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General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Meetings end at 9:00pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

**Location: Claude Pepper Recreational Senior Citizens Center
1762 S. La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035**

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1. **Meeting Called to Order by Chair at 6:45PM**
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Marlene Katz**
 3. **Roll Call-**

Board Members Present: Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Nathan Maryamian, Jason Plummer, Beth Klein, Marlene Katz, Shirley Traum, Margarita Guzman, Mitch Cohen, Meera Srinivasan, Megan Golding, Shia Fisher

Board Members Absent: Baila Romm, Barry Levine, Mallory Smith

Joe Lisuzzo entered the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Michelle Bega entered the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Ryan Spivey entered the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Joseph Mollaie, Judit Maull and Jack Twajiri entered the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Sandy Block entered the meeting at 7:10 PM.

4. **General Public Comment:**
Three members of the public spoke on behalf of the Integrity Project, a coalition of more than 100 households in Cheviot Hills and the surrounding areas. They expressed opposition to the Weingart Shelby project and raised concerns about the lack of transparency regarding the use of taxpayer funds, noting that the project is currently under federal investigation. The speakers stated that they have asked the Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and the Mayor's Office to advocate for renovations at the site to be paused while the investigation is ongoing.

5. Brief Board Announcements

- a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
Michael Lynn advised members of the public to email either the Executive Committee or the appropriate Committee (e.g., Land Use for planning-related matters) if they have items they would like considered for future General Board meeting agendas.

6. 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 Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org **Present, gave report.**
- d. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org **Not present, Michael Lynn gave updates on behalf.**
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org **Not present, Michael Lynn gave updates on behalf.**
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Manzo)- alfonso.manzo@lacity.org **Present, gave report.**
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Hull) - jennifer.hull@lacity.org **Present, gave report. In addition to email, Jennifer Hull can be reached at 213-803-1659**
- 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 - **Not present.**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Hickambottom) - Ann.Hickambottom@sen.ca.gov - **Not present.**
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov - **Not present.**
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations (*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. Motion to appoint the At-Large Representative seat (term expires June 30, 2029)
Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the appointment
(GB112025-01)
This motion pertains to the At-Large Representative – Seat 5.

- Miger Diaz
Mr. Diaz is a local resident and business owner in the SORO

neighborhood. He expressed his commitment to community service, growth, and positive impact.

- **Meha Murthy - Not present.**
- **David Bruk**
Mr. Bruk is an aerospace engineer and local property owner who has been active in the community for over 5 years. He stated that he brings a skill set centered on effective action and collaboration.
- **Karina Korol**
Ms. Korol is a marketing and communications professional with experience working in technology and political campaigns. She shared that she is looking to become more involved in local issues.

Joseph Mollaie noted that Mr. Diaz, who had previously run for an At-Large Representative seat during the October General Board meeting and received a public comment opposing his appointment, should be afforded an opportunity to speak. Michael Lynn stated that prior appointment processes were not relevant to the current action and clarified that two Board members would be permitted to ask one question each before moving to public comment.

Megan Golding asked the candidates what character traits make them strong candidates for the At-Large Representative seat. Ms. Korol described herself as a people-person who is curious and optimistic, focused on sustainability, and committed to bringing the community closer together. Mr. Bruk stated that he is loyal, trustworthy, dependable, and experienced in working within highly regulated, classified environments. Mr. Diaz described himself as a family man, a long-time resident, and a community volunteer.

Margarita Guzman asked what community issue each candidate considered most important and which committees they would join. Mr. Bruk said he would join the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Diaz identified homelessness and crime as key concerns; he has joined the Education Committee as a community stakeholder and would join the Land Use Committee. Ms. Korol highlighted the need for more green spaces and improved walkability, and expressed interest in the Land Use, Business Advocacy, and Outreach Committees.

Public Comment - 3 (2 in person and 1 written)

Margarita Guzman raised concerns that Mr. Diaz's character was being targeted following the written public comment submitted against his candidacy. Michael Lynn reminded the Board that it cannot respond to public comment.

Megan Golding questioned whether the Board was prioritizing order over integrity by not allowing a candidate to address concerns raised about them. Michael Lynn reiterated that the Board cannot respond to or discuss public comments under the First Amendment, and that if a member of the public feels they were slandered, it is their responsibility to take action outside the meeting.

Motion to give all candidates an additional 30 seconds to address the audience. Moved by Mitch Cohen and seconded by Margarita Guzman. No objections.

Mr. Diaz stated that the comments made against him were incorrect and unrelated to his character. He noted that the individual who submitted the comment had only met him once and asked the SORO NC Board to give him a chance.

Ms. Korol said she did not come in with any predetermined opinions or agenda and emphasized her interest in listening to ideas, opportunities, and pain points and finding effective ways to communicate with the community.

Mr. Bruk had no further comments and commended the Board for finding a way to allow candidates to respond and speak.

Motion to appoint the At-Large Representative-5.

Roll call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding - Abstain, Shia Fisher - Abstain, Stuart Weiss - David Bruk, Terrence Gomes - David Bruk, Michael Lynn - David Bruk, Michelle Bega - David Bruk, Nathan Maryamian - Karina Korol, Margarita Guzman - Miger Diaz, Joe Lisuzzo - David Bruk, Jason Plummer - Karina Korol, Sandy Block - David Bruk, Beth Klein - David Bruk, Judit Maull - Miger Diaz, Marlene Katz - Miger Diaz, Ryan Spivey - Karina Korol, Meera Srinivasan - Miger Diaz, Mitch Cohen - David Bruk, Joseph Mollaie - David Bruk, Shirley Traum - David Bruk, Jack Twaijri - Karina Korol

10 votes for David Bruk, 4 votes for Miger Diaz, 4 votes for Karina Korol, 2 - Abstain

David Bruk entered the meeting at 7:45 PM.

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
 - I. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 2 (GB112025-02)

Chair continued this item to the next General Board meeting.

- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - I. Standing Committees: Executive (Lynn); Education (Guzman); Land Use (Cohen); Public Safety (Gomes/Romm); Homelessness (Gomes); Outreach (Lynn); Transportation (Plummer); Budget & Finance (Gomes); Bylaws (Fisher); Board Development (Plummer)

Executive- Michael Lynn provided an update on the Campus Crossing Project on Venice Blvd. A virtual meeting is scheduled for December 2, concurrent with the Land Use Committee meeting.

Education- No report.

Land Use- Next committee meeting is scheduled for December 2.

Public Safety- Next committee meeting is scheduled for December 1.

Michael Lynn clarified that Board members may attend any committee meeting to observe, but only committee members may participate.

Homelessness- Committee has been disbanded.

Outreach- SORO NC members are invited to join the Festival of Lights and Winter Wonderland on December 15 from 3-9 PM, featuring snow, rides and other family-friendly activities. The Festival of Lights and lighting of the menorah will begin at 5:15 PM. SORO NC will be giving away the branded bags at the event and is seeking volunteers.

Transportation- Special meeting via Zoom will be held on December 3.

Budget and Finance- Next committee meeting is scheduled for December 7.

By Laws- The committee is reviewing recommendations related to the current Bylaws. Materials will be passed on to committee members. Seats remain available on the Bylaws Committee. A meeting is tentatively planned for November 23.

Development- Jason Plummer will be meeting with Baila Romm regarding Board activities.

Margarita Guzman left the meeting at 7:51 PM.

- II. Ad-hoc Committees: Trees
Moved to Unfinished Business by Chair, without objection.
- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC (Gomes), WRAC (Lynn), LADWP (Plummer, Maull), Budget Advocates (Maull), City Attorney (Lynn), District 37 Congressional Council (Weiss), Homelessness (Katz)

LANCC - LADWP will come to the December meeting to discuss sustainable front yards. In February 2026, the City Clerk will provide budget updates for the following fiscal year.

WRAC - No report.

LADWP - A presentation was given on the Landscape Efficiency Assistance Program (LEAP), which offers free front yard upgrades on a first-come, first-served basis to disadvantaged communities. The program launched on August 26 and will continue through winter 2026. More information can be found at ladwp.com/leap.

Budget Advocates - Townhall for DONE for 2026-2027 budget will be held over Zoom on December 1. A “Budget 101” session, which will cover Neighborhood Councils’ role in the Los Angeles City budget process, will take place on January 29 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

A question was raised about a recent meeting Mayor Karen Bass held with various city communities, including Neighborhood Councils, but no updates were provided.

City Attorney - No report.

District 37 Congressional Council - No report.

Homelessness - Meeting in the new year.

- c. Opportunity for Boardmembers to Join and/or Change Membership of Standing Committees (GB112025-03)

**David Bruk joins Public Safety.
Megan Golding joins Land Use.
Meera Srinivasan joins Outreach.
Ryan Spivey joins By Laws.
Shia Fisher joins Education.
Joe Lisuzzo joins Transportation.
Judith Maull joins Land Use and Outreach.**

Michael Lynn clarified that no more than six (6) boardmembers may actively participate on any committee. The first six boardmembers who arrive at the meeting count toward this limit, and any boardmembers arriving afterward may

attend as observers only. He also noted that Land Use is the only committee that requires completion of the Planning 101 course in order to vote. Stakeholder committee members do not count toward the six-member limit.

Michelle Bega asked why she was not listed on the website as a committee member. Michael Lynn responded that Committee Chairs are responsible for updating their committee pages on the website.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Trees Ad Hoc Committee end date

Michael Lynn noted that during the October 2025 General Board Meeting, the Trees Ad Hoc Committee had been inadvertently set to end June 30, 2025. He introduced a motion to reconsider the previous action.

Motion to reconsider

Moved by Michael Lynn; Seconded by Shia Fisher

Roll call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Shia Fisher- Yes, Stuart Weiss- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Michelle Bega- Yes, Nathan Maryamian- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Marlene Katz- Yes, Ryan Spivey- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Abstain, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jack Twajjri- Yes

18 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstain. Motion passes.

Sandy Block left the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Motion to Amend Trees Ad Hoc Committee term to June 30, 2026

Moved by Michael Lynn; Seconded by David Bruk

Roll call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Shia Fisher- Yes, Stuart Weiss- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Michelle Bega- Yes, Nathan Maryamian- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Marlene Katz- Yes, Ryan Spivey- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Abstain, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jack Twajjri- Yes

17 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstain. Motion passes.

10. Consent Agenda:

- a. Motion to accept the October 16, 2025 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB112025-04)
- b. Motion to approve the October 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB112025-05)

- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to send a letter to CD5 requesting that they send a letter to Beverly Bites, requiring that they make adequate and safe arrangements for their delivery drivers to park (GB112025-06)
- d. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC fund up to \$500 to purchase Business Cards for individual Boardmembers (GB112025-07)
- e. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC co-sponsor a public Town Hall on Updates for the Campus Crossing/Apple Project on Venice Blvd (GB112025-08)

Megan Golding asked who would receive business cards. Michael Lynn clarified that, if the motion passed, he would circulate an email with a template and Boardmembers could request business cards as needed.

Joseph Mollaie raised a technical question about Item C, whether different steps were going to be taken before sending a letter.

David Bruk asked for clarification that the \$500 was a total amount for Business Cards.

Meera Srinivasan asked whether Item C applied to delivery drivers employed directly by the business or to third-party drivers. Michael Lynn responded that the letter should be read as written and that he could not provide clarification beyond what the letter stated.

Public Comment: None

Items Removed:

Item C was removed by Beth Klein.

Item E was removed by Michael Lynn, noting it was moot and would not be up for discussion.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar - Items A, B, and D
Moved by Joseph Mollaie; Seconded by Terrence Gomes**

Roll call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Shia Fisher- Yes, Stuart Weiss- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Michelle Bega- Yes, Nathan Maryamian- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Marlene Katz- Yes, Ryan Spivey- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jack Twajiri- Yes

18 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion Passes.

11. New 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 # virtual hands raised)*

- a. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC fund a Community Improvement Project (CIP) up to \$1000 to purchase and install a Little Free Library (choice of [Double Door](#))

[Shed Unfinished Little Free Library](#) or [Composite Two Story Forest Little Free Library](#) at Reyneir Park (GB112025-09)

The Budget and Finance Committee will need to meet to determine which funds can be moved into the CIP category, and any recommended reallocation would return to the General Board during the next meeting.

Shia Fisher raised a point of inquiry, asking whether motions requiring funding must include a corresponding budget action. Terrence Gomes responded that the Board should not vote on motions where the required funding is not yet allocated. Additional clarification was provided that while funds may exist, they must be formally transferred into the correct category before a vote can occur.

Motion to postpone item to next general board meeting
Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Ryan Spivey

Roll call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Shia Fisher- Abstain, Stuart Weiss- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Michelle Bega- Yes, Nathan Maryamian- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Marlene Katz- Yes, Ryan Spivey- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jack Twaijri- Yes

17 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Passes.

12. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

- a. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to send a letter to CD5 requesting that they send a letter to Beverly Bites, requiring that they make adequate and safe arrangements for their delivery drivers to park (GB112025-06)

Chair moved to send item back to Public Safety Committee, without objection.

13. Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 8:40 PM, without objection.