

SoRo Neighborhoods Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Attendees: Ed Brody, Malcolm Brown, Susan Bursk, Lessie Caballero, Terry Delvoye, Larry DeMers, Harold Fischer, Jon Friedman, Allan Graf, Mel Levine, Paul Levy, Julie Maher, Aubrey Provost, Terry Schonwald, Carole Segal, Estelle Tuvman, Lani Board Members and Guests

Absent: Nate Bernstein, Mary Earl, Tony Fox, Herb Groelinger, Roger McCracken, Lisa Coleman, and Cynthia Ojeda

Carole Segal called the meeting to order at 6:45p.m in Hamilton High School's Library inviting everyone to the table with the food from our Potluck dinner.

Minutes from the prior meeting were not available.

Larry DeMers reported he got the check to Herb and that thanks to Malcolm and Allan, we have a new \$500 Grant from Allstate.

Susan Bursk told us Trammel Co. is looking into building a "new" Shubert Theatre project in Century City and is currently awaiting the EIR. Carole then said Santa Monica Blvd. will be widened from the 405 east to the Beverly Hills border -Mel Levine corrected the boundary explaining the widening will go east to Ave. of the Stars.

Claire Bowin brought the Board Lani's recommendation to remove all but three of the "planters" on Robertson Blvd. After a very long debate, the Board recommended that Lani go back to their committee meeting and come up with another recommendation.

Larry Demers let us know that our Certification papers are nearly ready to be submitted. We Are looking for two more places to who will put our flyer in their window. We also need approximately 100 more signatures and then we can submit the papers.

Boundary Expansion is still an ongoing outreach program to be continued.

Carole said she is looking for a nominating committee as half the Board is up for reelection. Jon Friedman mentioned that once we submit our Certification papers that this Board will be the "recognized" Board for this area. We will still have staggered election years.

No report on Public Safety.

Terry Delvoye said the Newsletter committee is meeting to find someone to layout the format.

Paul Levy asked us to check out the “new stuff” on the Website.

There will be a Land Use meeting in January.

No School Report.

Julia Maher let us know that tomorrow morning (Thursday) at 9:30am there will be a meeting about the trees on Robertson.

Carole told us the next meeting of the Festival Committee will be held at the Workmen’s Circle on January 10th at 7:00pm. This year’s Festival is planned for the northern area of Robertson - just south of Pico Blvd. in June before the 30th, 2002.

No report from the Merchants committee.

Mel Levine reported on the Pico Revitalization Project who are looking to improve Pico from La Brea to Beverwil and have gotten money from the TNI (Targeted Neighborhood Initiative) to do just that. Their web address is www.PicoProject.org and their next meeting will be December 17th at 7:00-8:30pm at the Westside JCC on Pico. Their meeting in January is scheduled for the 28th.

Harold Fischer said he called the five people he was asked to call and from the looks of our turnout he was successful.

Susan Bursk introduced us to Crystal’s new “Worm Compost” program to get rid of the landfills. It is now at Santa Monica College. The plan has gotten rave reviews from all corners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm with the wish of a Happy New Year to All. Next Board meeting will be January 9, 2002 at Hamilton High School.

Minutes submitted by Terry Schonwald, Acting Secretary