



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting December 14, 2016
Approved by the Board on January 11, 2017

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, December 14, 2016, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frances McFall.

B. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

Secretary Joseph Hoffman called the roll. Thirteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Colette Amin (Alternate for Tucker Carney), Scott Appel, Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Michael Genewick, Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Nancy Kim, Frances McFall, Caroline Moser, Steven Senigram, Owen Smith (President), Colin Turner (Alternate for Bobbie Kumetz) and John Winther. Phivan Ha (Alternate for Karen Gilman), Bradley Jewett (Alternate for Barbara Savage) and Greg Wittmann arrived later. Five Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Charles D’Atri, Philip Farha, John Gresham, Julie Stromberg and James Wolf (Vice-President). 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 the Board could take such votes. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Alternate Seats were vacant [Education and Religion; to apply see www.GWNC.org.] Also attended: approximately 19 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. CD4 Update (Daniel Park/Nikki Ezhari) (Report on OurLA2040 – Our City. Our Future. Our Plan).

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. D.*] Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-473-7004; Nikki.Ezhari@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that the sidewalk repair program (www.sidewalks.LACity.org) re-started; homeowners can get “reimbursed” up to \$2,000 and “can hire their own contractor.”

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. Metro

Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer (cell 213.479.7884, RacineN@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), reported there will be jet grouting on Wilshire Blvd. for six to eight weeks. He and Billy Parent, Metro Design Builder, explained.

Board Member Greg Wittmann arrived at this time (7:07), making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

E. Other local government representatives

There were no other reports at this time.

Alternate Board Member Phivan Ha arrived at this time (7:10), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

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

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that the DWP reform Measure R lost. Also, the annual transfer fee of \$264 million was made and is being litigated.

B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that Measure HHH (for homeless housing) passed and Measure JJJ (for affordable housing) passed. The Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com] soon will issue their annual White Paper of recommendations on the City budget.

C. LA Neighborhood Council Coalition motions for consideration:

Mr. Humphreville explained the below Motions from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition [LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org].

Copies were distributed of the proposed Ordinance.

i. Citizens Oversight Committee for Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing and Facilities solution (CF 16-1060).

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Citizens Oversight Committee for Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing and Facilities solution (City Council File 16-1060).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- ii. Neighborhood Councils encouraged to establish a Homeless Advocate Program during this crisis (CF 15-1138-S11).
No Motion was made or vote taken on this Item.
- iii. Support CF 16-1068 which opposes the above-ground, high speed train route known as E2 as proposed by the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), and calls for a station planning grant to be allocated to the City of Los Angeles.
No Motion was made or vote taken on this Item.
- iv. Support CF 14-1499-S4 regarding Illegal Dumping which addresses the fine level and enforcement practices.

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports City Council File 14-1499-S4 regarding Illegal Dumping which addresses the fine level and enforcement practices.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Ms. Amin requested Board Members to contact their Alternates when the Board Member will miss a Board meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)

Alternate Board Member Bradley Jewett arrived at this time (7:28), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

A. Review and adoption of November 9, 2016 Minutes (Joe Hoffman)

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. McFall): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 9, 2016 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

B. Request for volunteers for Neighborhood Purpose Grants Ad Hoc Committee (Julie Stromberg).

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VI. C.] Ms. Amin, Ms. Carroll, Ms. Kim and Ms. McFall volunteered.

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

A. 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 vacancies.

B. 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; Cox – Ethics; Mintz – Ethics & Funding; Morgens – Ethics; Rosales – Ethics & Funding; and Szentgyorgyi – Ethics & Funding.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

- C. 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 (MER) for November 2016 (Discussion and Board action).

11/2 Lloyd Staffing - Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400
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11/3 Public Storage - Storage \$117
11/7 Larchmont Chronicle - Nov Ad \$340
11/10 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer DL \$122.27
11/14 San Wilshire - Board print outs \$33.35
11/21 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400
11/25 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer - DL \$154.44
11/25 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400
11/25 San Wilshire - photocopies for LUC handouts \$14.06

Ms. Carroll distributed copies of the GWNC “November 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report” and the November UnionBank statement of accounts, and reviewed recent expenses. The November rent was \$350, not \$340.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Jewett, McFall, Moser, Senigram, Smith, Turner, Winther and Wittmann; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Kim).

- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the November 2016 MER (Discussion and Board Action). See above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in November 2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Jewett, McFall, Moser, Senigram, Smith, Turner, Winther and Wittmann; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Kim).

C. Review of November 2016 Approved Expenses that will show up on the December 2016 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only; no Board Action necessary).

12/5 Public storage \$117

12/8 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400

12/8 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer DL \$160.88

12/8 Larchmont Chronicle - Nov ad \$340

12/8 Ebell - Dec Board meeting \$350

12/14 Lloyd Staffing MR DL \$109.40

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

D. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses (Discussion and Board Action). No non-recurring expenses at this time.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update.

Ms. Carroll will update in January.

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

A. Update on the December 3, 2016 meeting. Meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

B. 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Discussion and Board Action) (Joe Hoffman). Volunteer recruitment for the January 26th event.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the Count will be between 7:00 p.m. – midnight, but not continuous; a place with ADA-compliant parking is sought for 40-45 people to meet for the Count. Mr. Genewick suggested the St. Brendan Church Auditorium may be available; Mr. Hoffman will follow up.

C. Content of the final 2016 ad in the Park LaBrea - Beverly Press (Discussion and Board Action).

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will use at least a portion of its remaining ad space in its final 2016 ad in the Park LaBrea - Beverly Press to publicize the January 26th Homeless Count and [*JC/JH CONFIRM: __ WHAT? __*].

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates.

Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

E. Next Outreach Committee meeting: January 7, 2017 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

A. Report on the December 5, 2016 meeting.

B. The Next Transportation Committee Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage)

Ms. Stromberg was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

A. Report on the December 13, 2016 meeting.

B. Next Sustainability meeting: March 2017, location TBD.

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

There was no new business at this time.

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

[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

A. 813 N. McCadden Place (Discussion and Possible Action). Application to demolish a duplex on one lot and construct 4-single family parcels with adjustment for 34-foot building height in lieu of 30-foot. AA-2016-1474-PMLA, ENV-20161475-CE. Hearing date: December 15, 2016. The LUC voted 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstained to oppose the application as presented at the November 22, 2016 meeting. Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

Ms. Moser explained the project.

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Ms. McFall): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the application to demolish a duplex on one lot and construct 4-single family parcels with adjustment for 34-foot building height in lieu of 30-foot for 813 N. McCadden Place as presented.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

B. 551 N. Bronson Ave - (Discussion and Possible Action). Applicant is seeking approval of a Hardship Exemption from the current ICO which prohibits expansions of residential floor area that are greater than 20% of an existing home’s floor area in the Larchmont Heights Neighborhood. The existing residence is 1,195 sf and the proposed addition is 586 sf making the total sf 1781. Council File Number 14-0656-S26. The LUC voted 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstained to support the hardship application. Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

Ms. Moser explained the project.

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Genewick): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Hardship Application for 551 N. Bronson Ave referenced in Council File Number 14-0656-S26.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

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Alternate Board Member Colette Amin left at this time (7:53), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

- C. 417-419 N. Norton Ave - (Discussion and Possible Action). Applicant proposes to subdivide a duplex under construction on a single lot into two residential condominium units, each having 2 covered parking spaces within and attached garage and a private driveway. AA2016-3790-PMLA, ENV-2016-3789-CE. The LUC voted 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstained to support the hardship application. Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the application for a two-unit parcel map at 417-419 N. Norton Ave.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

- D. 121 N. Sycamore Ave - (Discussion and Possible Action). 4-unit apartment conversion to a 4-unit condominium. AA-2016-3648-PMLA-CC and ENV-2016-3649-EAF. The LUC voted 5 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained to support the project. Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Genewick): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the application for a condominium conversion at 121 N. Sycamore Ave.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

- E. Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance (Discussion and Possible Action). The City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday December 15th for a proposed citywide code amendment to establish an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance. The ordinance will regulate the construction of ADUs, aka Second Dwelling Units, within the City of Los Angeles in compliance with state law. CPC-2016-4345-CA. The LUC voted 5 yes, 0 no, and 4 abstained to support the proposed code amendment. Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of the proposed Ordinance.

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Genewick): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the proposed ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.22, and 12.24 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) for the purpose of regulating Accessory Dwelling Units and complying with State law.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 10 in favor; zero opposed; five abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

F. Possible agenda items for future meetings:

- 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. 3607 W. Olympic Blvd. - (Lazlo Faerstain) Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6-unit Small Lot Subdivision project.
- iii. 612 S. Norton and 4055 W. Wilshire Blvd. - Updates on plans for townhouses and condominiums
- iv. 7000-7024 W. Melrose Ave - Density bonus with on-menu incentives for a 40-unit, 2-story residential development.
- v. 743 S. Gramercy Drive - Applicant requests a 35% density bonus with 2 on-menu incentives to construct 15,390 sf, 75' 6" in height, 21-unit, 6 story residential apartments over one level used for automated parking, lobby, and community space and two levels of subterranean parking. Of the 21 units, 18 will be market rate and 3 units (20%) set aside for low income. Two on-menu incentives requested are: (1) side yard reduction to 8' in lieu of required 10' (2) FAR increase from allowed 3:1 to 4:05:1. Priority housing project. DIR-2016-3615-DB

Mr. Smith noted the above

G. Next Land Use Committee meeting: December 27, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Smith noted the above

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests or Motions at this time.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting - Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

Mr. Smith declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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