



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 7:00pm

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

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:46 PM by Michael Lynn

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Terrence Gomes

3. Roll Call: Jon Liberman

Boardmembers Present-Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Noah Damsky, Barry Levine, Cheryl Holstrom, Ken Blaker, Margarita Guzman, Jason Plummer, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Eitan Gershov, Jon Liberman, Marlene Katz, Sandy Block.

Boardmembers Absent- Baila Romm, Michelle Frankel, Kevin McCarthy, Avihi Youshaei, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, Sara Messall.

4. General Public Comment: Public Comment 1-

Brief Board Announcements

a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements

Jon Liberman thanked the board as he announced his retirement after twenty years; mentioned that he believed the board was well situated to carry on without him; mentioned 3 outstanding board members including Terrence Gomes and believed the best board members work together and not for a personal agenda. The board gave a round of applause for Jon Liberman.

Sandy Block entered the meeting at 7:50 PM.

5. Community Reports

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

b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org **Not Present.**

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

- d. Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org **Present, gave report.**
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org **Not present.**
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews)- dina.andrews@lacity.org **Present, gave report.**
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Miller) - kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org **Not present.**
- h. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell, 2nd District (Park) - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov **Not Present.**
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath, 3rd District (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov **Not Present.**
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) -Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov **Present, gave report.**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Vacant) – **Not present.**
Elizabeth.Birks@sen.ca.gov
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) – **Not Present.**
Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices **Not Present.**

6. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations
Public Comment: None.

- a. Motion to appoint the At-Large Representative 5 (Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB091924-01)
 - **Holly Hubsher introduced herself as a Native New Yorker, USC grad, working in the entertainment business producing movies and television. Her interests include homelessness and public safety issues.**
Jon Liberman said Seat A expires in 2025 and Seat B expires in 2027, so which seat would Holly be interested in.

Holly Hubsher responded 2027.

Michael Lynn postponed Item A and opened Item B.

- **Kyle Domenic Cayce - Not Present.**

- b. Motion to appoint the At-Large Representative 8 (Formerly Zone 8 Representative seat- Term expires June 30, 2027) (GB091924-02)
 - Angela Daniel Stage
 - Holly Hubsher
Moved by Mitch Cohen; Seconded by Jon Liberman
Roll Call:
Yes- Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Noah Damsky, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Margarita Guzman, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Eitan Gershov, Jon Liberman, Marlene Katz, Sandy Block.
No- Laurie Levine, Terrence Gomes.
12 Yes, 2 No
 - Kyle Domenic Cayce

Holly Hubsher entered the meeting at 8:20 PM

7. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
 - I. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB091924-03) **Postponed.**
 - II. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative (1) (GB091924-04) **Postponed.**

- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - I. Standing Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development
Jon Liberman said Leisure spaces would have 2nd meeting this month on Tuesday via Zoom.
 - II. Ad-hoc Committees: Tree Removal Notification, Board Selection
No updates from Tree Removal.
Michael Lynn mentioned the Board Selection did meet and that he was voted Chair.
 - III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council, Homelessness
Michael Lynn mentioned WRAC motions would be sent to board members and that he would email all Chairs. In addition, he mentioned that those wanting a motion addressed should email the executive committee.

- c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB091924-05)
Holly Hubsher joined Homelessness and Public Safety.
Margarita Guzman joins Leisure Spaces.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. None

10. Consent Agenda

Public Comment (Item/Comment):

Items Removed: Michael Lynn removed Item D, sent back to committee.

Mitch Cohen asked what is it that the city is trying to pass.

Michael Lynn said they are asking for a report on the substances found in the grass but also banning artificial turf. Michael Lynn encouraged board members to read the motions on-line.

Public Comment- None.

Moved by Jon Liberman; Seconded by Laurie Levine.

Roll Call:

Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Noah Damsky, Barry Levine, Cheryl Holstrom, Ken Blaker, Margarita Guzman, Jason Plummer, Laurie Levine, Mitch Cohen, Eitan Gershov, Jon Liberman, Marlene Katz, Sandy Block.

15 Yes, 0 No. Consent Agenda Passes

- a. Motion to approve August 15, 2024 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB091924-06)
- b. Motion to approve August 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB091924-07)
- c. Motion to approve the SORO NC Public Safety Committee meeting dates for the fiscal year 2024-25 to be held on the first Monday of each month, with the following exceptions: Wednesday, October 9, 2024; Wednesday, April 2, 2025; and Monday, June 9, 2025. (GB091924-08)

- d. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to CD-10 Councilwoman Hutt recommending the approval of the Reynier Park Improvements Plan (GB091924-09)
- e. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC submit a CIS against the motion in CF 24-0602 Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0602> , unless amended, with the following summary text:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) very strongly objects to this motion as written, but would support a motion that ONLY requests an honest and unbiased CAO report. The SORO NC notes that the council file calls for action on the assumption that the CAO report has already been written and supports one position. We believe that the report must start from a neutral point of view and come to a factual conclusion that has not been predetermined.

The report should consider all health reasons as to whether to continue or discontinue use of the substances.

The report should consider the economic effects of continuing or discontinuing use of the substances.

The report should consider the impact on the LADWP's ability to deliver sufficient water in a drought environment. If the report determines that the benefits of eliminating these should be considered, then the LADWP must indicate whether we have sufficient water resources to implement that change. If there will be a significant impact on the LADWP having to finance large scale projects to deliver such water, then there should be a report to estimate the cost of the implementation to the ratepayers.

The report should also consider the synthetic turf industry's potential to reformulate their product to eliminate PFAS. This may be an opportunity for the City of Los Angeles to work WITH the industry to develop solutions to make their own products safer for humans and the environment.

The report should also consider the historical impact and results of previous bans, as they have often led to the use of other products that were also eventually banned.

The report should also consider research and development into a State mandated recycling program for synthetic turf (which CAN be recycled) along with other similar products.

The SORO NC very strongly objects to this motion as written, but would support a motion that ONLY requests an honest and unbiased CAO report. (GB091924-10)

Moved by Jon Liberman; Seconded by Terrence Gomes

Jason Plummer said AstroTurf traps heat and does not allow for native plants. Terrence Gomes added that AstroTurf only ends up in landfills in California, other states recycle and reuse it. There are no hard facts that prove PFAS cause cancer.

Barry Levine asked if all AstroTurf has PFAS.

Terrence Gomes said no, the new ones do not.

Michael Lynn said they are not requiring removal just banning future sales.

Terrence Gomes said the UC system is exempt, able to buy and use turf.

Jon Liberman asked about LADWP, the fact that there is not enough water and asked residents to get rid of grass.

Mitch Cohen said most LAUSD schools are not planting real grass.

Jason Plummer said grass should not exist if it is not native.

Mitch Cohen asked if the motion was to vote against the city's implementation without a study on artificial turf.

Michael Lynn said voting yes is against moving forward without a report.

Noah Damsky said a yes is against banning it.

Terrence Gomes said we are against it as written.

Roll Call:

**Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Noah Damsky, Barry Levine,
Cheryl Holstrom, Ken Blaker, Margarita Guzman,
Mitch Cohen, Eitan Gershov, Jon Liberman, Sandy Block.
No- Jason Plummer,
Abstain- Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz.
12 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstain**

11. New Business

a. None

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 as Michael Lynn handed the gavel for the final time to Jon Liberman.