



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting February 14, 2018
Approved by the Board on March 14, 2018

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, February 14, 2018, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. Board Secretary Joseph Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p. m.

B. Flag Salute (Frances McFall)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frances McFall.

C. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

Max Kirkham, Area 9 representative, called the roll. Fifteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Tucker Carney, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Jennifer DeVore (Alternate for James Wolf, Vice-President), Michael Genewick, John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Bradley Jewett, Max Kirkham, Frances McFall, Caroline Moser, Steven Senigram, Julie Stromberg and John Winther. Charles D’Atri, Philip Farha and Karen Gilman arrived later. Bobbie Kumetz, Owen Smith (President) and Greg Wittmann were absent and not represented by an Alternate. Barbara Savage had resigned and been replaced by her Alternate, Bradley Jewett. 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; Business; 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 (Catherine Landers)

Rob Fisher, Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; Rob.Fisher@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), introduced himself. [*This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #IV.*] Catherine Landers, Senior Deputy for Councilman Ryu (Catherine.Landers@LACity.org), noted upcoming events.

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)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III. B.*] 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), reported that “we’ve seen an increase in car break-ins” and “a decrease in burglaries” partly attributed to “a crew from Long Beach.” Items stolen from vehicles include laptops and money (“in the center console”); Officer Rodriguez cautioned not to leave any valuables in vehicles.

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)

John Darnell, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that the Bylaws changes submission deadline is April 15th; after that, no changes will be accepted until November or December 2019.

Board Member Philip Farha arrived at this time (7:15), making 16 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.

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

A. DWP Report

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III. C.*] This year’s DWP transfer fee to the City will be \$242 million. Also, Fred Pickel is still the Ratepayers Advocate.

B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com] that the City has not yet given details of its proposed 2018-2019 Budget; a \$250-\$350 million deficit is expected.

Board Member Karen Gilman arrived at this time (7:19, after Charles D’Atri arrived), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was 13).

C. LANCC Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] discussed the City's trash hauling situation, including the higher rates and bad service. Today the City Council had a Motion to "exit" the City's contracts with the trash haulers.

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

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Teresa Akins, Community Outreach Organizer, LAUSD Facilities Division, announced a CEQA Public Scoping Meeting February 28th at 6:00 p.m. at John Burroughs Middle School regarding School upgrade construction. Ms. Moser requested a presentation to the GWNC Land Use Committee.

Allison Shallert announced a permanent supportive housing event, in which many organizations are participating on February 27th, with a 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:30-8:30 show. [This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #XIII.] Ms. Shallert reported that "some of the construction" in her area "is a pig sty"; one had "two fires so far and six parties." She wanted to establish permit parking; Board Members explained the procedure.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)

A. Review and adoption of the January 10, 2018 Minutes.

The following corrections were requested: page seven, Item #VIII. A. i., **MOTION #1** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the designation of Melrose and La Brea Aves. as Historic Pink's Square.

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

MOTION #2 (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the implementation of pink crosswalks at the intersection of Melrose and La Brea Aves. in conjunction with the designation of this intersection as Historic Pink's Square.

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 10, 2018 General Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Appel).

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; Business; Education; and Religion. Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

B. Introduction, Approval, Installation of New Board Alternate – (Discussion and Board Action). Tammy Rosato – Area 6 – La Brea-Hancock. Neighborhood Council Oath of Office: “I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire NC with dignity, integrity and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”

MOTION (by Mr. Jewett, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council nominates Tammy Rosato as the Area 6 - La Brea-Hancock Representative [Alternate] Board Member.

Mr. Hoffman noted that Barbara Savage, formerly the Area 6 Representative, resigned and was replaced by the former Alternate Mr. Jewett, and that Ms. Rosato has been active in the community. Ms. Rosato presented her Ethics Training completion certificate and expressed her desire to serve.

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

Ms. Rosato read aloud the Oath of Office.

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; Rosales – Ethics & Funding; and Bobbie Kumetz – Ethics.

Mr. Hoffman 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-of-conduct/>) within 30 days of their election or appointment.

Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

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

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January 2018 (Discussion and Board action)

1/2/18 - Public Storage – Dec 2017 \$129

1/5/18 - Hope Lutheran Church - November Land Use Meeting \$135

1/5/18 - Hope Lutheran Church - December Land Use Meeting \$135

1/10/18 - Lloyd Staffing - Minutes DL LUC 12/18-12/2 \$109.40

1/10/18 - Lloyd Staffing - Minutes DL Sustainability Cmte. & Board 12/12-12/14, 12/13-12/17 \$225.23

1/10/18 - Lloyd Staffing Minutes DL LUC 11/28-11/30 \$136.99

1/10/18 - San Wilshire - copies Board Meeting \$83.22
1/10/18 - Ebell - January Board Meeting \$350
1/20/18 - Hope Lutheran Church – January 2018 Land Use Meeting \$135
1/23/18 - San Wilshire - copies Land Use Cmte \$38.70
1/25/18 - Village Mail Call - Annual Mail box fee \$400
1/09/18 - Facebook - Oct 6-Oct 9, 2017 panel discussion \$10
1/20/18 - Hope Lutheran Church - Homeless Count \$200
1/22/18 - Banners.com - Outreach - Yoga in the Park banners \$53.70
1/25/18 - Smart and Final - Food for Homeless count volunteers \$78.58
1/25/18 - Next Day Flyers - Business Cards \$54.54
1/31/18 - Facebook Ad for Homeless Count - \$20.00

Copies were distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC January 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2018.

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, Devore, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Senigram, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the January 2018 MER (Discussion and Board Action).
See above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in January 2018.

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, Devore, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Senigram, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Review January 2018 Board Expenses that will show up on the February 2018 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary).
Larchmont Chronicle - January 2018 \$358
Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

- D. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses (Discussion and Board Action). Upcoming expenses shown under individual committee reports.
Ms. Carroll indicated that there were no such upcoming expenses.

- E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update.
Ms. Carroll updated.

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

A. The February 3, 2018 Outreach Meeting Report.

Mr. Hoffman announced that he is resigning as Outreach Committee Chair.

B. Nomination and election of Tess Paige as new Outreach Committee Chair

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council nominates Tess Paige as new Outreach Committee Chair.

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

C. Earthquake Preparedness Event (Conrad Starr). The Outreach Committee is planning an Earthquake Preparedness event proposed for April 7, 2018 to be held at John Burroughs Middle School. The event will include: presentation in the auditorium by a panel of speakers from various agencies and earthquake preparedness/emergency response experts with an opportunity for community questions; followed by break-out sessions that may include basic first-aid, preparing your own emergency kits, organizing in your community, etc.; and governmental and other agencies, as well as vendors, to provide information and relevant products. Proposed Motion: That the Greater Wilshire NC [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of a “Greater Wilshire is Quake Ready!” information flyer. School Principal John Markey offered to waive the fees.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$1,200 for marketing, venue, and support costs for an April 7, 2018 Earthquake Preparedness Event at the John Burroughs Middle School with outreach to surrounding communities.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hoffman said that Mr. Starr “has taken the lead on this.”

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, Devore, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Senigram, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Next Outreach Committee meeting: March 3, 2018, at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

Mr. Hoffman noted the above.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action, as noted) (Julie Stromberg)

A. Updates from December 18, 2017 Committee Meeting Action Items. (Julie Stromberg).

Updates on GWNC positions statement regarding designation of historic Pink’s Square and crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Drive.

Ms. Stromberg updated.

B. Supporting GWNC Area 8 (Melrose) Requests for Stop Signs at (1) W. Willoughby Ave. & Citrus Ave., and (2) W. Willoughby Ave. & Sycamore Ave. (Discussion and Possible Motion) (Philip Farha). Area 8 (Melrose) is requesting the support of the GWNC in having stop signs added on (1) W. Willoughby Ave. & Citrus Ave. (LADOT Request No. 91432), and (2) W. Willoughby Ave. and Sycamore Ave. (LADOT Request No. 95401). There are two pending requests for these stop signs. The Area 8 community is requesting the stop signs for safety purposes given at least three accidents involving pedestrians in the last 4 months.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above. Mr. Farha reported that “a number of the residents have been really upset” with speeders.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will write letters of support for Area 8 (Melrose) requests for stop signs at (1) W. Willoughby Ave. & Citrus Ave. (LADOT Request No. 91432), and (2) W. Willoughby Ave. and Sycamore Ave. (LADOT Request No. 95401).

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

C. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. The GWNC February Transportation Committee meeting was cancelled due to the date of the meeting conflicting with a holiday. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, April 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action, as noted) (Julie Stromberg).

A. GWNC Sustainability Committee projects: First Green Fair/Festival in March 2018, Tree Planting with KYCC Spring 2018, Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour in Summer 2018, and more! Proposed Motion: GWNC to [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will host its first Green Fair on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stromberg described proposed event activities “in partnership with KYCC [Koreatown Youth and Community Center] and Friends of Memorial Library.”

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$500 for its Green Fair on Saturday, March 24, 2018 for advertising and other expenses.

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, Devore, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Jewett, Kirkham, McFall, Moser, Senigram, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. GWNC Drafting a Resolution Urging LA City Council to Act on Climate Change. (Discussion and Possible Motion) (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel). Many cities across the country are proactively addressing the issue of climate change. GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board draft a resolution urging city council to act on climate change by adopting key parts of the new state energy code early. Copies were distributed of the below Motion. Mr. Kegel presented, saying “every major car manufacturer is electrifying their product line . . . the electric cars are coming.”

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the following resolution: The Air Quality Management District (“AQMD”) says plug-in cars are essential if clean air standards are to be realized. Plug-ins now make up 5% of new vehicle sales in California, and are increasingly popular in GWNC, but adoption is hindered by lack of easy home and workplace charging. Several California cities have already adopted sensible building code changes to make adding electric vehicle chargers much less expensive. For instance, the study in the City of Oakland’s Council File 16-0359 says preparing for EV chargers ahead of time adds about \$140 per parking space, and makes later EV charger installation \$500 to \$5,000 cheaper. Therefore, the GWNC requests that the Los Angeles City Council follow the example of these cities, and pass sensible, cost-effective building code changes to require most new parking spaces in the city to be ready for future installation of EV chargers.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kegel explained how electric vehicles cost less than gas-powered vehicles.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri).

- C. GWNC Drafting a Community Impact Statement on Council File No. 18-0002-S7. (Discussion and Possible Motion) (Dan Kegel). On January 26, 2018, Councilmembers Blumenfeld and Huizar passed a Resolution that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2017-18 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to California Public Utilities Commission Resolution G-3536, and any other similar legislative or administrative provisions that would impose an unplanned moratorium on new gas service connections to customers in the City of Los Angeles. GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board draft a community impact statement supporting Council File No. 18-002-S7.

Ms. Stromberg requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item.

- D. Drafting a Community Impact Statement on Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfeld's Motion 18-0054. (Discussion and Possible Motion) (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel) Motion requests that the City of Los Angeles explore the establishment of a Climate Energy Mobilization Department, direct the Planning Department to report back on opportunities for radical greenhouse gas emissions reductions and carbon drawdown and removal opportunities through the City's General Plan and Community Plan updates, etc. Motion referred to the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee. GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board draft a community impact statement supporting Motion 18-0054. Copies were distributed of the City Council Motion.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles explore the establishment of a Climate Energy Mobilization Department and to direct the Planning Department to report back on opportunities for radical greenhouse gas emissions reductions and carbon drawdown and removal opportunities through the City's General Plan and Community Plan updates, etc.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 15 in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (D'Atri, Farha and Genewick).

- E. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting with Featured Presentation by Climate Resolve. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

XI. AD HOC COMMITTEES GWNC (Discussion and Possible Action, as noted)

- A. Update on GWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grants. (Julie Stromberg). The GWNC will be awarding up to two grants, with a maximum award of \$1,000 each, for the 2017-2018 GWNC NPG Awards. Applications are due on Friday, March 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. (PST). Applicant requirements detailed at <http://www.greaterwilshire.org>. The finalists will be voted on at the GWNC April 2018 Board meeting. Visit: <http://www.greaterwilshire.org> for applicant requirements, application, and to learn more, or email NPG@greaterwilshire.org

Ms. Stromberg reported that "to date, we've received one application"; she encouraged submissions.

- B. BYLAWS COMMITTEE: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Caroline Labiner Moser). Two meetings by the committee have resulted in the following recommendation regarding changes to our voting procedure to allow for greater stakeholder representation in special interest categories. This change would not affect current voting requirements for any of the Geographic Area, Renters, or Business Representatives' seats. Proposed Motion: That

the Greater Wilshire NC allow for an additional vote by stakeholders, without additional documentation, for only the following special interest seats: At-large, Education, Non-profit, and Religion, for a total of up to three possible votes. No other voting requirements would change. Final wording is pending approval of our legal counsel and the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Ms. Moser reported that the “Committee met a couple of times” and discussed Stakeholders being allowed to vote for more candidates for only the At-Large, Education, Non-Profit, and Religion Seats. Mr. Carney explained and Mr. Hoffman further explained reasons for the Motion. There was extensive discussion of merits and concerns regarding the Motion. Stakeholder John Welborne described the formation of the GWNC in 2000 and reasons for the Bylaws wording and structure, which he helped write with Jane Usher and used to certify the GWNC in 2003. He urged “to not make changes to the Bylaws.” Mr. Gresham noted that “over 2,000 people attended [the] first election.”

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #XI. B.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 16 in favor; one opposed (Gresham); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carney).

XII. NEW BUSINESS (matters not previously identified for future consideration and action)
There were no Board Member comments or new business at this time.

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Caroline Labiner Moser)

[This was the second Item #”XII” on the Agenda.] [The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

A. 3377 W. Olympic Blvd. (Discussion and Possible Action). Eldercare facility with Alzheimer’s memory care, professional medical office, restaurant, retail. Eldercare Facility Unified Permit for an eldercare facility with 146 residential units, including 24 memory care rooms, medical professional office and /or retail, and restaurant use. REQUEST: Site Plan Review for an eldercare facility with more than 50 new residential units. REQUEST: Removal of outdated Building Line on Gramercy Drive. Review the status and de-brief after the hearing on 1-16-2018. APCC-2017-569-BL-ELD-SPR, ENV-2017-570-EAF

Ms. McFall read aloud a statement regarding Country Club Heights and the Wilshire Community Plan [<https://planning.lacity.org/complan/pdf/wilcptxt.pdf>]. She stated that the “project . . . will impact the dwellings and interior streets . . . this massive project will not be compatible . . . it will invade privacy and deprive light . . . many patrons seek parking on the street . . . this project may also set a precedent for future projects with seven stories.” Board Members noted that the Board already voted on the project; Mr. Hoffman noted that “the Board already voted to oppose this project . . . months ago.” Ms. Moser reported that there will be a February 16th project Hearing.

B. 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 suggested that the applicants do more neighborhood outreach and return to the committee in February since they don't expect a hearing until March. No motion was made, and no vote taken. Please see letter from applicant's representative. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of a February 3, 2018 letter to the GWNC Land Use Committee from Attorney Steve Kaplan, who "represents the owners."

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Jewett): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 250 N. Wilton Place because the applicant's decision not to returns as agreed upon with outreach efforts requested by the LUC Committee.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that "the only outreach they did was to the immediate neighbor."

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 250 N. Wilton Place because of the applicant's decision not to return to discuss Land Use Committee concerns.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Gilman reported that the applicant never addressed the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 17 in favor; one opposed (Hoffman); zero abstained.

C. 545 S Gramercy Place: (Discussion and Possible Action). Zone variance for office use on the first floor and residential use for an existing 2-story building in an R4-2 zone. Building shall be owner-occupied. GWNC board voted against the original LUC recommendation to support the application due to new information provided at the April 2017 Board meeting. ZA-2016-4911-ZV, ENV-2016-4912-EAF. The Land Use Committee voted 7-0-1 to oppose the variance based on the new information provided by neighbors. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of a letter from neighbor Terry Sorensen who "oppose[s] the Variance."

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the request for a zone variance for a proposed office use on first floor and residential at 545 S. Gramercy Place.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- D. 6703 – 6709 W. Melrose Ave and 701 N. Citrus Ave: (Discussion and Possible Action). Conditional use - to permit sale and dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of a proposed restaurant facility. Proposed interior remodel, new roof and +/- 629-sf addition to an existing +/- 3,509-sf restaurant, for a total of +/- 4,138 sf. ZA-2017-4602-PAB, ENV-2017-4603-CE. The Land Use Committee voted 9-0-0 to support the application as presented. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the CUP for sale and dispensing of alcoholic beverages on-site in conjunction with the operation of a proposed restaurant facility at 6703-6709 W. Melrose Ave and 701 N. Citrus Ave as presented.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- E. 5040 Wilshire Blvd. (Discussion and Possible Action). Sushi Eyaki, Inc. Conditional Use Permit for sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption. Present use is with alcohol and no change is requested. Hours of operation will remain the same. ZA-2017-4809-CUB, ENV-2017-4810-CE. The Land Use Committee voted 8-0-0 to support the project as presented. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the CUP to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant with proposed hours of operation from 11a.m. to 11p.m., daily at 5040 Wilshire Blvd as presented.

DISCUSSION: Ms. McFall was concerned whether there were too many local alcohol sales. Ms. Moser reported that “we haven’t had any complaints” regarding this restaurant.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- F. 643 N. Rossmore Ave. The is considering application for a CUP permit to convert this duplex property to a boutique hotel. On Monday 1/15/18 the Hancock Park Homeowners Association Board met with Mr. No and his wife and heard their idea for building a hotel (32 rooms) on the property. The HPHA Board voted unanimously against the proposal and use, which would require a CUP. No application has been filed as yet, therefore no motion was made and no vote was taken.

Ms. Moser noted the above. No motion was made or vote taken.

G. 5122 W. Maplewood Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action). 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. As this was a by-right project, there was no motion made.

Ms. Moser noted the above. No motion was made or vote taken.

H. 946 S. Norton Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action). Pursuant to LAMC section 12.24-W, 37, a conditional use permit for a public parking lot in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business. The Board voted 4-8-3 at the November 2017 meeting against supporting the CUP for a public parking lot at 946 S. Norton Ave in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business. ZA-2017-3955-CU, ENV-2017-3956-CE. LUC advised that applicant should contact HPOZ committee and affected neighborhood residents before returning to the LUC. No motion was made, and no vote taken.

Ms. Moser reported that “there’s a lot of community opposition to this.” Mr. Gresham requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

I. 947 S. Norton Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action). Application is for conditional use permit for a public parking lot in the R1-1 zone to be used as parking for an adjacent commercial business. ZA-2017-4917-CU, ENV-2017-4918-CE. The applicant did not have proper notice of documentation necessary for the Land Use Committee to take a vote. No motion was made, and no vote taken.

Ms. Moser reported that “there’s a lot of community opposition to this.” Mr. Gresham requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

J. 4827 W. Oakwood Ave. (Discussion and Possible Action). Preliminary Parcel Map for a Small Lot Subdivision. Demo a Single-Family Residence to construct a 4-Unit SLS. AA-2017-5342-PMLA-SL, ENV-2017-5343-CE. The Land Use Committee Voted 8-0-0 to oppose the project as presented. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 4827 W. Oakwood Ave. until applicant returns with additional information requested by the LUC Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

K. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:

- i. 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.
- ii. 706 N. Citrus Ave: Umeda Restaurant (Christine Rivera)
- iii. 5730 W. Melrose Ave: Osteria Mamma (Lee Rabun)

Ms. Moser noted the above.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. 2018 LAHSA Homeless Count: Report (Joe Hoffman)

Mr. Hoffman reported that "we had a really good turnout . . . results in May."

B. Possible interest in writing a book about the neighborhoods in GWNC (Scott Appel)

Mr. Appel presented. Stakeholder Patty Lombard reported that the publisher "has published thousands of these titles"; they are "largely image-driven."

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No other requests were made.

A. Next meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 2018

The above was noted.

B. Adjournment

Mr. Hoffman declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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