



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting March 14, 2018
Approved by the Board on April 11, 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, March 14, 2018, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

B. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

C. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

The Secretary called the roll. Sixteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Charles D’Atri, Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman, John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman (Secretary), Max Kirkham, Bobbie Kumetz, Adam Morgens (Alternate for Jeffry Carpenter), Tammy Rosato (Alternate for Bradley Jewett), Steven Senigram, Owen Smith (President), Julie Stromberg, Angie Szentgyorgyi (Alternate for Caroline Moser) and Greg Wittmann. Five Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Tucker Carney, Philip Farha, Frances McFall, John Winther 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 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 Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Five Alternate Seats were vacant [Area 3; Area 6; Business; Education; and Religion]. To apply see www.GWNC.org. Also attended: approximately 14 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. CD4 Update (Rob Fisher)

Rob Fisher, Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; Rob.Fisher@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that the Larchmont Boulevard Association installed an American flag.

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

Dave Cordova, LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213.473.0476; mobile/text phone 213-793-0650; 31646@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), reported that “crimes are down dramatically.”

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 213.922.25001; 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, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

F. Other local government representatives.

Jackie Kim, Field Representative for State 53rd District Assemblymember Miguel Santiago (213-620-4646; Jackie.Kim@asm.ca.gov; http://assembly.ca.gov/Santiago), offered help.

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

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report.

B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report.

C. LANCC Report

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stakeholder John Welborne introduced Caroline Tracy, a Larchmont Chronicle Salesperson. Nihal Satyadev said the Youth Care Program (Info@TheYouthMovement.org; www.TheYouthMovement.org) trains volunteers “so caregivers get a break” helping seniors.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and adoption of the February 14, 2018 minutes.

The following corrections to the February 14, 2018 General Meeting Minutes were requested: page one, Item #I. A.: “President Smith” should read “Secretary Joe Hoffman”; Item #I. C.: “The Secretary” should read “Max Kirkham.”

MOTION (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council accepts the Minutes of its February 14, 2018 General Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

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; Area 6; 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/>.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

C. 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; Bobbie Kumetz – Ethics; Kathleen Mulligan – Ethics; James C. Wolf – Ethics; and Tammy Rosato – 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 the above.

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

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

2/2/18 - Public Storage \$129

2/7/18 - Lloyd Staffing -Admin SF - Weeks of 11/12, 11/26, 12/3 \$960

2/7/18 - Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF- Weeks of 12/10, 12/17 \$640

2/7/18 - Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF - Weeks of 12/24, 12/31 \$480

2/14/18 - San Wilshire - Copies, Board Meeting \$65.95

2/27/18 - San Wilshire - Copies, Land Use \$40.06

2/20/18 - GoDaddy.com - Domain Name Registration, GWNC.info \$40.34

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

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kirkham, Sengram, Smith, Stromberg, Szentgyorgyi and Wittman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Kumetz, Mr. Morgens and Ms. Rosato were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kirkham, Sengram, Smith, Stromberg, Szentgyorgyi and Wittman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Kumetz, Mr. Morgens and Ms. Rosato were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- C. Review February 2018 Board Expenses that will show up on the February 2018 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary).

Larchmont Chronicle - Feb 2018 \$358

Hope Lutheran Church - Feb LUC meeting \$135

Ebell – Feb Board meeting \$350

Lloyd Staffing TBD

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 noted the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update. Nomination and approval of auxiliary signer for Board documents in case Treasurer or second signer not available. Roll call vote required.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Carroll): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the nomination of Joe Hoffman as its auxiliary signer for Board documents in case the Treasurer or second signer are not available.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kirkham, Sengram, Smith, Stromberg, Szentgyorgyi and Wittman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Kumetz, Mr. Morgens and Ms. Rosato were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action, as noted) (Tess Paige)

A. The March 3, 2018 Outreach Meeting Report. Update on the Emergency Preparedness Event.

Copies were distributed of a “Greater Wilshire is Quake Ready!” information flier and “LA Times Retrofit-needed Data (2016) for LAFD FS Maps – Compared against GWNC maps.” Conrad Starr, Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association President, described outreach and panelists for the April 7th, 9:30-12:30 or 1:00 Earthquake Preparedness event at John Burroughs Middle School. No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Next Outreach Committee meeting: April 7, 2018, at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Note that this meeting may be canceled pending approval of the April 7th date for the Emergency Preparedness Event.

The above was noted.

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

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

A. Report and Updates on General Committee Actions. Updates on GWNC positions statement regarding designation of historic Pink’s Square, crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Drive, and letters of support for stop signs at W. Willoughby Ave. & Citrus Ave., and W. Willoughby Ave. & Sycamore Ave.

Ms. Stromberg updated about the above.

B. 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) (Julie Stromberg)

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

A. Report and Updates on General Committee Actions (Julie Stromberg). Report and updates on various community impact statements.

Ms. Stromberg reported on the above.

B. Discussion, Planning, Possible Motion on GWNC Green Fair The first GWNC Green Fair co-sponsored with KYCC and Los Angeles Council District 4 will be on Saturday, March 24, 2018, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at LA High Memorial Library Park, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019.

Copies were distributed of an event flier. Ms. Stromberg described the event and reported that volunteers are needed. Mr. Hoffman requested everyone to “like” and “share” the event on social media.

C. Discussion, Planning, Possible Motion on GWNC Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour The GWNC Sustainability Committee will host its Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour on Sunday, June 3, 2018, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. More details to follow. Proposed Motion: That the GWNC Sustainability Committee host its Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour on Saturday, June 3, 2018, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Proposed Motion: That the GWNC allocate up to \$500 for the GWNC Sustainability Committee Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour for advertising and organizational expenses, including garden tour maps.

It was confirmed that the Tour will be Sunday (not Saturday), June 3rd.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee will host its Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour on Sunday, June 3, 2018, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Carroll): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$500 for the GWNC Sustainability Committee Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour for advertising and organizational expenses, including garden tour maps.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Kirkham, Sengram, Smith, Stromberg, Szentgyorgyi and Wittman); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Kumetz, Mr. Morgens and Ms. Rosato were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

D. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 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)

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 updated about the above.

- B. BYLAWS Committee: (Caroline Labiner Moser) Report from the meeting.
There was no meeting after the last Board meeting.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (matters not previously identified for future consideration and action)
There was no new business at this time.

XIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action, as noted) (Caroline Labiner Moser)

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

- A. Cathy Roberts, Stakeholder from LaBrea Hancock, approved and seated as a new LUC Committee Member
Ms. Moser noted the above.

- B. 947 S. Norton Ave: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Patty Yoon). 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 LUC voted 8-2-0 to oppose the project until documentation of outreach and conditions are met. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the conditional use permit for a public parking lot in the R1-1 zone at 947 S.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Senigram): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the conditional use permit for a public parking lot in the R1-1 zone at 947 S. Norton Ave.

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

- C. Norton Ave. 946 S. Norton Ave: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Patty Yoon). 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 previously voted 4-8-3 to oppose the CUP for a public parking lot. ZA-2017-3955-CU, ENV-2017-3956-CE. The applicant appeared before the LUC again and the committee voted 8-2-0 to oppose the project. Applicant failed to provide documentation of outreach and conditions. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the conditional use permit for a public parking lot in the R1-1 zone at 946 S. Norton Ave.

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

D. 4827 W. Oakwood Ave: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Kenneth Ree, King Woods, Won Cho). 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. This item was tabled, no motion made, and no vote taken. The above was noted. No Motion was made or vote taken.

E. 5730 W. Melrose Ave: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Lee Rabun). Application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. ZA-2017-5145-CUB, Env-2017-5146-CE. The LUC voted 11/0/0 to support the application for Conditional Use Permit. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].
Copies of the application were distributed.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Conditional Use Permit to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at 5730 W. Melrose Ave.

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

F. 5353 W. 3rd Street: Discussion and Possible Action) (Lev Stark). Plan approval pursuant to Condition No. 33 of Case No. ZA-1997-0785-CUZ-PA10 (Letter of Correction) to demonstrate compliance with conditions and to increase the time between request plan approval from 3 years to 5 years. ZA-1997-0785-CUZ-PA11. LUC voted 11/0/0 to support the application. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Gilman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the plan approval and the request for increased time between requests for plan approval from three years to five years at 5353 W. 3rd Street.

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

G. 706 N. Citrus Ave: Discussion and Possible Action) (Christine Rivera). Requesting a Plan Approval for the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a 2,098 sq. ft. restaurant with 85 seats and hours of operation from 10 am-1 am, Sunday through Thursday and 9 am -1 am Friday and Saturday. ZA-2013-566-CUB-PA1, ENV-2018-68-CE. The LUC voted 11/0/0 to support the application. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].
Copies of the application were distributed.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the plan approval for the continued sale and dispensing

of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a 2,098 sq. ft. restaurant at 706 N. Citrus Ave.

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

- H. 3323 W. Olympic Blvd. & 975-987 S. Manhattan Pl.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Kevin Reed and Dominic Hong). 7-story residential building w/ 95 apartments, 2 levels of subterranean parking w/ 162 parking stalls. Total gross building square footage = 123,445 sq. ft. Building height 95' CPC-2018-656-DB-SPR, ENV-2018-657-EAF. Density Bonus Review. The Manhattan Project I. The LUC voted 11/0/0 to oppose the project as presented. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project until further information is presented.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project at 3323 W. Olympic Blvd. and 975-987 S. Manhattan Pl. until further information is presented.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote.

- I. 3323 W. Olympic Blvd & 970-996 S. Manhattan Place: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Kevin Reed and Dominic Hong). 7-story mixed use building w/ 114 apartments and 3,550 sq. ft. of retail (hours of operation 9am to 9 pm) fronting Olympic Blvd., with 2 levels of subterranean parking w/ 216 parking stalls. Total gross building square footage = 159,186 sq. ft. Building height 95' CPC-2018-617-DBSPR, ENV-2018-618-EAF. Density Bonus Site Plan Review. The Manhattan Project II. The LUC voted 11/0/0 to oppose the project as presented.

See also below Item #XIII. J.

- J. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project until further information is presented.

See also above Item #XIII. I.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project at 3323 W. Olympic Blvd. & 970-996 S. Manhattan Place until further information is presented.

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

- K. 5115 W. Wilshire Blvd.: Discussion and Possible Action) (Ariel Gutierrez & Jay Kwon). Conditional Use Permit to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an existing 4485 sq. ft. restaurant with on-site sales and consumption of beer and wine. 114 indoor dining seats and 24 outdoor patio dining seats. -CUB-Hours of operation and alcohol sales from 11 am to 11 pm daily. ZA-2018-540-CUB, ENV-2018-541-CE. The LUC voted 11/0/0 to oppose the project. Applicant failed to appear. Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project unless the applicant appears before the committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Senigram): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 5115 W. Wilshire Blvd. unless the applicant appears before the committee.

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

L. The next Land Use Committee meeting will be March 27, 2018 at Hope Lutheran Church, 6720 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90038.
Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

M. 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.
The above was noted.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

There were no comments, announcements or reports at this time.

XV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Next meeting – April 11, 2018
No other requests were made.

B. Adjournment

Mr. Smith **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Edited by GWNC. The GWNC Minutes page is <http://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/site/?q=node/581>.