnel at the existing Mobil gas station 2305 La Cienega Blvd in Los Angeles (GB042723-11)

**ELLEN LANET-NEW PUMPS- CAR WASH TUNNEL HAS GREAT SOUND
 ABSORPTION**

KEN BLAKER-ANY VARIANCES OF ZONING CHANGES

PRESENTER: 40 PERCENT ACCEPTED NOISE LEVEL; WE WENT EVEN LOWER. OPEN 8-7PM 7 DAYS A WEEK

TERRENCE GOMES-MACHINERY INSIDE?

KEN BLAKER-WERE THE NO-SHOWS NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING?

STUART WEISS? IS IT A 6 FOOT WALL?

ELLEN LANET- ONE CONDITION IS THAT THEY WANT A LETTER FROM SORO.

TERRENCE GOMES- IS THEIR TRUCK ACCESS?

ELLEN LANET MOVES; JOSEPH MOLLAIE 2NDS

TERRENCE GOMES; ROLL CALL:

YES- BARRY LEVINE, TERENCE

GOMES, ELLEN LANET, KEN BLAKER, RICHARD BLOOM,

MICHAEL LYNN, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, BENJI KARBON, JON LIBERMAN,

NO=DANIEL FERZST

ABSTAIN- SANDY BLOCK, LAURIE LEVINE, JOEL WEINBERGER

9 YES, 1 NO, 3 ABSTAIN

MOTION PASSES

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MEETING ADJOURNED 9:45 PM KEN BLAKER