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General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2024 @ 7:00pm

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

1. Meeting called to Order at 7:03 PM by Michael Lynn
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Terrence Gomes
3. Roll Call- Terrence Gomes

Boardmembers Present: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Shirley Traum, Barry Levine, Laurie Levine, Baila Romm, Terrence Gomes, Jason Plummer, Noah Damsky, Mitch Cohen, Sara Messall, Stuart Weiss, Marlene Katz, Holly Hubsher, Margarita Guzman, Joseph Mollaie, Eitan Gershov

Boardmembers Absent: Joel Weinberger, Sandy Block, Cheryl Holstrom, Katelyn Best

Margarita Guzman entered the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Joseph Mollaie entered the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Eitan Gershov entered the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Mallory Keller Smith joined the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Beth Klein joined the meeting at 7:44 pm.

4. **General Public Comment: Public Comment 1-
Public Comment 2-**
5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. **Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements**

Terrence Gomes mentioned the upcoming Festival of Lights beginning at 4 pm at Reynier Park.

Michael Lynn added that they needed help and more volunteers.

6. **Community Reports**

LA Police Department (Baker) - 39796@lapd.online / (Ojeda) - 36393@lapd.online Not present.

LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org Present, gave report.

Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org Not Present.

Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org Not Present.

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org Present, gave report.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews)- dina.andrews@lacity.org Present, gave report.

Office of Mayor Bass (Miller) - kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org Not Present.

Office of County Supervisor Mitchell, 2nd District (Park) - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov Not Present.

Office of County Supervisor Horvath, 3rd District (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov Not Present.

Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) -Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov Not Present.

Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Penilla) -carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov Present, gave report.

Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) -

Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov Not Present.

Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

- 7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations Public Comment: NONE**
 - a. Motion to appoint Mallory Keller Smith as the At-Large Representative 6 (Unfilled Organization Representative 1- Term expires June 30, 2027) (GB121924-01)**

Public Comment: None

**Moved by Baila Romm; Seconded by Holly Hubsher; Vote Count 17-0-0 ; Motion Passes.
Mallory Keller Smith joined the meeting at 7:37 pm.**

- b. Motion to appoint Beth Klein as the At-Large Representative 10 (Unfilled Zone 4 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027) (GB121924-02)**

Public Comment: None

**Moved by Mitch Cohen; Seconded by Laurie Levine ; Vote Count 17-0-0 ; Motion Passes.
Beth Klein joins the meeting at 7:44 pm.**

- c. Motion to appoint the At-Large Representative 7 (unfilled Zone 1 Representative- Term expires June 30, 2025) No Submissions (GB121924-03)**
- d. Motion to appoint the School Education Representative (Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB121924-04) No Submissions over 60 days- now becomes “At-Large” for remainder of term, per SORO NC Bylaws**

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments**
 - i. Motion to appoint SORO NC Secretary (GB121924-05)**

**Baila Romm nominated Mallory Keller Smith
Mallory Keller Smith declined for the time being.**

- ii. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB121924-06)
Postponed to the next meeting.**

- iii. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 2 (GB121924-07)
Postponed to the next meeting.**

9. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports

- a. Standing Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Leisure Spaces; Business Advocacy & Development; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development**

Mitch Cohen for Land Use mentioned there was a public hearing this evening at 8:30 pm about construction on Helms; mentioned the next Land Use meeting would be on January 7th and that the developers of the Helms place project had been invited to the meeting.

Barry Levine asked if there would be a discussion about construction in neighborhoods with few available parking spaces.

Mitch Cohen said that would be discussed in the next meeting.

Michael Lynn said they could call a special general board meeting after the Land Use meeting on the 8th; could be done by Zoom but we would need a quorum.

Baila Romm left the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Terrence Gomes gave a Public Safety update discussing coyote kits being given out to the community with air-horns and whistles in case people run into coyotes; mentioned the upcoming January meeting discussing the LAFD disbanding the CERT unit, Community Emergency Response unit, due to budget issues.

Beth Klein said the CERT program really connects people in the neighborhood and community.

Terrence Gomes also updated the board on the radar trailer the council voted on to purchase for LAPD 2 years ago; mentioned it cost \$9,000 to purchase.

Michael Lynn said for Outreach they needed more people from the December 30th event from 4-7pm; said they really needed volunteers to come early around 3 pm; he asked to please respond, as volunteers are really needed and they are expecting a lot of people; also thanked the volunteers that came out for Snow Day.

b. Ad-hoc Committees: Tree Removal Notification, Board Selection, 3-on-3 Basketball

Sara Messall said they had their first meeting of the 3-on-3 basketball tournament committee and have been in contact with the rec. center.

Michael Lynn mentioned 3 other neighborhood councils were interested in copying SORO and inquired about the process of selection instead of mail-in voting.

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

d. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB121924-08)

Mallory Keller Smith joins Outreach. Beth Klein joined Public Safety. Holly Hubsher joined Transportation. Laurie Levine joined Land Use

Marlene Katz left the meeting at 8:13 pm.

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None.

Items Removed: None.

- a. Motion to approve the November 21, 2024 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB121924-09)
- b. Motion to approve November 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB121924-10)
- c. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$500 for the purchase of SORO NC branded/informational 4" x 6" magnets (GB121924-14)
- d. Motion for the SORO NC to send the following letter to DOT, and to CC Terrence Gomes and Myra Guevara of CD 10:

Dear Los Angeles Department of Transportation,
We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, would like to request that this Agency address unsafe parking practices on the south side of 18th street, between Holt and La Cienega. This portion of the street consistently has oversized vehicles, such as pickup trucks and RVs, parked on it. This makes it difficult and unsafe for cars to pull into and out of the parking area of the adjacent shopping center. These vehicles also make it extremely hard to see pedestrians, decreasing their safety as well. The SORO NC requests the City paint red curbs 15 ft before all entrances and exits from the shopping center, as well as all street corners. Additionally, this portion of 18th St already has a 6000 lbs restriction. We kindly request that the City actively enforce this restriction. (GB121924-15)

Consent Agenda Moved by Mitch Cohen; Seconded by Laurie Levine; Vote Count 15-0-0 ; Motion Passes..

12. New Business

None

13. Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 8:20 PM, without objection.