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Board Meeting Agenda
The Ebell of Los Angeles
4400 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90005
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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.

1. **WELCOMING REMARKS:** (5 minutes)
 - A. Call to order & Flag salute
 - B. Board Roll call
2. **COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (10 minutes)
(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)
 - A. New Olympic Division Neighborhood Prosecutor (Steve Houchin)
 - B. CD4 Update (Ben Seinfeld)
 - C. CD5 Update (John Darnell)
 - D. LAPD Senior Lead Officer
3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** (5 minutes)

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)

4. **PRESENTATIONS** (15 minutes)

A. GWNC Citizen Recognition Award: Henrietta Cosentino (Fred Mariscal)
Ms. Cosentino is being honored for her many years of work with the St. Andrews Square Neighborhood Association and other groups and causes in the GWNC area.

B. 2014 Neighborhood Purpose Grant Recipient Reports/Updates

- i. Enrichment Center (Diann Farmer)
- ii. Wilshire Crest Elementary School (*Jocelyn Duarte*)
- iii. *Friends of Wilshire Library (Madeline Idelfonso, Debbie Willis)*
- iv. L.A. Drama Club (Julia Blaire)
- v. *Enrich LA*
- vi. Harrison Trust/L.A. High (Joyce Kleifield)
- vii. YMCA (Kitty Gordillo)
- viii. Wilshire Park Elementary

C. Melrose BID Pedestrian Improvement Project (Presentation and Request for Possible Board Action) (Jeff Jacobberger)

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:** (5 minutes)

A. Review and adoption of December 10, 2014 minutes

6. **BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS (including discussion and possible action items, if listed):** (60 minutes)

A. **President**

i. **Board Vacancies** – Still have openings for Alternate Board Members for the following seats:

- Area 2 – Citrus Square
- Area 3 – Country Club Heights
- Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
- Area 12 – Western-Wilton
- Education
- Other Non-Profit
- Religion

ii. **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:

Asch – Ethics, Funding
Bartenetti - Ethics, Funding
Carpenter – Ethics (expired November, 2014)
Carroll – Ethics (expired January, 2014)
Fox - Funding
McManus - Funding
Mintz - Ethics, Funding
Winther – Ethics, Funding
Wittmann - Ethics (expired July, 2014)

iii. **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/>). Return paper forms to GWNC Administrator Elizabeth Fuller, or let Ms. Fuller know if you have submitted the online form. (Those who do not submit forms may soon be banned from voting or counting toward a board quorum, even if present.) Forms not yet received from:

Peers
Shapiro
Whitley
Asch
Bartenetti
D’Atri
Fox
McManus
Mintz
Mulligan
O’Donnell

B. Treasurer (Discussion and Board Action, as indicated) (Carroll/Fuller)

- i. Approval of **Monthly Expenditure Report** (Discussion and Board action)
- ii. Approval of upcoming **individual expenses**, if any (Discussion and Board action).
- iii. Update on status of **current year contracts** for Wilshire United Methodist Church, Ebell of Los Angeles and Elizabeth Fuller (as previously approved by the Board)
- iv. Presentations of **2014-2015 NPG applications** (first group; more in Feb. after January 15 application deadline)

- a. *Champion Fund*
- b. *Community Policing Unit*
- c. Enrichment Center (Diann Farmer)
- d. *Friends of 3rd Street School*
- e. Wilshire Crest PTA (Lydia Olivier)
- f. L.A. Drama Club (Blair Larsen)
- g. Other last-minute entries?

- v. **Appointment of Ad Hoc NPG Review/Award Committee** (to meet to consider all applications after second group of applicant presentations is completed at February board meeting; announce awards at March board meeting)

C. DWP MOU Liaison (Humphreville)

- i. Updates on current DWP issues

D. City Budget and NC Budget Advocates (Humphreville) (Discussion and Board Action, as indicated below)

- i. Updates on city budget process

E. LANCC Report (Humphreville)

- i. Updates from latest LANCC meeting

F. Outreach Committee (Mariscal)

- i. **CD4 candidate forum planning (Lombard)** (Discussion and possible Board action) – Status report from January 10 GWNC/MCWCC planning meeting.
- ii. **Neighborhood “Top 10” priorities lists.** Update: still need lists from Brookside, Hancock Park, Larchmont Village, Melrose, and Western-Wilton. Spreadsheet now available on Google Docs at https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BxH_mJhUJSCvWGVDYjNjZ0pMalU&usp=sharing. (Hoffman)
- iii. **Sycamore Square Neighborhood Walk** (Fuller) – Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. (starting at NE corner of Sycamore & Olympic).

G. Transportation Committee (Michelle Owen/Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- i. **Bureau of Street Services Neighborhood Council Initiative Update** (Stromberg). Update on repairs done on Jan. 9 at:
 - a. Cahuenga Blvd. at Clinton St;
 - b. 101 S Lucerne Blvd.;
 - c. 2nd St across from alley west of Larchmont Blvd.;
 - d. Larchmont Blvd. at 2nd St;

- e. 4th St at Hudson Avd; and
- f. 10th St from Lucerne Blvd. to dead end west of Lucerne Blvd.

ii. **Looking for Mobility Plan Speaker**

iii. **Next TC meeting: Monday, February 2**

H. Land Use Committee (James Wolf)

i. **No meeting in December; next meeting January 27**

ii. **Larchmont Bungalow appeal hearing at City Council PLUM Committee**
(Announcement only; GWNC position already on file with city.) January 13,
2:30 p.m., Board of Public Works Edward R. Roybal Hearing Room 350

iii. **Update on La Brea-Hancock RFA status** (Update only; GWNC support
already on file) (Bill Funderburk/Barbara Savage)

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

- a. Construction of a 4-story, 11-unit apartment complex, with Density Bonus and two on-menu incentives at **5036 Rosewood Ave.**
- b. Construction of a 30-unit apartment building at **4180 W. Wilshire Blvd.**
- c. Change of Use to convert the old Scottish Rite Temple to a private, non-profit museum at **4357 W. Wilshire Blvd.**
- d. Construction of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at **407 S. Gramercy**
- e. Renewal of a full-line liquor CUB (with later closing time) at the Ebell of Los Angeles, **743 S. Lucerne**
- f. Density bonus project at **801-813 N. Hudson**
- g. CUB application to allow sales of beer and wine at the Verneti (formerly Girasole) restaurant at **225 N. Larchmont Blvd.**
- h. Construction of a new 6,000 square foot retail space at **101 N. La Brea**
- i. CUB application to allow sales of a full line of alcoholic beverages at an existing restaurant space on the 7th floor at **4680 W. Wilshire** (Farmer's Insurance building)
- j. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at **850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.**

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

- A. **Homeless camp at B of A Rosewood/La Brea office** (Carpenter)
- B. **Citrus Square's Citrus Ave. petition** submitted to Shawn Bayiss in CD 5, appreciation to the Council Office for its support of concerns (Carpenter)
- C. **Next meeting, Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.**

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

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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