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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 – vacant
Religion – Mike Genewick
Renters – Joseph Hoffman



**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda

**Please note new location for
THIS MEETING ONLY:
Anderson-Munger YMCA
Multi-Purpose Room
4301 W. 3rd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90020
Wednesday, June 10 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.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

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

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. CD4 Update (Ben Seinfeld)
- B. CD5 Update (John Darnell)
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

- D. 50th Assembly District (Tim Harter for Assembly Member Richard Bloom)
- E. Other local government representatives

III. **OTHER PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Su Hwang and Merton Harris – Anderson-Munger YMCA

IV. **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)

V. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

- A. Review and adoption of April 8, 2015 minutes
- B. Status of Administrator hiring and interim transition (Carpenter/Fuller)

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

A. **Board Vacancies**

Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Education
Other Non-Profit

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

Area 3 – Country Club Heights
Area 4 – Fremont Place
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:

Bartenetti - Ethics, Funding
Carroll – Ethics (expired 1/14)
Fox – Ethics (expired 3/4/15), Funding
McManus – Ethics (expired 5/30/15)
Mintz - Ethics, Funding
Morgens – Ethics, Funding
O'Donnell - 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, Business Alternate **Peggy Bartenetti** is the only GWNC Board Member or Alternate who has not turned in the required form.

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

- A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2015** (Discussion and Board action) (Patti Carroll, Elizabeth Fuller)

Expenses included:

- Larchmont Chronicle (May ad) - \$340.00
- Copy USA (board meeting handouts) - \$78.15
- Public Storage (storage locker) - \$129.00
- Lloyd Staffing (minutes writer) - \$141.57
- Lloyd Staffing (minutes writer) - \$167.31
- Copy USA (LUC meeting handouts) - \$55.12

Also spent so far in June (all previously approved; will be included in June Monthly Expenditure Report at next month's meeting):

- Staples (multimedia projector) - \$383.15
- WebQuarry (one year website hosting) - \$95.40
- Public Storage (storage locker) - \$104.00

Soon to be billed/paid (also previously approved):

- Larchmont Buzz "business card"-size ad (one year) \$1,800.00

- B. Approval of upcoming individual expenses** already pre-approved as line items in this year's budget – must be spent by end of fiscal year (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll, Elizabeth Fuller)

- Office supplies (allocated \$500.00 in this year's budget)

- C. 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)

- D. Approval of Budget Package for Fiscal Year 2015-2016** (Discussion and Board

action)

1. Self-Assessment
2. Outreach Survey
3. Strategic Plan
4. Budget

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

Discussion and possible action on:

- Rate increases
- Joint safety and training institutes (and resulting PR)
- Billing system (and resulting PR)
- Governance

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

Discussion and possible action on:

- City budget adopted
- Sidewalk “Fix & Release” repair proposals
- Litigation Risk / Ardon, DWP Transfer Fee

X. LANCC REPORT (Mariscal/Humphreville)

- A. Mosaic property development issues [LaBrea and Hollywood Blvd.], Save Our Residential Hollywood campaign
- B. Other

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

- A. **Second Sycamore Square Neighborhood Tour** – Well attended. Good tool for other neighborhoods as well; would love to do them in more GWNC neighborhoods.
- B. **Discussion of Great Streets Challenge Grants** – Pros and cons of grant program; GWNC could partner with some of our neighborhood associations near the Western Ave. corridor on a project?
- C. **Request for Citizen Recognition Award candidates** – Please contact Outreach Committee members with suggestions for future awards.

XII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (M. Owen/Stromberg/Carpenter) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. **New committee members needed** – can be Board Members, Alternates or stakeholders.
- B. **Revised Mobility Element** – seeking help to digest and gain greater understanding

of plan and related actions (e.g. recent Council vote on relaxing developer requirements for street dedications). Ideas – consultants or other helpers?

- C. **Updates from May 21 Purple Line Extension community Meeting:**
 - Tree removal (reduction in total number of trees; starting this summer near Wilshire/La Brea; removed trees being offered for sale)
 - Coming soon: 4 months of pile driving and 12 weekend closures of Wilshire/La Brea intersection
- D. **Use of plate lock technology in subway construction** – Could help reduce frequency of and noise from drilling; request GWNC support.

REQUESTED MOTION: That the GWNC submit a letter to Curtis Tran at the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Public Works, advocating for the approval of the use of plate lock technology in the City of Los Angeles.

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

- A. **Discussion and Board action on an application for a CUB to allow “instructional” tastings of alcoholic beverages at the Ralphs grocery store at 260 S. La Brea.**

Issue: The store already has a permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption. New permit would add permission to conduct tastings between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Vendors would conduct the tastings; only one type of beverage available at each tasting; tasting area would be roped off.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application for a CUB to allow tastings of alcoholic beverages at the Ralphs grocery store at 260 S La Brea. *(Note: LUC vote was 8 in favor of the motion, 2 abstained.)*

[The following item is presented for information only; no Board action is required or requested at this time.]

- B. **Discussion and Board action on an application to install an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an historic apartment building at 407 S. Gramercy**

Issue: Applicants presented plans for the installation, which will include three sectors of four antennas each, with equipment cabinets and screens. Plans currently call for screens that will look like the brick façade of the building, with patterns that mimic arches in the original construction. Committee members requested drawings that would show greater details in the cabinet designs. Applicant is also working with the Office of Historic Resources on the designs, and will return to the committee with new drawings as plans evolve.

- C. **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 a new 6,000 square foot retail space at **101 N. La Brea**

vii. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at **836-850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.**

viii. Construction of 169 apartments at **904-932 N. La Brea Ave.**

ix. Construction of a 9-unit apartment building in the Wilshire Park HPOZ, at **963 S. Wilton Pl.**

x. Demolition of 9 single family residences and construction of a new 5-story, 988-unit apartment building over garage levels at **501-543 N. Wilton**

xi. 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.**

xii. Application for a Tract Map to build 8 new condominium units at **800 S. Lorraine Blvd.**

xiii. Application for a permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages at a new restaurant at the Essex Wilshire-La Brea development at **5200 Wilshire**

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(5 minutes)

- A. Update on Citrus Square neighborhood association organizing effort (Jeffrey Carpenter)
- B. LADOT Questionnaire (Carpenter)
- C. Pico NC Forum on Police Body Cameras (June 14)

XV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5 minutes)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Next meeting, Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 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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- 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)
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