



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting January 11, 2017
Approved by the Board on February 8, 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, January 11, 2017, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. Secretary Joseph Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:11 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frances McFall.

B. Board Roll call (Joseph Hoffman – Secretary)

Mr. Hoffman called the roll. Fifteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Philip Farha, Karen Gilman, Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Sue Horwitz (Alternate for Steven Senigram), Max Kirkham (Alternate for Nancy Kim), Frances McFall, Caroline Moser, Barbara Savage, Julie Stromberg, Colin Turner (Alternate for Bobbie Kumetz), John Winther and Greg Wittmann. Charles D’Atri, Tucker Carney, Michael Genewick and Owen Smith (President) arrived later. John Gresham and James Wolf (Vice-President) were absent and not represented by an Alternate. 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 16 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. CD4 Update (Daniel Park/Nikki Ezhari)

Daniel Park, Neighborhood Advocate for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-485-3337; Daniel.Park@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), encouraged feedback about canopy options at Memorial Branch Library. Also, two blocks will be added to the St. Andrews Square Overnight Parking District.

Board Members Charles D’Atri (7:19) and Owen Smith (7:20) arrived at this time, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

Ms. Stromberg indicated this will be Agendized for the Transportation Committee.

Board Member Mike Genewick arrived at this time (7:21), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

B. CD5 Update (John Darnell)

Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (310-289-0353; Faisal.Alserrri@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), reported for John Darnell, Field Deputy.

Board Member Tucker Carney arrived at this time (7:23), making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

Mr. Alserri described the Interim Control Ordinance status. Different neighborhoods can request different amenities. The City Planning and Land Use Management Committee may consider that a remodel must retain 50% of the original foundation to qualify as a remodel.

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 on Wilshire decking and jet grouting; it will end in mid-February. He described outreach, including a January 19th community meeting at LACMA. Billy Parent, Metro Design Builder, described work progress.

E. Other local government representatives

There were no other reports at this time.

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

A. DWP Report: Customer Bill of Rights, Twin Tunnels, Solar Rooftop program

Mr. Humphreville reported on the above.

B. Budget Advocate Report: LA River, Budget Deficit, Budget Advocates

Mr. Humphreville reported on the L.A. Olympic Committee meeting. Also, that “the City’s pension plans are not sustainable” and a \$245 million deficit is projected.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Farha was concerned about increasingly larger homeless encampments, crime and R-1-zoned properties being used for commercial purposes.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)

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

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

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 15 in favor; zero opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

- B. Report from the ad hoc committee on the NPG awards, including, but not limited to, the evaluation of candidate(s) for the grant(s). Committee Members are Frances McFall, Colette Amin, Nancy Kim, Patti Carroll, and Julie Stromberg.

Ms. Stromberg encouraged attending the meetings; Mr. Farha and Ms. Savage volunteered to join the Committee and Mr. Carney and Ms. Gilman will help.

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.

[There was no Item #VI. B.]

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

Mr. Smith noted the requirements.

- 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 (MER) for December 2016 (Discussion and Board action)

12/5 Public Storage - Storage \$117
12/8 Larchmont Chronicle - Nov Ad \$340
12/8 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer DL \$160.88
12/8 Ebell - Board Meeting Rent, Nov Meeting \$350
12/8 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400
12/15 Wilshire United – LUC July \$150.00
12/16 Wilshire United – LUC August \$150.00
12/16 San Wilshire - photocopies for Board handouts \$45.51
12/20 Lloyd Staffing – Minutes Writer DL \$109.40

Copies were distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC “December 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report” and “12/01/16 – 12/30/16” UnionBank “Statement of Accounts.”

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Hoffman, Horwitz, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Savage, Smith, Stromberg, Turner, Winther and Wittmann; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Hoffman, Horwitz, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Savage, Smith, Stromberg, Turner, Winther and Wittmann; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Review December 2016 Approved Expenses that will show up on the January 2017 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only; no Board Action necessary).
Public storage \$117
1/6 Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF \$400
1/6 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer DL \$122.27
1/6 Lloyd Staffing – Admin SF \$280
1/6 Lloyd Staffing -Admin SF \$400
1/9 Larchmont Chronicle - Jan ad \$340
1/9 Lloyd Staffing Admin SF \$400
1/9 Lloyd Staffing Admin SF \$400
Ebell - Jan Board meeting \$350

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. 1/4/17 City Deposited 3rd quarter funding of \$9250 into GWNC account
Ms. Carroll noted the above.

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

- A. Update on the January 7, 2017 meeting
Mr. Hoffman reported that there was no quorum.
- B. 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Discussion and Board Action) (Joe Hoffman).
Outreach is again asking for volunteers for this annual event. The count for central Los Angeles will be Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 8pm to midnight. We have identified a deployment site at 600 S. LaBrea Ave. Volunteer registration is open:
<http://www.theycountwillyou.org/600slabrea>.
Mr. Hoffman noted the above and that many volunteers and outreach are needed.
- C. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates
Mr. Hoffman noted the above.
- D. Next Outreach Committee meeting: January 28, 2017 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Mr. Hoffman reported that the meeting was moved to Saturday, February 4th at 9:00 a.m.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg)

[The Agenda showed Item #'s IX. "E," then "A."]

- E. Report on the December 5, 2016 meeting.
Ms. Stromberg reported that L.A.D.O.T. provided a report on the Highland Ave. traffic issue.
- A. The Next Transportation Committee Meeting: Monday February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004.
Ms. Stromberg noted on the above.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage)

- A. Report on the December 13, 2016 meeting.
Ms. Stromberg reported that the December 13th meeting was cancelled.
- B. Next Sustainability meeting: March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004. Ms. Stromberg reported that the meeting will be Tuesday, March 14th, not March 13th.

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

- Ms. McFall was concerned about strangers parked in a neighbor's driveway. The Police were called but did not respond, saying there was nothing they could do.
- Mr. Winther reported that dead trees on Larchmont will be replaced.

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Jim Wolf) (Discussion and Possible Board Action if needed)

- A. December meeting was cancelled due to lack of projects to be presented.
Mr. Hoffman noted on the above.

B. Possible agenda items for upcoming meeting:

1. 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
2. 3607 W. Olympic Blvd. - (Lazlo Faerstain) Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6- unit Small Lot Subdivision project.
3. 612 S. Norton and 4055 W. Wilshire Blvd. - Updates on plans for townhouses and Condominiums
4. 7000-7024 W. Melrose Ave - Density bonus with on-menu incentives for a 40-unit, 2-story residential development.
5. 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. lieu of required 10' (2) FAR increase from allowed 3:1 to 4:05:1. Priority housing project. DIR-2016-3615-DB
6. Brookside HPOZ presentation

Mr. Hoffman noted on the above.

C. Next Land Use Committee meeting: January 24, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hoffman announced the LAPD Olympic Division CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) (<http://www.OlympicCPAB.org>) February 16th election; Candidate forms are due by February 9th. The Olympic Division CPAB meets every third Thursday at 7:00 p.m., next on January 19th.

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests or Motions at this time.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting - Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith noted the above. He declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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