



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting October 19, 2016
Approved by the Board on November 9, 2016

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to order & Flag Salute (Owen Smith – President)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

B. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

Secretary Joseph Hoffman called the roll. Twelve of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Tucker Carney, Philip Farha, Michael Genewick, Phivan Ha (Alternate for Karen Gilman), Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Bradley Jewett (Alternate for Barbara Savage), Max Kirkham (Alternate for Nancy Kim), Kathleen Mulligan (Alternate for Patricia Carroll), Richard Park (Alternate for Frances McFall), Steven Senigram, Owen Smith (President) and John Winther. Charles D’Atri and Adam Morgens (Alternate for Jeffry Carpenter) arrived later. Seven Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Scott Appel, John Gresham, Bobbie Kumetz, Caroline Moser, Julie Stromberg, Greg Wittmann and James Wolf (Vice-President). New Alternate Board Members Colin Turner and Vince Cox were appointed to the Board during below Item #VI. A. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 3/5 of the 21 currently filled Board Seats, or 13 Members (see <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Some Alternate Seats were vacant (see below Item #VI.). Also attended: 15 Stakeholders and guests.

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations).

A. Assemblymember Richard Bloom, District 50 (Tim Harter)

Mr. Harter reported that the State budget passed. He described legislative work.

B. Assemblymember Miguel Santiago, District 53

No representative was present; there was no report.

C. CD4 Update (Daniel Park/Nikki Ezhari)

Jessica Fugate, Special Projects Coordinator for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that the Great Streets Initiative

chose Western Ave. from Third to Melrose. Five murals were installed and two more will be. Trees will be planted in November.

D. CD5 Update (John Darnell)

John Darnell, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (310-289-0353; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), reported that soon there will be a workshop on the Jump Start emergency preparation block-by-block program. Four-way stop signs will be installed at First and Citrus, and Second and Citrus. Speed bump funding may be available early next year.

E. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Hebel Rodriguez, LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213.473.0476; mobile/text phone 213.793.0715; 35738@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

F. Metro (Michael Cortez)

Michael Cortez, Metro Construction Relations Officer, East Segment (direct 323.900.2145; CortezMic@metro.net; 24-hour information 213.922.6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213.922.2500+1; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt), and Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer (cell 213.479.7884, RacineN@metro.net), reported that decking closures were finished in 16, not 22 weekends. In late October on Wilshire jet grouting will be done. Decking work at Fairfax will be in January; information is available online. Traffic adjustments are being made at Fremont Place.

G. Other Community/local government representatives

Erin Goldstrom, Westside Jewish Community Center. Reported on the upcoming 'One.Healthy.Community.' 5K Run/Walk To Support Health and Wellness Community Programs, December 11, 2016. Register: www.wizathon.com/wjcc5, Phone 323.556.5209.

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

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville reported about the DWP.

B. Budget Advocate Report

Copies were distributed of "Early White Paper Recommendation[s]." Mr. Humphreville explained it and that there are 36 Advocates from 12 City regions, elected at the annual Congress.

Board Member Charles D'Atri and Adam Morgens (Alternate for Jeffrey Carpenter) arrived at this time (7:07), making a quorum at this Meeting of 14 Members (or their Alternate(s)) present. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

Mr. Humphreville explained challenges and recommendations from the LA 2020 Commission.

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council urges the City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to implement the following recommendations of the LA 2020 Commission as part of its budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year:

Create an independent “Office of Transparency and Accountability” to analyze and report on the City’s budget, evaluate new legislation, examine existing issues and service standards, and increase accountability.

Adopt a “Truth in Budgeting” ordinance that requires the City develop a three year budget and a three year baseline budget with the goal to understand the longer-term consequences of its policies and legislation (Council File 14-1184-S2)

Be honest about the cost of future promises by adopting a discount rate and pension earnings assumptions similar to those used by Warren Buffet.

Establish a “Commission for Retirement Security” to review the City’s retirement obligations in order to promote an accurate understand of the facts.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Erin Goldstrom, Westside JCC Marketing and Development Associate (323.556.5209; rconn@westsidejcc.org; wizathon.com/wjcc5k), announced their Sunday, December 11th 8:00 and later 5K Run/Walk on San Vicente between Olympic and La Brea “to support health and wellness community programs.”

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)

A. Review and adoption of September 14, 2016 Minutes (Joe Hoffman).

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Winther): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 14, 2016 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Introduction, Approval, Installation of New Board Alternate – (Discussion and Board Action).

Colin Turner – Area 4 – Fremont Place

Vince Cox – Area 7 – Larchmont Village

Nathalie Rosen – Area 15 – Windsor Village

Ms. Rosen was unable to attend. Mr. Turner and Mr. Cox read aloud the Neighborhood Council Oath of Office.

New Alternate Board Member Vince Cox was Seated at this time, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

B. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval: Education; and Religion.
Mr. Smith noted the above. He and Mr. Hoffman encouraged only using official GWNC email addresses for GWNC business, not private email addresses.

C. Board Member and Alternate Training Requirements.

All Board Members and Alternates must complete ethics and funding training in order to vote on funding motions before the Board. The training courses and instructions can be found at <http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/>. The following Board Members and Alternates are shown, by DONE, as NOT having completed the trainings noted below and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters:

Brook – Ethics & Funding

Mintz – Ethics & Funding

Rosales – Ethics & Funding

Szentgyorgyi – Ethics & Funding

Mr. Smith noted the above.

D. Code of Conduct Policy – All Board Members and Alternates are required to read and sign the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-ofconduct/>) within 30 days of their election or appointment. Members who have not yet completed the Code of Conduct include: Brook.
Mr. Smith noted the above.

VII. TREASURER’S REPORT (Discussion and Board Action, as noted) (Patti Carroll).

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2016 (Discussion and Board action).

9/6 Public Storage \$117.00

9/9 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Writer DL \$160.88

9/9 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Writer DL \$199.49

9/9 Larchmont Chronicle - September Ad \$340.00

9/13 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Writer DL \$96.53

9/16 San Wilshire - photocopies Board meeting \$40.00

9/20 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Writer DL \$173.75

9/20 Ebell - September Board Meeting \$350.00

9/20 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400.00

9/20 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400.00

9/29 San Wilshire - Photocopies LUC Meeting \$25.07

Mr. Hoffman distributed copies of and reviewed the GWNC “September 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report” and recent expenses.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council accepts its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, Mulligan, Park, Senigram, Smith, Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. , Morgens was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs) (Discussion and Board Action) See above.
Mr. Hoffman reviewed expenditures.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in September 2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, Mulligan, Park, Senigram, Smith, Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. , Morgens was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.C. Review of September 2016 Approved Expenses that will show up on the October 2016 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only; no Board Action necessary).

10/3 Public storage \$117
10/3 Lloyd Staffing- Admin SF \$400
10/3 Lloyd Staffing- Admin SF \$400
10/3 Lloyd Staffing- MR DL \$244.53
10/13 Larchmont Chronicle - October ad \$340
10/13 Larchmont Blvd Assoc. (Family Fair) \$350
Ebell - October Board meeting \$350
UMC- LUC meeting \$150
Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

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

Public Storage – Nov \$11
Larchmont Chronicle – Nov \$340
Office Supplies \$250
UMC LUC meeting \$150
Sans Wilshire TBD
Lloyd Staffing TBD

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council pre-approves the upcoming expenses indicated by its Treasurer.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, Carpenter, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, Mulligan, Park, Senigram, Smith, Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Morgens was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

Mr. Hoffman indicated that \$30,828 in funding was available as of the end of September.

- E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update. Done deposited \$9250 into the GWNC account on 10/7.

VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Board Action as noted) (Joe Hoffman)

- A. Update on the October 1, 2016 meeting
Mr. Hoffman indicated to see the below.

- B. Larchmont Fair (Discussion and Possible Board Action) Volunteers needed for setup, clean-up, and booth duties in shifts from 11am to 5:30 pm.
Mr. Hoffman noted the above October 30th event.

- C. Content of November 2016 GWNC ads in the Larchmont Ledger and Park LaBrea - Beverly Press (Discussion and Possible Board Action).
Mr. Hoffman reported that “these are already paid for” and “will run in November.”

- D. Approval of the 5x7 GWNC Information Card (Discussion and Possible Board Action)
Presentation of proposed artwork for the card approved at the last meeting.
Copies were distributed of a draft Information Card. One thousand would be printed for less than \$200.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council accepts the draft 5x7 GWNC Information Card with the addition of the words “at large” representative.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carney, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, Mulligan, Park, Senigram, Smith, Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Morgens was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- E. AIDS Walk Los Angeles (Julie Stromberg) TeamGWNC recruitment for the annual fundraising event on Sunday, October 23, 2016.
Mr. Hoffman reported that the Team was formed.

- F. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates. Please contact outreach@greaterwilshire.org with suggestions for future awards.
Mr. Hoffman reported that Candidates are needed.

- G. Next Outreach Committee meeting: November 5, 2016 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Note that due to the upcoming holidays, Outreach Committee meetings will be moved one week to the first Saturday of the month for November, December, and January.
Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg)

- A. The October 3, 2016 Transportation Meeting was Cancelled. The Next Transportation Committee Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004.
Mr. Smith relayed from Ms. Stromberg that there was no report at this time.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage)

A. Report on possible upcoming topics for next Sustainability meeting.

Ms. Savage described Committee goals and their request for Board support.

B. Support Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance's (NCSA) call for 100% renewable energy by 2030 (Discussion and Possible Board Action). The NCSA Board urges Neighborhood Councils to call for LADWP to shift its energy generation portfolio to 100% renewable energy by 2030 and refrain from further investment in its fossil fuel infrastructure.

This Item was not addressed.

C. Next Sustainability meeting: December 13, 2016, time and location TBD.

This Item was not addressed.

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

There were no Board Member comments or new business at this time.

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

A. 953 S. Citrus Ave. Originally presented as an application for a subdivision of a single-family parcel to 2 single-family parcels in an R-1 zone which was opposed by the LUC and GWNC Board. Neighbors were notified of a demolition pre-inspection application. The Land Use Committee voted unanimously to oppose the application for the subdivision and the demolition pre-inspection application #16019-10000- 03650. Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion]. Copies were distributed of a Demolition Pre-inspection application.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the application for a subdivision of a single-family parcel to two single-family parcels in a R-1 zone at 953 S. Citrus Ave. and opposes the demolition pre-inspection application #16019-10000-03650.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

[Note: the following items are presented for information only; no action is requested or required at this time.]

B. Second Dwelling Unit Ordinance – (Philip Farha) Unpermitted units had until September 30, 2016 to get a permit. The City standard has been repealed and the State standard AB1866 is being used. No Motion made and no vote taken the LUC.

Mr. Farha explained the above.

C. Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone – (Joe Hoffman) The establishment of an Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone will enable owners of vacant property to apply for and enter into UAIZ agreements with the City to potentially receive a tax benefit if their property meets the eligibility criteria. CPC- 2016-3161-CA, EN-2016-3162-CE. Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance at October 13th meeting. No motion was made and no vote was taken by the LUC.

Mr. Farha explained the above.

D. Possible agenda items for upcoming meeting:

- i. 667-671 N Wilton Pl – A density bonus project pursuant to section 12.22.A.25 For 2 on-menu incentives and using parking option 1. The project is a new 34-unit residential building, including 3 very low income units. ENV-2016-2599-EAF, DIR-2016-2598-DB.
- ii. 6063-6065 W. Melrose Ave. – New CUB Application requesting the sale of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption at a new restaurant. Conversion of an auto shop to a restaurant is currently underway, ZA-2016-3374-CUB
- iii. 551 N. Bronson Ave. – Application for hardship Exemption from the current ICO which prohibits expansions of greater than 20% of an existing home’s floor area. Proposed addition is for 586 sq. ft. existing residence is 1,195 sq. ft.
- iv. 708-712 S. Gramercy Dr. – Demo 2 single-family residences and build a 5–story , 32-unit apartment building.
- v. 3607 W. Olympic Blvd. - (Lazlo Faerstein) Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6-unit Small Lot Subdivision project.
- vi. 800 S. Lorraine Ave. – (Kamran Khoubian) New 3-story, 11-unit apartment building on vacant.
- vii. 612 S. Norton and 4055 W. Wilshire Blvd. - Updates on plans for townhouses and condominiums
- viii. 7000-7024 W. Melrose Ave - Density bonus with on-menu incentives for a 40-unit, 2-story residential development.

E. Next Land Use Committee meeting: October 25, 2016 at 6:30pm.

The above was noted.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Report on 2016 Congress of Neighborhoods (Colette Amin).

Mr. Hoffman encouraged completing a survey. More than 800 attended, including City officials; 94 of 96 Neighborhood Councils were represented.

B. The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count 2017 (Joe Hoffman). Save the date for the annual count on Thursday, January 26, 2017.

Mr. Hoffman explained this.

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests or Motions at this time.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting - Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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