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

President – Owen Smith
Vice President – James Wolf
Secretary – Jeffrey Carpenter
Treasurer – Patricia Carroll

Area 1 – Brookside – Owen Smith
Area 2 – Citrus Square – Jeffrey
Carpenter
Area 3 – Country Club Heights –
Frances McFall
Area 4 – Fremont Place – Patricia
Lombard
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 – Daniel Whitley
Religion – Mike Genewick
Renters – Joseph Hoffman



**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
The Ebell of Los Angeles
4400 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90005
Wednesday, April 8, 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:

- A. Call to order & Flag salute (Owen Smith)
- B. Board Roll call (Jeffrey Carpenter)

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. CD4 Update (Ben Seinfeld)
- B. CD5 Update
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- D. Other local government representatives

3. **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)

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

- A. Review and adoption of March 11, 2015 minutes

5. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT (including discussion and possible Board action, as noted):**

A. **Board Vacancies**

Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Education

B. **Alternate Board Members** still needed for:

Area 3 – Country Club Heights
Area 8 - Melrose
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Area 12 – Western-Wilton
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://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
Carroll – Ethics (expired January, 2014)
Fox - Funding
Funderburk – Ethics (expired February, 2015)

Genewick – Ethics
Mintz - Ethics, Funding
Morgens – Ethics, Funding

- 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/>). 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:

Whitley
Asch
Bartenetti
Fox
Morgens

- E. **GWNC Representatives Attending DONE's Civic University:** Caroline Labiner Moser and Colette Amin

6. 2016 ELECTIONS (Discussion and possible Board Action, as noted)

- A. **Update on DONE's implementation of online voting**
- B. **Discussion and Board Action to approve GWNC's 2016 Election Stipulation Worksheet (Usher)**
- C. **Discussion and possible Board Action regarding staggered terms for GWNC board members (e.g. only half of board up for re-election in any one election)**

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

- A. **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2015** (Discussion and Board action) (Fuller)
- B. **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) (Carroll)

8. DWP MOU LIAISON (Discussion and possible Board action)(Humphreville)

Updates, discussion and possible board action on DWP rate increases and water conservation issues.

9. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action)

Discussion and possible Board action on subjects of the prospect of increased revenues, new programs, labor contracts, continued deficits...and sidewalk repairs.

10. LANCC REPORT (Mariscal)

Updates, discussion and possible Board action on topics discussed at the April LANCC meeting.

11. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Mariscal) (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted)

A. Discussion and Board action to approve presentation of citation to former GWNC Board Member Margaret Sowma on the occasion of her 100th birthday. (Citation will be presented by a GWNC representative at her birthday party on Saturday, April 25.)

Outreach Committee Recommended Motion: That the GWNC present a commemorative citation to former Board member Margaret Sowma on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

B. Discussion and Board action regarding participation in a joint CD4 candidate forum with Hollywood Hills West, Greater Toluca Lake and Hollywood United Neighborhood Councils – Event is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, at the Hall of Liberty Theater at Forest Lawn, from 7-9 p.m.

Outreach Committee Recommended Motion: That the GWNC co-sponsor the April 30 CD4 candidate forum with the Hollywood Hills West, Greater Toluca Lake, Silverlake, Los Feliz, Central Hollywood, Hollywood Studio District and Hollywood United Neighborhood Councils and the Mid-City West Community Council. GWNC participation will include publicity support via e-mail and social media, but no funding from the GWNC budget.

C. Request for Citizen Recognition Award candidates – Please contact Outreach Committee members with suggestions for future awards.

12. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Michelle Owen/Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. Update, discussion and possible action on Revised Mobility Plan/Mobility Plan 2035

B. Discussion and possible action on request for LAPD Traffic Division to Address Speed Issues on Oakwood Avenue

C. Discussion and possible action on request from Metro for Support of their Application for Financing Assistance to the State for the Procurement of the Train Cars needed by the Purple Line Extension

D. Discussion and possible action on a response to the Offer of a Neighborhood Meeting with the Los Angeles City Bureau of Engineering Staff on Possible Noise Abatement Strategies for Station Area Construction Areas

13. LAND USE COMMITTEE (James Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. Discussion and Board action on an application for a CUB to allow service of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at The Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne.

Issue: The historic women’s club supports itself with space rentals for weddings and other special occasions where liquor service is an important element. The club had an old CUB that was allowed to expire, and is seeking to reinstate the privileges, including a one-hour later closing time (new hours would be 9 a.m. to midnight). Neighbors from the Windsor Village area expressed concerns regarding parking and late-night noise and traffic, but after several meetings with the Ebell representatives agreed that voluntary conditions limiting the number of late-night events to six per year, as well as other proposed traffic and parking measures, would address the concerns.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application for a CUB to allow service of a full line of alcoholic beverages at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd.

B. Discussion and Board action on an application for a variance to allow added density in the construction of a 162-unit apartment complex at 700 S. Manhattan Pl.

Issue: Applicants first presented at the November LUC meeting, and agreed at that time to drop the variance request in favor of a Density Bonus application. At the time, neighbors from the Country Club Heights area expressed concerns with density, height, neighborhood compatibility and other issues. Since November, however, the LUC has not received notice of any new applications, and the project representatives have not replied to requests for updates.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC oppose the project as presented to date, due to the developers’ lack of communication, transparency and responses to our requests for information.

C. Discussion and Board action on an application for a CUB renewal, parking variance and extended hours for the Xiomara restaurant at 6101 Melrose

Issue: Applicant is requesting a CUB renewal for the continued sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, with an earlier opening hour (to provide brunch service), a later closing time, a variance to continue to allow the required parking to be provided off site within 750 feet, secured via lease agreement in lieu of a covenant, and limited live entertainment. At the February LUC meeting, committee members requested that the applicants return with a survey of other restaurants and liquor permits in the area, to make sure the applicants’ newly requested hours are not outside the norm for the neighborhood. Applicants returned in March, with a survey that showed the average closing hour is 10-11 p.m., so they revised their application/request to request hours of 10 a.m.-12 a.m. (just one hour later than the current permit allows).

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application for a CUB

renewal with extended hours (10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.) at the Xiomara restaurant at 6101 Melrose Ave.

D. Discussion and Board action on an application for a CUB to upgrade from beer and wine sales to a full line of liquor sales at the DomainLA wine shop at 6801 W. Melrose Ave.

Issue: The wine shop currently has a permit for wine and beer sales (Type 42) and tasting events (Type 20), but recently won the ABC lottery for a license to sell a full line of spirits (and to hold tastings of both wine and other products such as tequila). The store has been open for five years with no complaints.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application to allow the sale and tastings of a full line of alcoholic beverages at Domain LA, 6801 W. Melrose Ave.

E. Discussion and Board action on an application for a tract map to allow the conversion of a 2-unit duplex apartment building to 2 condominium units at 348-350 N. Orange Dr.

Issue: Applicants are seeking to convert a 1927, 2-unit duplex at this address to 2 condominium units. Four parking spaces (condominium standard) are provided on site. LUC discussion centered on the pros and cons of increasing home ownership vs. decreasing the number of available rental units in the neighborhood.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application to convert the 2-unit duplex to 2 condominium units at 348-50 N. Orange Dr.

F. Discussion and Board action on a CUB application for beer and wine sales at the Burger Lounge restaurant at 217 N. Larchmont Blvd.

Issue: 64-seat restaurant is requesting a permit to sell beer and wine. Alcohol will be served in a contained area only, and not at sidewalk tables. Committee discussion centered on the number of liquor licenses in the area, and the fact that the license goes with the land and would convey to future tenants (this particular space has had several tenants in recent years).

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application for the sale of beer and wine at the Burger Lounge restaurant at 217 N. Larchmont Blvd. *[note: the committee's vote on this was not unanimous – 9 in favor and 4 opposed]*

G. Application for a CUB to allow sales of a full line of alcoholic beverages at an existing restaurant space on the 7th floor at 4680 Wilshire Blvd. (currently the employee cafeteria at the Farmers' Insurance building).

Issue: This application was withdrawn by the applicants just before the LUC meeting, but Land Use Committee members debated whether or not it would be appropriate to make a pre-emptive statement about the appropriateness of alcohol licenses in this space

within the Park Mile Specific Plan area, and – although primary restaurant uses are not allowed - what kinds of restaurants may be allowed as “accessory uses.”

LUC Recommended Motion: None. (A motion to oppose liquor applications at this location within the Park Mile was proposed, but did not pass (the vote was tied 6-6).)

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

- i. Construction of a 162-unit, 7-story apartment complex at **700 S. Manhattan Pl.**
- ii. Development of a parking lot into 22 townhouse units over subterranean parking at **612 S. Norton** and **4055 Wilshire Blvd.**
- iii. Construction of a 4-story, 22-unit apartment complex with Density Bonus at **5022-5026 Rosewood Ave.**
- iv. Construction of a 4-unit Small Lot Subdivision project at **5016 Rosewood Ave.**
- v. Change of Use to convert the old Scottish Rite Temple to a private, non-profit museum at **4357 W. Wilshire Blvd.**
- vi. Construction of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at **407 S. Gramercy**
- vii. Density bonus project at **801-813 N. Hudson**
- viii. Construction of a new 6,000 square foot retail space at **101 N. La Brea**
- ix. 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** (Farmers’ Insurance building)
- x. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at **850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.**
- xi. Construction of 169 apartments at **904-932 N. La Brea Ave.**
- xii. CUB application to allow sales of wine and beer at the **Burger Lounge** restaurant, **217 N. Larchmont Blvd.**
- xiii. Construction of a 9-unit apartment building in the Wilshire Park HPOZ, at **963 S. Wilton Pl.**
- xiv. Demolition of 9 single family residences and construction of a new 5-story, 988-unit apartment building over garage levels at **501 N. Wilton**
- xv. Application for a CUB to allow the sales of beer and wine at a new 24-hour 7-Eleven store at **5373 W. Olympic Blvd.**
- xvi. Application for a Tract Map to build 8 new condominium units at **800 S. Lorraine Blvd.**
- xvii. Review of city policy on **hiring outside counsel for Land Use and CEQA cases**

I. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(5 minutes)

- A. **Save the date:** Windsor Square-Hancock Park Historical Society’s annual **Garden Tour**, Sunday, April 26: Brookside – Strolling Along the Stream, 1-4 p.m. Tickets \$30/members, \$35/non-members, contact pfrye1191@sbcglobal.net for more information.

B. **Save the date:** Big Sunday weekend, May 1-5. Many volunteer opportunities throughout the city and GWNC area (including Wilshire Crest School). See <http://www.BigSunday.org> to register.

C. **Next meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.**

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

K. 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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