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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**

**Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

**The Ebell of Los Angeles
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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** (Nikki Ezhari)
- B. CD5 Update** (John Darnell)
 - Re-surfacing of Sycamore Avenue between 3rd Street and Willoughby Avenue planned (Areas 2 and 8). From Oakwood to 3rd Street planned for December.
 - “No left turn” signage for westbound drivers on Willoughby has been installed at Highland (Area 8); this is hoped to improve general safety at the intersection for pedestrians and drivers by eliminating the turning queue.

- The Council Office commends the L.A. City Attorney's Dispute Resolution Program. More details are at: <http://www.lacity.org/mediate>; email to: mediate@lacity.org.
- Councilmember Koretz has requested that Department of Public Works and the Bureau of Street Services report on the health of the City's trees and develop a sustainability plan; Council File Number is 15-0467; link is <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0467>

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

D. Other local government representatives

E. LA Department of Sanitation

- The Storm Water Management program is offering free canisters and rolls of dog waste bags to help reduce contaminated water runoff. More information is at: <http://www.lastormwater.org/take-action/practice-good-housekeeping/tips-for-pet-owners/request-free-dog-waste-bag/>

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 October 14, 2015 minutes (Jeff Carpenter)

B. Status of Administrator hiring (Jeff Carpenter)

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

A. Appointment of Ad Hoc Election Committee

- Confirmation of permanent Election Committee chair/chairpersons
- Nomination/appointment of Election Committee members

B. Introduction, Approval, Installation of New Non-Profit Representative Board member-- Patrick MacKellan (Patricia Carroll) (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."

C. 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

D. Alternate Board Members still needed for:

Area 3 – Country Club Heights
Area 4 – Fremont Place
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Education
Other Non-Profit
Religion

E. 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

[note: Patricia Carroll's status was inadvertently omitted in the agenda as posted on November 6, 2015]

D'Atri - Ethics

Fox – Ethics, Funding

Humpreville – Ethics

Mintz - Ethics, Funding

Mulligan - Ethics

Morgens – Ethics, Funding

O'Donnell – Ethics

Usher – Ethics

Note: In addition, Ethics certification for John Gresham will expire on November 15, 2015.

F. 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)

VII. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2015 (Discussion and Board action) (Patti Carroll)

- 10/1 KYCC - Wilton Island Maintenance - \$75
- 10/5 Public Storage October- \$104.00
- 10/16 Larchmont Chronicle October - \$340.00
- 10/19 Banners Co (banner stand) - \$85.10
- 10/20 Sign World (sign for Fair and more - \$119.46
- 10/27 United Methodist Church LUC rent July August Sept - \$75
- 10/29 United Methodist Church Transportation Meeting rent - \$25

A. Approval of Individual Expenses Listed in the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) – (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll)

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

- Public Storage October - \$104.00
- Larchmont Chronicle October - \$340.00
- Ebell Rent October - \$300
- UMC Land Use Meeting Space - \$25.00
- Approval for postage/supplies for Jeff Carpenter, Secretary - suggested up to \$100
- Approval for large GWNC map/web site banner and stand (for Larchmont Fair and future events) - \$200

D. Update on Budget and Miscellaneous Items (Patti Carroll)

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

A. Update on LADWP Rate Increase

B. Report on LANCC Meeting on November 7.

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

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

B. Report on DONE Election Workshop Meeting (Colette Amin)

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

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

A. Report on GWNC Transportation Committee-Council District 4 Street and Sidewalk Repairs Database Program (Julie Stromberg)

The GWNC Transportation Committee is compiling data on streets and sidewalks in the Greater Wilshire Area within Council District 4 for Councilman David Ryu’s Office (CD 4). Submissions are due on Friday, November 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. All submissions should be sent to transportation@greaterwilshire.org. Submissions must include location of the repair site and general description. Photographs of the

requested repairs are strongly encouraged. GWNC Transportation Committee member Julie Stromberg is coordinating the project.

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

Report on status of LA Mobility Plan 2035 and related amendments involving areas within the GWNC.

C. Next Meeting Will be on Monday, November 30, 2015

D. Discussion, Planning, and Motion on Metro Decking at La Brea for the Purple Line Extension Project. (Representatives from Metro and Skanska Traylor Shea (STS)). Discussion regarding and voting on two possible options for street closures during decking work at La Brea and Wilshire Blvd. for the Purple Line Extension Project. Construction will consist of a concrete deck, curb to curb, on Wilshire Blvd., between Orange Drive and Detroit Street. The decking process will involve street closures, related detours, and various construction work schedules.

- **Motion 1:** Move to support 7 week full closure of Wilshire, from Highland and La Brea, with the following schedule: 7 days a week, 7am-11pm above deck, 11pm-7am below deck, and 15 Nights of work; and 6 additional weekend closures from La Brea to Detroit, 9pm Friday thru 6am Monday, work continuous.
- **Motion 2:** Move to support approximately 22 weekend closures, broken down by area closures, with the following schedule: 9pm Friday thru 6am Monday, work continuous, and 66 Nights of work.

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

A. Report and Status on the Sustainability Committee. Update on upcoming Committee projects.

B. Date and Location of Next Sustainability Committee Meeting. The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Chapel Room of the Wilshire Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005

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

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Barbara Savage) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. 640 N LaBrea (Orangetheory)

Issue: A CUP is requested for a mini shopping mall exception for Orangetheory, a crossfit training facility. Orangetheory is asking for their hours of operation to start from 5:00am instead of 7:00am.

LUC Recommended Motion: No recommendation or motion. LUC heard the applicant's presentation, but could not take action because there was no quorum. Therefore the applicant is seeking the support of the GWNC board because their hearing is between this GWNC meeting and the next LUC meeting on November 24.

B. 7015 Melrose (Tsuru Sushi/ Modern Dinery Inc., David Weissglass representative for David Kim)

Issue: Tsuru Sushi is applying for an expedited CUP to allow for the sale of full line of alcohol for on-site consumption.

LUC Recommended Motion: No recommendation or motion. The LUC did not hear this case because the MLU came after the last LUC meeting. Because the applicant wanted to expedite the application, he is coming directly to the Board for review.

[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):

1. 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. The project is being developed in conjunction with the maintenance of existing 2-story commercial building on the corner of Melrose and LaBrea and will be lot-tied. Currently used as a valet parking lot and 2 story commercial building. Proposed to be mixed use.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting, Wednesday, December 9, 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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- 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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