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**Greater Wilshire
Neighborhood Council
Governing Board Members:**

President – Owen Smith
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Area 1 – Brookside – Owen Smith
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Area 3 – Country Club Heights – Frances
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Area 4 – Fremont Place – vacant
Area 5 – Hancock Park – James Wolf
Area 6 – La Brea-Hancock – Bill
Funderburk
Area 7 – Larchmont Village – Fred Mariscal
Area 8 – Melrose – Jeff McManus
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
– vacant
Area 10 – Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrews
Square – Patricia Carroll
Area 11 – Sycamore Square – Ann
Eggleston
Area 12 – Western-Wilton – Greg Wittmann
Area 13 – Wilshire Park – John Gresham
Area 14 – Windsor Square – Jack
Humphreville
Area 15 – Windsor Village – Julie
Stromberg
At-Large – Jane Usher
Business – John Winther
Education – vacant
Other Non-Profit – Patrick MacKellan
Religion – Mike Genewick
Renters – Joseph Hoffman



**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

**The Ebell of Los Angeles
4400 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90005**

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COUNCIL**

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The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, made up of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- A. Call to order & Flag Salute** (Owen Smith)
- B. Board Roll call** (Jeff Carpenter)

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. CD4 Update** (Councilmember David Ryu, Nikki Ezhari)
- B. CD5 Update** (John Darnell)
Councilmember Koretz will host a community meeting on the Countywide Parks Need Assessment at Pan Pacific Park on Thursday, January 21 at 7pm.
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers**
- D. LACMTA**
Update from Michael Cortez, Metro, on the Traffic Management Plan for the street decking installation over the Wilshire and LaBrea station box.

E. LAUSD

Community Meeting on Major Modernization Project for elementary schools
Wednesday, January 20, 6pm at Burroughs Middle School Multi-Purpose Room

F. Other local government representatives

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (up to 2 minutes per speaker; speakers are requested to fill out speaker cards)

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

A. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes (Jeff Carpenter)

- **November 11, 2015 meeting**
- **December 9, 2015 meeting**

B. Introduction of Shirlee Fuqua, New GWNC Contract Administrator (Shirlee Fuqua)

Ms. Fuqua will introduce herself to the board and provide an update on her processing with Lloyd Staffing and getting started with the GWNC.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

(including discussion and possible Board action, as noted) (Owen Smith):

A. Introduction, Approval, Installation of New Fremont Place Representative—Cam Davis, and New Fremont Place Alternate—Barbara (Bobbie) Kumetz (Owen Smith, Patricia Lombard) (5 min.)

Neighborhood Council Oath of Office

"I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire NC with dignity, integrity and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone's opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability."

B. Board Vacancies. Seats vacated by elected board members before the end of their term open for volunteer nominations.

Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Education

C. Alternate Board Members still needed for:

Area 3 – Country Club Heights
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Education
Other Non-Profit
Religion

D. Ethics & Funding Training reminder. All board members and alternates **must complete ethics training** in order to vote on funding motions before the board. The course is available online at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=477>

In addition to **Ethics training**, all board members and alternates are also **REQUIRED** to take a new **funding training course** (about the new system of NC checking accounts that will be launched soon). The course is at <http://empowerla.org/leadership-academy/#Funding>

Be sure to submit your completion forms (included in the training) to register your attendance.

Board members and alternates MUST complete both trainings to be eligible to vote on funding-related matters.

The following Board Members and Alternates have NOT completed the trainings noted below and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters:

Bartenetti - Ethics, Funding

D'Atri - Ethics

Fox – Ethics, Funding

Gresham – Ethics

Mintz - Ethics, Funding

Mulligan - Ethics

Morgens – Ethics, Funding

O'Donnell – Ethics

Usher – Ethics

Note: In addition, Ethics certification for Caroline Moser will expire on February 5, 2016.

E. Code of Conduct Forms -- All Board Members and Alternates are required to read the new Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (see handout or the online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>). Currently, Business Alternate **Peggy Bartenetti** is the only GWNC Board Member or Alternate who has not turned in the required form.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2015** (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)
- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)** – (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll)
- C. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses** (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)
- D. Approval (if necessary) of Election-Related Expenses** (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)
- E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update**
 - Update on MER filings and account access

VII. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Jack Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action) (5 minutes)

A. Release of 2015 Industrial, Economic, and Administrative (IEA) Survey for the LADWP

Under Chapter 266 of the City Charter, an IEA of each of the City's proprietary departments has to be undertaken every 5 years. The executive summary of the report can be accessed at--

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzWxpYC2N9JLQy1aMENBZWILRFE/view>

The entire report is at—

http://controller.lacity.org/stellent/groups/electedofficials/@ctr_contributor/documents/contributor_web_content/lacityp_032059.pdf and through

<http://www.babenc.org/2015/12/2015-ladwp-industrial-economic-adminstrative-survey-city-controllers-office/>

B. LADWP Ratepayer Advocates Report

The LADWP Ratepayer Advocate has released an assessment report. It can be accessed at--

http://ens.lacity.org/opa/importantdoc/opaimportantdoc3249100444_12112015.pdf

C. Update from NC Budget Advocates

VIII. ELECTION COMMITTEE (Owen Smith, Colette Amin) (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (5 minutes)

A. Update on publicity accomplished to date.

B. Proposed Election Committee Project Program and Budget

C. Update on confirming polling location arrangements, contingency planning.

IX. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted) (5 minutes)

A. Update on GWNC Meeting Advertising Arrangements (Fred Mariscal)

B. Update on Yoga in the Park (Colette Amin)

C. Update on LAHSA Homeless Count (Hoffman)

D. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates (Fred Mariscal) – Please contact Outreach Committee members with suggestions for future awards.

X. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. Report and Update on GWNC-Bureau of Street Services January 2016 Initiative (Julie Stromberg)

Report on request of repairs submitted and status of repairs performed.

B. Report and Update on LA Mobility Plan 2035 (Julie Stromberg)

Report on status of LA Mobility Plan 2035 and GWNC December 2015 Motion and Related Letter to City Planning Commission.

- C. **Date and Location of Next Transportation Committee Meeting.** The next meeting will be on **Monday, February 1, 2016**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Chapel Room of the Wilshire Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005.

XI. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. **Report and Update on GWNC-Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Water Conservation Challenge, “180 Days to Turn It Around” Campaign; Presentation by Marty Adams, Sr. AGM of Water with LADWP and GWNC Sustainability Committee** (Julie Stromberg/Barbara Savage).

The GWNC Sustainability Committee is partnering with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to help residents of the Greater Wilshire area conserve water. Many zip codes within the Greater Wilshire area are in the top 1% of water users for the City of Los Angeles. The GWNC Sustainability Committee and LADWP are partnering together to change this statistic with their “180 Days to Turn It Around” campaign. Residents were asked to opt-in to the challenge by January 6, 2016. The campaign is limited to a small group of residents. LADWP will perform an audit of the participating residences’ water usage. At the January 13, 2016 GWNC Board meeting, participating residents will receive a welcome packet from the LADWP with an analysis of their water usage. LADWP will provide recommendations on how to reduce water usage. Participating residents will have 180 days from the program’s official launch on January 13, 2016 reduce their water usage by 20%.

- B. **Date and Location of Next Sustainability Committee Meeting.** The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Chapel Room of the Wilshire Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. Speaker will be Kathleen Beall, ASID, CID. Ms. Beall will discuss integrating the new building and plumbing laws into home design and how it is going to affect a person’s real estate.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (matters not previously identified for future consideration and action)

- A. **Communication from Sustainable Works, LADWP Community Partnership Grant for CD5.** Gina Garcia, Co-Executive and Director of Community and Residential Greening Programs for the non-profit Sustainable Works, has contacted the GWNC to collaborate on the implementation of a recent grant they have gotten for activities in CD5. The Sustainability Committee will be coordinating GWNC’s response.

XIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Jim Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. **Update on GWNC Comments on Draft of Revised Baseline Mansionization Ordinance** (Jim Wolf) (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

Discussion of LUC consideration of the draft revisions the current BMO at the December 22 meeting, submission of LUC comments to meet the January 11 deadline. The GWNC Land Use Committee recommends that the GWNC Board support the following resolution:

Proposed Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the following resolution: Whereas the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee commends the effort put forth to date in the draft Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, we oppose the Ordinance as currently drafted because it is too limiting in its approach to individual neighborhoods; we encourage developers to consider the characteristics of each individual neighborhood.

- B. 501, 505, 511, 515-521, 527, 531, 535, and 543 N. Wilton Place (MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION-NG 15-524-PL; ENV-2015-689-EAF) (John Reed, applicant) (Charlie D’Atri, et al.) (Discussion and Possible Board Action)**

Summary: This project includes demolition and removal of the 9 existing, single-family homes located on the Project site and the development of a building containing 88 multi-family dwelling units (44 one-bedroom units and 44 two-bedroom units), including 8 very-low income units. The proposed residential building would include 4 stories over 2 stories of parking (one level of parking would be partially subterranean), with a maximum building height of 56 feet. As there have been no changes to the project since the original presentation to the LUC, and there are no hearings scheduled at this time, the LUC did not vote on this project. It has requested that the developer continue to work with the Larchmont Neighborhood Association on outstanding concerns regarding height and traffic.

[The following items are included for information only. No presentation is scheduled or Board action requested or required at this time.]

C. Possible agenda items for upcoming LUC meetings (no action at this time):

7000-7024 W Melrose Ave (On Menu).

A request for a section 12.21.1 incentive density bonus for an increase in the allowable floor area by 32.5% from FAR 1.5 to 1.988 FAR (50,535 sf to 66,959 sf). Proposed project consists of a two story residential structure with 40 dwelling units and a roof deck over one level of 7500 sf of commercial and on-grade parking over 3 levels of subterranean parking.

850-860 N Sycamore Ave, 7014 Willoughby Ave., 853-859 Orange Drive

Demolish all existing structures and construct a duplex on each of six new lots in association with Tentative Tract #73521. Each duplex will contain three bedrooms, a two car garage, have between 1,549 and 1,805 square feet of floor area, and be approximately 26 feet in height and 2 stories. ZA 2015-1749-ZAA and TT-73521-CN

6926 Clinton

Demolition of existing four unit building to build 4-lot small lot subdivision. The property is zoned RD1.5-1XL. (AA-2015-3553-PMLA-SL) Sam Trude, Nick Kazemi.

901 S. Gramercy

Asking for a Tentative Tract Proposed 21 unit Condo with 42 parking spaces. The lot is zoned R3-1 currently vacant. (Taik Kim)

800 S. Lorraine

Update on application for a tract map to allow construction of a new 8-unit condominium building (Kamran Kazemi, Frank Toloui)

836-850 S. Crenshaw

Update on application to build a new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building (Camille Zeitouny)

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

XV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5 minutes)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting, Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Items in italics were unconfirmed at publication time and may be postponed until a future meeting.

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- NextDoor.com
- The community bulletin board at the Bricks & Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd., 90004
- Via e-mail (send a subscription request to admin@greaterwilshire.org)
- Via the L.A. City Early Notification System at <http://www.lacity.org/government/subscriptions/neighborhoodcouncils/index.htm>

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