



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Special Board Meeting May 23, 2017
Approved by the Board on June 14, 2017

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to order (Owen Smith – President)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2017, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m.

B. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman -- Secretary)

Secretary Joseph Hoffman called the roll. Fourteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Charles D’Atri, Philip Farha, Karen Gilman, John Gresham, Bradley Jewett (Alternate for Barbara Savage), Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Max Kirkham (Alternate for Nancy Kim), Frances McFall, Caroline Moser, Owen Smith (President) and Julie Stromberg. Tucker Carney arrived later. Six Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Michael Genewick, Bobbie Kumetz, Steven Senigram, John Winther, Greg Wittmann 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&dlt=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: two Stakeholders and guests.

Board Member Patricia Carroll recused herself and left the room at this time, making 14 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is 13).

II. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS (Discussion and Board action)

The Ad Hoc NPG Committee proposes the following three recipients from which two Neighborhood Purposes Grants not to exceed \$1,000 may be awarded.

- A. Grant will support Enrich LA’s Garden Ranger program at Wilshire Park Elementary School and Wilton Place Elementary School. The Garden Ranger program offers weekly, interdisciplinary garden-based lessons. Proposed Motion: That the Greater Wilshire NC award Enrich LA a 2016-2017 GWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grant award in the amount of \$1,000;

Copies were distributed of a completed Neighborhood Purposes Grant application form.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will award Enrich LA a 2016-2017 GWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grant award in the amount of \$1,000.

Board Member Tucker Carney arrived at this time (6:40), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carney, Carpenter, D’Atri, Farha, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll recused (self-declared as ineligible to vote on this Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest; recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no”).

- B. Grant will provide financial support to Wilshire Crest PTA for a maintenance crew to perform monthly maintenance of school garden and green space areas. Proposed Motion: That the Greater Wilshire NC award Wilshire Crest PTA a 2016-2017 GWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grant award in the amount of \$1,000.

Copies were distributed of a completed Neighborhood Purposes Grant application form.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will award Wilshire Crest PTA a 2016-2017 GWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grant award in the amount of \$1,000.

CALL for the QUESTION (by Mr. Gresham): zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carney, Carpenter, D’Atri, Farha, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll recused (self-declared as ineligible to vote on this Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest; recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no”).

III. TREASURER’S REPORT (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

Copies were distributed of the GWNC year-to-date “Budget vs Actual as of 5/9/17.”

- A. Approval of Neighborhood Purpose Grant awards. Approval of two awards for \$1,000 each as determined by the result in item II.

Mr. Hoffman noted and it was agreed that this Item was to be “skipped.”

- B. Approval of allocation of surplus funds from the 2016-2017 Budget:
- i. Reallocate unspent Wilton Islands Maintenance funds of \$1,500 to Outreach for purchase of advertising for one year in the Larchmont Buzz up to \$1,800.

See the below Consent Motion.

- ii. Reallocate up to \$2,800 from Operations line item Z, unallocated funds to Contract Services – Admin Consultant.

See the below Consent Motion.

- iii. Purchase of office supplies, up to \$600.

See the below Consent Motion.

- iv. Any remaining funds placed in our special election escrow fund held by CD4 up to \$4,000.

CONSENT FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves of allocation of surplus funds from the 2016-2017 Budget as follows:

- i. Reallocate unspent Wilton Islands Maintenance funds of \$1,500 to Outreach for purchase of advertising for one year in the Larchmont Buzz up to \$1,800;
- ii. Reallocate up to \$2,800 from Operations line item Z, unallocated funds to Contract Services – Admin Consultant;
- iii. Purchase of office supplies, up to \$600; and
- iv. Any remaining funds placed in our special election escrow fund held by CD4 up to \$4,000.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hoffman explained that Wilton Islands did not provide necessary information in time for consideration for a grant this Fiscal Year. There was discussion of the best selection and use of advertising funding. Mr. Carney urged considering analytics.

CONSENT FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carpenter, D’Atri, Farha, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Jewett, McFall, Moser, Smith, and Stromberg); zero opposed; two abstained (Carney and Kirkham) (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes). Ms. Carroll recused (self-declared as ineligible to vote on this Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest; recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no”).

Board Member Patricia Carroll returned to the room at this time, making 15 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is 13).

- C. Approval of Additional Funding for Congress of Neighborhoods and Budget Advocates from 2016-17 Budget. Suggested Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports additional funding from its 2016-17 funds for:

LA Congress of Neighborhoods – September 24, 2016 Annual event in the amount of:
\$1000 \$500 \$250

and/or
Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the amount of:
\$1000 \$500 \$250.

Copies were distributed of a suggested “Board Support Resolution” for the above. It was noted that the Congress date is September 9, 2017, not “September 24, 2016.”

CONSENT FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports additional funding from its 2016-17 funds for: LA Congress of Neighborhoods – September 24, 2016 Annual event in the amount of: \$500 and Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the amount of \$500.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of whether and in what amount to allocate funds.

CONSENT FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer
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