



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting October 4, 2017
Approved by the Board on November 8, 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, October 4, 2017, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p. m.

B. Flag Salute (Frances McFall)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. McFall.

C. 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: Colette Amin (Alternate for Tucker Carney), Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Charles D’Atri, Philip Farha, Phivan Ha (Alternate for Karen Gilman), Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Max Kirkham, Bobbie Kumetz, Frances McFall, Owen Smith (President), Angie Szentgyorgyi (Alternate for Caroline Moser), John Winther and Greg Wittmann. Michael Genewick and Barbara Savage arrived later. Five Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Scott Appel, John Gresham, Steven Senigram, 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 the Bylaws at <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). No Board Seat(s) were vacant. Four Alternate Seats were vacant: Area - 3– Country Club Heights; Business; Education; and Religion. To apply see www.GWNC.org. Also attended: approximately 12 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. CD4 Update (Catherine Landers)

Catherine Landers, Senior Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-473-7004; Catherine.Landers@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

B. CD5 Update (Robert Oliver)

Robert Oliver, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (310-289-0353; Robert.Oliver@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers / CPAB (Frank Rosato)

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)

Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer (cell 213.479.7884, RacineN@metro.net; 24-hour information 213.922.6934; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

E. Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII.*] John Darnell, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that the City Council voted October 3rd to have Neighborhood Council elections in 2019; however, NC's can have selections in 2018. He noted a proposed City program to hire homeless people to help clean streets and sidewalks.

F. 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 and Julie Stromberg)

A. DWP Report

B. Budget Advocate Report:

C. LANCC Report

Mr. Humphreville and Ms. Stromberg could not attend; there were no reports at this time.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after the first Item #XIII comment.*] Avital Aboody invited everyone to and distributed fliers for a Community Open House Tuesday, October 17th from 4:00-7:00 at 132 N. Western Ave. regarding “a year-long street enhancement project” [www.facebook.com/WelcomeToWestern].

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)

A. Review and adoption of September 13, 2017 minutes (Joe Hoffman)

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 13, 2017 General Meeting as written.

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

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

B. Land Use Committee Chairperson (Owen Smith)

Ms. Smith appointed Caroline Moser as the Chair of the Land Use Committee, replacing Jim Wolf. There was no opposition.

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval: Area 3– Country Club Heights; Business; Education; and Religion.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

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: Mintz – Ethics & Funding; Morgens – Ethics; and Rosales – 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.

Mr. Smith noted the above. All attending Board Members were in compliance.

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

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2017 (Discussion and Board action)

9/2 Public Storage \$129.00

9/12 San Wilshire - Board print outs \$59.73

9/13 Larchmont Blvd Association (Booth - Family Fair) \$350.00

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Board from 7/16 \$186.62

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Transportation 6/25 \$102.96

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Admin 6/11 \$400

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Admin 6/18 \$400

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Admin 6/25 \$400

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Admin 7/2 \$400

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes LUC 7/2 \$154.44

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Board & Sustainability 6/18 \$225.23

9/15 Lloyd Staffing - Minutes LUC 5/28 \$173.75

9/26 San Wilshire - LUC Print outs \$21.26

9/29 Ebell – Board Meeting Space - September \$350.00

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above. Copies were distributed of and she reviewed GWNC Budget information and “Credit Card Transactions” printouts.

Board Member Barbara Savage arrived at this time (7:15), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2017.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Kirkham, Kumetz, McFall, Savage, Smith, Szentgyorgyi, Winther and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the September 2017 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 September 2017.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Ha, Hoffman, Kirkham, Kumetz, McFall, Savage, Smith, Szentgyorgyi, Winther and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Review September 2017 Board Expenses that will show up on the October 2017 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary).

Ms. Carroll indicated that there will be a Larchmont Chronicle expense.

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

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

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

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

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

Mr. Hoffman reported that the previous meeting was cancelled. The Committee will team with the Environment & Sustainability Committee on an event.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg)

- A. Call for new Transportation Committee members. The Transportation Committee would like to grow the committee and see representation from each GWNC area. To date, we have representatives from Windsor Village, Windsor Square, Brookside, and La Brea/Hancock.

Ms. Stromberg could not attend and there were no report at this time.

B. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Stromberg could not attend and there were was no report at this time.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage)

A. Green Fair/Festival. (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg and Barbara Savage) Discussion on hosting a Green at Los Angeles High Memorial Library Park in conjunction with LA High Memorial Library and co-sponsored by Koreatown Youth and Community Center.

Ms. Savage noted the above proposed Green Fair.

B. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Marlborough School , Collins Room – D200, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Savage noted the above.

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

A. Neighborhood Council Leadership Positions (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg) An issue has arisen with respect to leadership positions in neighborhood council umbrella groups, such as the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance and Budget Advocates, and whether the members of this group in leadership positions should be elected or formerly elected neighborhood council representatives.

Stakeholder Bill Funderburk said that “some of the alliances do not have officers who are accountable” to Neighborhood Councils. Ms. Savage explained that some alliance officers “are non-elected . . . we take ethics classes . . . it can be confusing to people who don’t know.” She requested Agendizing the GWNC to consider leaving the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance “until they change their rules.”

B. GWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grant Committee (Discussion, Planning, and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg) GWNC planned on doing a round of Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) awards for two grants up to \$1,000 each before December 2017. Update on status of NPG Committee and this round of NPG awards.

This Item was TABLED.

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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

A. 4749 W. Elmwood Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action). Demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and construction, use, and maintenance of new 14-unit apartment building, including 1 unit (10%) for very low-income households, approximately 45-feet. Pursuant to: LAMC 12.22 a 25, approval of affordable housing incentives for DB as follows: parking option # 1; off-menu incentive-12-foot front yard; off-menu incentive-1 compact stall in lieu of a standard stall. CPC-2017-2121-DB, ENV-2017-2122-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 9, 0, 0 to recommend that the Board oppose the project.

Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 4749 W. Elmwood Ave. until applicant returns with additional information requested by the committee.

MOTION PASSED; 15 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Smith).

- B. 5226 W. Melrose Avenue (Discussion and Possible Action). Zone Variance to allow a 370-sq. ft. spray booth within an existing auto body repair facility in the C2 zone. Present use Auto Body Shop with a Spray Booth. Proposed use, (No Change) Auto Body Shop with a Spray Booth. ZA-2017-2354-ZV, ENV-2017-2355-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 9, 0, 0 to recommend that the Board support the project Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the Zone Variance to allow a 370-sq. ft. spray booth within an existing auto body repair facility for 5226 W. Melrose Avenue.

MOTION PASSED; 15 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Smith).

- C. 5212 W. Melrose Ave Avenue (Discussion and Possible Action). Repurposing of 10,045 sq ft building for a new boutique hotel use, consisting of up to 18 guest rooms, with a small hotel lobby. Requested entitlements: 1. Conditional use permit to allow a hotel within 500 feet of any A or RE zone; 2. Zone variance to allow the maintenance of the existing driveway width of 8’ 9” feet to serve the hotel use in lieu of the required 10 feet; 3. A zoning administrator adjustment to allow parking stackers within the required rear yard setback. ZA-2017-3165-CU-ZVZAA, ENV-2017-3166-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 9, 0, 0 to recommend that the Board oppose the project. Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project at 5212 W. Melrose Ave. as presented until additional information can be submitted by the applicant and stakeholders.

MOTION PASSED; 15 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Smith).

- D. 5162-5168 Melrose Ave:(Discussion and Possible Action). Expansion of existing restaurant into the proposed front and rear enclosed patio space with a total 196 seats. The Operation hours 10AM-2AM. Request: Deviation from the hours of operation of the Commercial Corner. Requesting the continued approval hours of operation from 10AM-2AM daily for the restaurant use. Historic Bar, Inc. DBA, The Edmon. ZA-2017-3029-CUB, ENV-2017-3030-CE. The Land Use Committee voted 9, 0, 0 to recommend that the Board support the project. Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the expansion of the existing restaurant into the proposed front and rear enclosed patio space with a total 196 seats and the continued approval of hours of operation from 10AM-2AM daily for the restaurant use at 5162-5168 Melrose Ave.

DISCUSSION: Co-owner Ms. Mailian explained that the hours would be the same for the expansion areas, including outdoors.

MOTION PASSED; 14 in favor; zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri and Smith).

- E. 250 N. Wilton Place: (Discussion and Possible Action). Applicant proposes to create new 5-small lots for single family residential purposes. Each residence will have its own attached garage. VTT-77081-SL, ENV-2017-3703-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 9, 0, 0 to recommend that the Board oppose the project. Proposed motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project 250 N. Wilton Place. until presented by the applicant.

MOTION PASSED; 15 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Smith).

- F. 5201 Beverly Blvd: (Discussion and Possible Action). Renewal for sales of beer and wine – type 41 ABC license. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. Application for a Plan Approval for on-site sales of beer and wine to serve alongside meals at an existing restaurant with 84 seats – 54 indoor and 32 outdoor on an outdoor patio area. ZA-2013-481-CUB-PAI, ENV-2017-3297-CE. The Land Use Committee voted 9, 0, 0 to recommend that the Board support the renewal with the condition that the license be reviewed if there is a change of operator. Proposed Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the renewal of the Plan Approval for on-site sales of beer and wine for the restaurant at 5201 Beverly Blvd. with the condition that any change of operator trigger a review of the CUB.

MOTION PASSED; 15 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Smith).

- G. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:
- i. 3869-3879 Wilshire Blvd/626-664 S. St. Andrews Place: 16 – Story, 196 – Unit Building with 5 levels of parking. CPC-2016-1495-ZC, VTT-74257-CN
 - ii. Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance: Draft ordinance would establish a set of standardized criteria and definitions for PSH and remove regulatory barriers that impair the construction of new supportive housing.

- iii. A proposed amendment to LAMC concerning restrictions and limited immunity from enforcement of specific City prohibitions relating to commercial Cannabis Activity. CPC-2017-2260-CA, ENV-2017-2261-EAF.
- iv. 407 S Sycamore Ave: La Brea Hancock New Q Condition CPC-2017-2533-ZC. ENV-2017-2534-ND v. 848 N. June St: Application for new Multi-Family Zones – South Hollywood, CPC-2017-2604-ZC
- vi. 429 N. Western Ave.: Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for a restaurant/karaoke studio with hours of operation from 11:00 am to 2:00pm. ZA-2017-2730-CUB, ENV-2731-CE

Mr. Hoffman noted the above and explained the Item #G. ii. proposed Ordinance.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Amin encouraged NC Congress attendees to complete the online survey.

- A. Update on Ebell of Los Angeles Homelessness Event (Julie Stromberg) Wednesday, October 25, 8 a.m, 741 S. Lucerne Blvd. At the September 2017 GWNC Board Meeting, the GWNC agreed to sponsor the Ebell's event, "Ending Homelessness in Los Angeles." Ms. Carroll noted the above.

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No other requests were made.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next meeting - Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7pm.
Mr. Smith noted the above.

Mr. Smith declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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