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**Greater Wilshire
Neighborhood Council
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President – Owen Smith
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Area 4 – Fremont Place – Cam Davis
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, February 10, 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)

- **CD4 Update** (Nikki Ezhari)
- **CD5 Update** (John Darnell)
- **LAPD Senior Lead Officers**
- **The Bureau of Sanitation** is hosting an event for all Neighborhood Council Public Works Liaisons- Board Member please RSVP to the Bureau of Sanitation event called "Sanitation at Your Service", February 20, 8am-1:30pm, LA Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion, 1200 Vista Del Mar, Gate C, Playa Del Rey, CA

- **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)

- January 13, 2016 meeting

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

A. 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

B. Alternate Board Members still needed for:

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

C. 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://empowerla.org>. Then go to Self-Serve and click on the icons for each of the trainings, submit them on line for signature. Be sure to forward your certificate of completion to rosters@empowerla.org admin@greaterwilshire.org and to secretary@greaterwilshire.org

In addition to **Ethics training**, all board members and alternates are also REQUIRED to take the **Funding and the Code of Conduct training**. All three training courses can be accessed at the same site.

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

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

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

Bartenetti - Ethics, Funding
Carroll – Ethics
D'Atri – Ethics
Fox – Ethics & Funding

Gresham – Ethics
MacKellan – Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct
McManus – Ethics
Mintz - Ethics, Funding
Morgens – Ethics, Funding
Moser – Ethics
Mulligan – Ethics
Obery – Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct
Usher – Ethics
Wolf – Ethics

D. 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, DONE shows the Members listed above as not having completed one or more of the training sessions.

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

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2016 (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll)

1/27 Staples - Yard signs for Elections - \$286.69
 1/28 Staples - Office Supplies - \$75.20
 1/28 Smart and Final - Food for Volunteers Homeless Count - \$75.78
 1/29 Lloyds Staffing Minutes DL - \$193.05
 1/29 Lloyds Staffing Minutes & Office Work DL- \$283.14
 1/29 Lloyds Staffing Minutes DL - \$45.05
 1/29 Lloyds Staffing Minutes DL - \$115.83
 1/29 Lloyds Staffing Minutes DL - 128.70
 Items above cleared by end of January

B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
 – (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll)

C. Approval of January and February Paid Expenses that will show up on the Feb 2016 Report (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

1/28 Ebell Board Rental Dec - \$300.00
 1/28 KYCC Nov Maintain Wilton Island - \$75
 1/28 Larchmont Chronicle Jan - \$340
 1/28 Larchmont Ledger - \$157.50
 2/1 Public Storage Feb- \$104.00
 2/4 Ebell Board Rental Jan - \$300.00
 2/4 Larchmont Chronicle Feb - \$340.00
 2/4 Lloyd Staffing SF - \$80.00
 2/4 Lloyd Staffing SF - \$80.00
 2/4 Lloyd Staffing DL - \$180.18
 2/8 Larchmont Chronicle Nov 15 - \$340.00
 2/8 Wilshire United Methodist Jan, Feb, LUC \$50.00
 2/8 Wilshire United Methodist Homeless Count \$125.00

D. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

- Public Storage March - \$104.00
- Larchmont Chronicle March - \$340.00
- Ebell Rent Feb - \$300
- UMC Land Use Meeting Space Mar - \$25.
- UMC Transportation Nov' 15 & Feb 16 - \$50
- UMC Sustainability Sept' 15 & Dec '15
- KYCC - \$75
- Lloyds Staffing - Unknown

E. Approval of Board Member Expenditures (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

- Patricia Carroll \$104 public Storage January while funds were Frozen
- Joe Hoffman \$311.10 for Hand Sanitizers for the Larchmont Family Fair

F. Approval (if necessary) of Election-Related Expenses (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

G. 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. Updates LADWP

B. Update of City NC Budget Advocates Matters

C. Update on LANCC

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

A. Update on Election Progress

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

A. Co-promotion of Larchmont Buzz community coyote meeting and city wildlife management plan (Discussion/Possible Action)

Proposed Motion: Outreach Committee recommends that the GWNC Board help promote a town hall style presentation regarding coyotes and other wildlife management in our area via its established channels. There is no request for funds.

B. Request for additional election advertising in the Larchmont Buzz (Discussion and Board Action)

Proposed Motion: Outreach Committee recommends that the GWNC Board place two sponsored posts, one running mid-February as a call for candidates and

description of the GWNC, and the second running mid-April as an election reminder at a cost of \$150 per post. (Mariscal/Hoffman)

- 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 the email is outreach@greater.org
- 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. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion LA Mobility Plan 2035** (Cindy Chvatal-Keane/Julie Stromberg)
Report and update on status of LA Mobility Plan 2035 and GWNC December 2015 Motion and Related Letter to City Planning Commission.
- MOTION:** Transportation Committee recommends that the GWNC Board requests for Council District 4, specifically Julia Duncan and Sarah Dusseault; Claire Bowin of the Los Angeles City Planning Department; Mayor Eric Garcetti’s Office; and the Honorable Mike Bonin as Chair of the City Council Transportation Committee to add to Chapter 6 Action Plan a new program PL 14, which will state the following: PL.14: Community Engagement - Conduct extensive community engagement, develop detailed operational studies and design options and undertake additional environmental analysis per AB 2245 and AB 417 for all of the **BEN, NEN, and TEN** Networks in Council District 4 before implementing any street modifications. The Council office and community stakeholders would play a critical role in finalizing any plans or projects for these corridors. Alternative parallel corridors, in lieu of the ones identified in MP 2035 may be considered as potential network substitutes during this process.
- C. **Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Two Options Presented by Metro for Street Closures Relating to Decking Work at La Brea Ave. and Wilshire Blvd. for the Purple Line Extension Project and Discussion of Updates on the Matter** (Julie Stromberg)
Report and update on Councilman David Ryu’s decision on the preferred street closure option (7-full weeks vs. 16 weekends).
 - D. **Next Meeting Will be on Monday, April 4, 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. **Community Event Announcement: LA Green Living Workshop, February 29, 2016, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**, Westside Pavilion Community Room A - 10800 W. Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90064. Green Living Workshop offered

by *LADWP* and *Sustainable Works!* Free event for residents in Council District 5. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-green-living-workshop-tickets-21239721579>

- 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)

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

- A. Application for a tract map for a Small Lot Subdivision project at 850-860 N. Sycamore Ave., 7014 Willoughby, and 853-859 N. Orange Dr. (Discussion and possible board action)**

Issue: Developers are planning several two-unit duplexes on the property, which is currently zoned R-2, and is adjacent to properties also zoned R-2 (to the south) and for industrial use (to the north). Design is very modern, with distinct "mid-century" elements. Committee discussion centered on whether or not style is appropriate for the (mostly Spanish-revival) neighborhood context, and whether or not adequate neighborhood outreach has been done. Committee members generally felt they did not have enough information about neighborhood outreach, nor time to adequately review and discuss project details before a scheduled February 25 tentative hearing date. (Developers were first invited to present to the LUC last July, but didn't attend until January.)

Recommended Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the Small Lot Subdivision Project at 850-860 N. Sycamore, 7014 Willoughby and 853-859 N. Orange Drive as currently presented, due to lack of community outreach so far, and inadequate time to discuss project details and possible revisions with the developers. [Note: the committee vote on this recommended motion was 5 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention]

- B. Application for extended hours at Orange Theory Fitness, 640 N. La Brea**

Issue: Business is seeking permission to open at 5 a.m. instead of the legal 7 a.m. Originally visited the Land Use Committee in October, but no quorum for a vote. Returned in January, but item was not agendaized for a vote, so the representative provided informational update only. Discussion centered on noise abatement (sound baffling has been built into the walls), neighborhood outreach and parking (business is negotiating with developers at the site to use new subterranean parking). Hearing date was January 27 (unknown whether or not file will be left open for additional input).

Recommended Motion: None, since item was not agendaized for a vote at the January LUC meeting.

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

C. Further input and possible action on proposed revisions to the city's Baseline Mansionization Ordinance

Issue: Proposed revisions to the city's BMO were discussed at last month's GWNC Board meeting, and the Board voted to support the Land Use Committee's recommendation to oppose the revisions, on the grounds that they don't adequately take needs of individual neighborhoods into account. At that meeting, however, several board members said there should be more detailed feedback on the specific revisions proposed, and recommended that the LUC give the issue further consideration. At the January Land Use Committee meeting, there was extensive discussion of the issue, and input from several stakeholder groups that have been very involved. The LUC appointed a subcommittee to draft a new resolution on the matter, to be presented, discussed and voted on at the February LUC meeting. (Note: the City Planning Commission hearing on the BMO revisions has been moved from March to May, providing additional time for community input.)

D. Application for a new 8-unit Small Lot Subdivision project at 117 N. Manhattan Pl.

Issue: Developers presented initial plans for the project in January, and there was extensive discussion about the modern design and whether or not it fits with the mostly Craftsman neighborhood context. LUC members asked the developers to meet with neighbors, consider revisions and return to a future meeting for further discussion. (No city hearings scheduled yet.)

E. Application for a Small Lot Subdivision project at 3607 W. Olympic Blvd.

Issue: Developer attended the January LUC meeting, but was not prepared to make a full presentation. Will return in February with full project details and materials. (No city hearings scheduled yet.)

F. Proposed amendments to the city's Small Lot Subdivision ordinance

Issue: The city of Los Angeles is considering revisions to its Small Lot Subdivision ordinance. The Land Use Committee noted that a February 26 comment deadline is coming up, and will agendize the matter for further discussion at next month's meeting.

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

501-543 N. Wilton - Density Bonus application for multifamily development

700 S. Manhattan - Density Bonus application for multifamily development

800 S. Lorraine - Tract map to allow construction of a new 8-unit condominium building (Kamran Kazemi, Frank Toloui)

836-850 S. Crenshaw - Application to build a new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building (Camille Zeitouny)

901 S. Gramercy - Tentative Tract Map for 21-unit condominium projected R3-1 currently vacant. (Taik Kim)

4813 W. Oakwood - 4-story, 18-unit condominium development

6926 Clinton - 4-lot Small Lot Subdivision
7000-7024 W Melrose Ave - Density bonus with on-menu incentives for 40-unit apartment complex.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting, Wednesday, March 9, 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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