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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, December 9, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

**The Ebell of Los Angeles  
4400 Wilshire Blvd.  
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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)
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers**
- D. 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 November 11, 2015 minutes** (Jeff Carpenter)
- B. **Status of Retaining a New GWNC Contract Administrator** (Jeff Carpenter)  
The recommendations of the Interview Panel will be discussed at the end of the meeting. Out of courtesy to the applicants, the discussion will be a closed session and the audience will be asked to leave the meeting. The action of the board will be reported immediately after the conclusion of the closed session.

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 4 – Fremont Place  
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://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  
**D'Atri** - Ethics  
**Fox** – Ethics, Funding  
**Gresham** – Ethics  
**Humphreville** – Ethics  
**Mintz** - Ethics, Funding  
**Mulligan** - Ethics  
**Morgens** – Ethics, Funding  
**O'Donnell** – Ethics  
**Usher** – Ethics

*Note: In addition, Ethics certification for Caroline Moser will expire on February 5, 2016.*

**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.

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

**A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2015** (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

11/4 Public Storage November - \$104.00

11/5 The Ebell October - \$300.00

11/12 KYCC - \$75

11/19 Lloyds Minutes writing - \$132.56

**B. 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 Nov - \$104.00
- Larchmont Chronicle December - \$340.00
- Ebell Rent Nov - \$300
- Ebell Rent Dec - 300
- UMC Land Use Meeting Space Oct, Nov, Dec - \$75.
- Village Mail call Annual fee Mail box - \$400
- KYCC - \$75
- Lloyds Staffing - 128.70
- Lloyds Staffing -173.75
- Lloyds Staffing - 193.05

**D. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update**

- Notice from DONE on Missing MER filings

**VII. 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 in November**

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

**A. Update on publicity accomplished to date.**

**B. Proposed Election Committee Project Program and Budget**

**C. Update on confirming polling location.**

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

**A. Larchmont Ledger Advertising** (Fred Mariscal) (Discussion and Possible Action)

- B. **Update on Yoga in the Park** (Colette Amin)
  - 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.
- X. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)
- A. **Report and Status on the Transportation Committee** (Julie Stromberg)  
Report on new members, resigned members, and new officers. (Julie Stromberg)
  - B. **Report on GWNC Transportation Committee-Council District 4 Street and Sidewalk Repairs Database Program** (Julie Stromberg)  
Submission period ended and 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).
  - C. **Report and Update on LA Mobility Plan 2035** (Discussion and Possible Board Action)(Julie Stromberg)  
Report on status of LA Mobility Plan 2035.  
  
**Issue:** Businesses and residents are concerned that particular alternative transportation infrastructure proposals of the Mobility Plan 2035 do not adequately address and mitigation potential adverse impacts on traffic circulation and local accessibility.  
  
**Transportation Committee Recommended Motion:** That a formal process for substantive community input be developed and put into place and that this process be undertaken with each neighborhood prior to the implementation of any part of Mobility Plan 2035. The process must allow for each Neighborhood Council to submit a Community Impact Statement and to request that all neighborhood groups (HOA's, Chambers of Commerce, BIDs, etc.) be given time to respond and to have their input included as well.
  - D. **Discussion, Planning, and Motion on Metro Decking at La Brea for the Purple Line Extension Project** (Discussion and Possible Board Action)(Julie Stromberg)  
  
**Issue:** Metro is proposing 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. The soft closure will begin at Crenshaw Blvd. and the hard closure will be from S. Highland Ave. to S. Detroit Street.  
  
**Transportation Committee Recommended Motion:** Move to recommend that Council District 4 ensures that the seven full-week and 16-weekend closure options presented by Metro for street closures relating to decking work at La Brea Ave. and Wilshire Blvd. for the Purple Line Extension Project both remain as available options for a vote for the final decision on the preferred closure option. In addition, the GWNC requests that specific neighborhood streets, including but not limited to 3rd Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Lucerne Blvd., S. Sycamore Ave., S. Mullen Ave., S. Rimpau Blvd., and S. Orange Drive, be protected from detour traffic due to

the related street closures. Further, Metro should develop a comprehensive traffic plan relating to the subject closures for the areas bounded by S. Western Ave., W. Olympic Blvd., S. Fairfax Ave., and Beverly Blvd., and also consider expanding the traffic plan to include the areas bounded by W. Pico Blvd. and Melrose Ave.

**E. Next Meeting Will be on Monday, February 1, 2016**

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

**A. Report and Status on the Sustainability Committee** (Julie Stromberg)

Report on December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and meeting presentation by Chuck Turhollow, Division Manager, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, on El Nino preparedness.

**B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Committee Partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and GWNC Water Conservation Challenge** (Discussion and Possible Board Action)(Julie Stromberg/Barbara Savage)

The GWNC Sustainability Committee is partnering with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to help residents of the Greater Wilshire area conserve water. Many zip codes within the Greater Wilshire area are in the top 1% of water users for the City of Los Angeles. The GWNC Sustainability Committee and LADWP are partnering together to change this statistic with their “180 Days to Turn It Around” campaign. The campaign will be limited to a small group of residents who must opt-in to the challenge. LADWP will perform an audit of the participating residences’ water usage. At the January 13, 2016 GWNC Board meeting, participating residents will receive a welcome packet from the LADWP with an analysis of their water usage. LADWP will provide recommendations on how to reduce water usage. Participating residents will have 180 days from the program’s official launch on January 13, 2016 reduce their water usage by 20%.

Individuals must opt-in to the program and submit their nomination to [sustainability@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:sustainability@greaterwilshire.org) by January 6, 2016. The email should include the individual’s name, address, contact information, and state in the body of the email: “I opt-in to the GWNC Sustainability Committee’s 180 Days to Turn it Around campaign.” Interested individuals must live within the GWNC area. For additional questions regarding the program, please email [sustainability@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:sustainability@greaterwilshire.org).

**C. 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.

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

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

**A. Comment Draft of Revised Baseline Mansionization Ordinance** (Jim Wolf, Barbara Savage, et al.) (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

Discussion of process to review, analyze, develop and submit GWNC comments on proposed revisions in the BHO/BMO.

**Issue:** The pending revision of the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance was to remedy

the abuses that had incentivized “tear downs” of legacy single-family dwellings and that developers had been able to exploit to build very disruptive, out-of-scale housing lacking important setbacks for light and air. The revised BMO was to afford, at a minimum, as much or more protection as the best provisions of the Interim Control Ordinance, due to expire, have been providing neighborhoods in the GWNC. The GWNC needs to determine the extent to which the draft revised BMO fulfills these critical objectives.

The deadline for public comments is January 11, 2016.

**B. Draft Revised Zoning Code (“ReCodeLA”) Comment Draft** (Jim Wolf, Barbara Savage, et al.) (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

Discussion of process to review, analyze, develop and submit GWNC comments on proposed revisions in the BHO/BMO.

**Issue:** The current Zoning Ordinance, originated in 1948, has become increasingly complicated and ineffective in providing for effective neighborhood conservation as well as orderly and equitable urban land use transitions. The pending revised zoning and land use ordinance would be an essential foundation context supporting specific objectives such as were to be addressed in the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, as well as other myriad land use challenges in the GWNC such as effective management of “transit-oriented development”. The GWNC needs to determine the extent to which this process and presently circulating RedCodeLA draft documents are responding to these critical objectives.

Draft Framework document released December 14, 2014. “Urban Form and Neighborhood Design” chapter highlighted in May 2015. Schedule, process for comment undefined.

**C. 501, 505, 511, 515-521, 527, 531, 535, and 543 N. Wilton Place** (MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION-NG 15-524-PL; ENV-2015-689-EAF) (John Reed, applicant) (Charlie D’Atri, et al.) (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

**Summary:** This project includes demolition and removal of the 9 existing, single-family homes located on the Project site and the development of a building containing 88 multi-family dwelling units (44 one-bedroom units and 44 two-bedroom units), including 8 very-low income units. The proposed residential building would include 4 stories over 2 stories of parking (one level of parking would be partially subterranean), with a maximum building height of 56 feet.

The project would provide a minimum of 142 vehicle parking spaces along with a minimum of 97 bicycle parking spaces. The project also includes a bicycle maintenance room, a leasing office, a gym and a recreation room.

**Issue:** To implement the Project, the applicant is requesting the City approve a single, on-menu incentive to increase the building height from 45 feet to 56 feet, pursuant to Senate Bill 1818 and the City's Density Bonus ordinance. The developer has to date has not presented the LUC with the definitive, detailed plans and descriptions that satisfactorily address how the project will effectively deal with proposed added density, height and attendant traffic issues. The City’s review comment period ends Dec. 16, 2015.

**Recommendation:** As the LUC has not been able to adequately review and act on this project within the review comment period, the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association is requesting that GWNC oppose the requested approvals until LUC has been able to review the project to its satisfaction and report back to the GWNC board.

**Proposed Motion:** The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, having not been given the opportunity to review the substance of this application and the proposed design, opposes this project until the GWNC Land Use Committee is able to fully and satisfactorily review the project, its design and the mitigation of its prospective impacts.

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

**D. 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.*

**XIV. CONSIDERATION OF INTERVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RETAINING A NEW GWNC CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR**

(Owen Smith, Jeff Carpenter, Patricia Carroll, Joseph Hoffman, Patricia Lombard, Elizabeth Fuller) (Discussion and board action) (10 minutes)

**Closed Session.** In consideration for the persons being discussed, the public will be asked to vacate the meeting room for this personnel item. Immediately following the conclusion of this item, the president will announce any board action taken.

**XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 minutes)

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

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Next meeting, Wednesday, January 13, 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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- Via e-mail (send a subscription request to [admin@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:admin@greaterwilshire.org))
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