



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting December 13, 2017
Approved by the Board on January 10, 2018

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 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 led by Frances McFall.

Secretary Joseph Hoffman called the roll. Ten of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Philip Farha, John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Max Kirkham, Frances McFall, Caroline Moser, Owen Smith (President), Colin Turner (Alternate for Bobbie Kumetz) and John Winther. Tucker Carney, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Charles D’Atri, Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman, Julie Stromberg and Greg Wittmann arrived later. Barbara Savage, Steven Senigram 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&dlt=su46~>), so at this time the Board could only take public comments, 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). Three Alternate Seats were vacant (Area 3; Education; and Religion). Also attended: 11 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. CD4 Update (Catherine Landers)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. C.*] Catherine Landers, Senior Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; Catherine.Landers@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that \$250 grants are available “to decorate utility boxes.”

B. CD5 Update (Robert Oliver)

Robert Oliver, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; 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; 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), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

E. Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)

Mario Hernandez, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Mario.Hernandez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported for John Darnell, Project Coordinator.

Board Member Jeffry Carpenter arrived at this time (7:03), making 11 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present, two short of the GWNC quorum at this Meeting of 13.

Board Member Patricia Carroll arrived at this time (7:04), making 12 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present, one short of the GWNC quorum at this Meeting of 13.

Mr. Hernandez reminded that, if a Board Member recuses from a vote, they need to leave the room before discussion begins. Also, DONE's Civic University will soon start again.

Board Member Karen Gilman arrived at this time (7:05), making 13 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13). Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

Mr. Hernandez reviewed administrative deadlines. Also, BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] will refine the phrase "substantial and ongoing" in the Stakeholder definition.

Board Members Greg Wittmann and Julie Stromberg arrived at this time (7:07), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

F. Other local government representatives

There were no other reports at this time.

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

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that "the DWP Board of Commissioners and the City Council approved the transfer of \$242 million from DWP to City Hall without any discussion despite questions of as to whether the transfer is legal." The DWP has formed an advisory committee to review and analyze the technical feasibility of moving to 100% renewables by 2045. Their goal is to have 145,000 electric vehicles on the road in five years.

Board Member Charles D'Atri arrived at this time (7:10), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

B. Budget Advocate Report:

Mr. Humphreville reported that the Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com] estimate next year's City budget deficit to be \$250-\$300 million, "assum[ing] raises for the police and civilian workers and increased pension contributions." He noted the Advocates' latest recommendations to the City.

Board Member Mike Genewick arrived at this time (7:13), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

C. LANCC Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that the City Attorney asked Neighborhood Councils to each identify at least one site for the building of permanent supportive housing.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Avital Aboody invited everyone to and distributed fliers for a "Welcome to Western Design Workshop #2" [www.facebook.com/WelcomeToWestern] December 20th regarding "design options for future improvements along Western Ave."

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)

A. Review and adoption of and November 8, 2017 Minutes

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 8, 2017 General Meeting as written.

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

B. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval: Area 3; Education; and Religion.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

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: Mintz – Ethics & Funding; Morgens – Ethics; and Rosales – 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. Mr. Smith noted that all have signed the Code.

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

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

11/1 Lloyd Staffing - SF 8/27 \$300.00

11/1 Lloyd Staffing - SF 9/3 \$320.00

10/2 Public Storage - Nov \$129.00

11/7 San Wilshire - Board Copies Board Meeting \$38.65

Copies were distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC November 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report and the above.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, Stromberg, Turner, Winther and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the November 2017 MER (Discussion and Board Action)

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in October 2017.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, Stromberg, Turner, Winther and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

Larchmont Chronicle – Nov \$340

Ebell Board Meeting – Nov \$350

Various Lloyd Staffing invoices TBD

Land Use Meeting space TBD... up to \$135.00

Photocopies for Land Use - LA Press Printing Inc. \$9.86

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

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

Revised price increase for Larchmont Chronicle Ad TBD

Land Use Committee meeting space TBD
Replacement and new business cards up to \$80
Ms. Carroll reviewed the above

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

Board Member Tucker Carney arrived around this time, making 18 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 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Smith, Stromberg, Turner, Winther and Wittmann); zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update.
Ms. Carroll noted the above.

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

A. Review of December 2, 2017 Outreach Meeting.

Mr. Hoffman described working on future projects including a Movie Night with FilmLA.

B. Yoga in the Park Proposed motion: Request for [see the below Motion].

Mr. Hoffman reported that Yoga in the Park continues at Burns Park.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$150 for up to two new banners to replace those destroyed by graffiti in the last year.

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

C. Next Outreach Committee meeting: January 6, 2018, at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

Mr. Hoffman noted the next meeting and will work to have yoga alternate among different GWNC parks.

VII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg)

A. Results of Council District 4 6th Street Survey. On December 6, 2017, Council District 4 published the results from their survey regarding 6th Street from La Brea Ave. to Fairfax Ave., and will be moving forward with a number of road improvements.

Ms. Stromberg distributed copies of and noted that “City Council Member David Ryu Addresses Sixth Street Safety Plans.”

- B. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.
Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

VIII. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg)

- A. Review of December 12th meeting.
Ms. Stromberg reported that the Committee discussed the DWP Green Power Program and establishing electric vehicle charging stations on Larchmont Boulevard.
- B. Next meeting date TBA, 7:00 p.m., Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004.
Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

IX. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg). Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Awarding Up to Two Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG), with a Maximum Award of \$1,000 each, with Applications Due Friday, March 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. (PST), for the 2017-2018 GWNC NPG Awards. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council is now taking applications for their 2017-2018 NPG Awards. The NPG Committee will award up to two Neighborhood Purposes Grants with a maximum award of \$1,000 each. The grants will be awarded to two groups serving the GWNC community and stakeholders. Applicant requirements detailed at <http://www.greaterwilshire.org>. Applications are due on Friday, March 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. (PST). The finalists will be voted on at the GWNC April 2018 Board meeting. Visit: <http://www.greaterwilshire.org> to learn more and to download application materials, or email NPG@greaterwilshire.org.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will award up to two Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs), with a maximum award of \$1,000 each, with applications due Friday, March 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. (PST) for the 2017-2018 GWNC NPG Awards.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stromberg explained the above.

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

- B. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Caroline Labiner-Moser). Scheduling of first meeting and confirmation of committee members.
Ms. Moser announced that the Committee will meet Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Members include Mr. Carney, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Kirkham, Ms. Moser (Chair) and Ms. Stromberg.

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

- A. LACMA and City Planning have released the draft EIR re the LACMA renovation and construction. Deadline for comments is December 15, 2017. LACMA team has not presented to GWNC; they said they were waiting for presentation until draft EIR was released. Proposal: That the GWNC submit a CIS showing intention to submit comments and request an extension of the comment deadline. (The next GWNC LUC is on December 19 and can request that LACMA present briefly that night).
Ms. Gilman explained the above.

MOTION (by Ms. Gilman, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will submit a Community Impact Statement showing intention to submit comments and request an extension of the comment deadline.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Gresham): to add the following: The GWNC opposes the LACMA renovation and construction if the comment deadline is not extended.

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

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with 17 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. 2018 LAHSA Homeless Count (Discussion and Possible Action) (Joe Hoffman) January 25, 2018 at 8pm., Eastern Presbyterian Church, 4270 W 6th St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Volunteers may sign-up online at: <http://www.theycountwillyou.org/greaterwilshire18>. We are looking for help with donations of food and beverages for volunteers that evening. Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

XI. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Caroline Labiner-Moser)

Ms. Moser noted that the Committee approved Mr. Kirkham as its Secretary and that Hope Lutheran Church was “very accommodating.” The next Committee Meeting will be December 19th there.

- A. 250 N. Wilton Place. Applicant Representative presented the project to create 5 - Small Lots for single family residential purposes. Each residence will have its own attached garage. VTT-77081- SL, ENV-2017-3703-EAF. No Motion was made and no vote was taken. Hearing date will probably be scheduled for February 2018.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

- B. 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. 5212 W. Melrose Ave: 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-ZV-ZAA, ENV-2017-3166-EAF.
- 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. 952 S. Citrus Ave: Zone Change to a R1 Variation Zone. CPC-20174556-ZC, ENV-2017- 4557-EAF
 - v. 5122 W. Maplewood Ave: Demolition of 1 Single Family residence and 1 Duplex for new construction of 5 – story 24 residential unit building, setting aside 2 Extremely Low Income units and 31 on-site parking spaces. DIR-2017-4551-TOC, ENV-2017-4552-EAF.
 - vi. 6703 Melrose Ave: Conditional Use to permit on-site sale and dispensing of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the operation of a proposed restaurant facility. ZA-2017-4602- PAB, ENV-2017-4603-CE.
 - vii. 816 – 820 S. Wilton Place: Construction of a new 18-unit condominium project. VTT-73780-CN, ENV-2017-4716-EAF
 - viii. 946 S. Norton Ave: Conditional Use Permit for a Parking Lot in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business.ZA-2017-3955-CU, ENV-2017-3956-CE.

Board Member Philip Farha left at this time (8:09), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Homelessness Liaison (Joe Hoffman)
Mr. Hoffman commented on the above.

XIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Next meeting – January 10, 2018.

There were no requests or Motions at this time.

Mr. Smith declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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