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**GREATER WILSHIRE  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016  
7 p.m.

The Ebell of Los Angeles  
743 S. Lucerne Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90005

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The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, made up of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

- A. **Call to order & Flag Salute** (Owen Smith – President)
- B. **Roll Call** (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

**II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. **CD4 Update** (Daniel Park/Nikki Ezhari) (Report on OurLA2040 – Our City. Our Future. Our Plan)
- B. **CD5 Update** (John Darnell)
- C. **LAPD Senior Lead Officers**
- D. **Metro**
- E. Other local government representatives

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

- A. DWP Report
- B. Budget Advocate Report
- C. LA Neighborhood Council Coalition motions for consideration:
  - i. Citizens Oversight Committee for Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing and Facilities solution (CF 16-1060)

- ii. Neighborhood Councils encouraged to establish a Homeless Advocate Program during this crisis (CF 15-1138-S11)
- iii. Support CF 16-1068 which opposes the above-ground, high speed train route known as E2 as proposed by the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), and calls for a station planning grant to be allocated to the City of Los Angeles
- iv. Support CF 14-1499-S4 regarding Illegal Dumping which addresses the fine level and enforcement practices.

**IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction (up to 2 minutes per speaker; speakers are requested to fill out speaker cards)

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board Action)**

- A. Review and adoption of November 9, 2016 minutes (Joe Hoffman)
- B. Request for volunteers for Neighborhood Purpose Grants Ad Hoc Committee (Julie Stromberg)

**VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

- A. **Alternate Board Member Vacancies.** Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval:

- Education
- Religion

- 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:

- Brook – Ethics & Funding
- Cox – Ethics
- Mintz – Ethics & Funding
- Morgens – Ethics
- Rosales – Ethics & Funding
- Szentgyorgyi – Ethics & Funding

- 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-of-conduct/>) within 30 days of their election or appointment. Members who have not yet completed the Code of Conduct include:

- Brook

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

- A. **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for November 2016** (Discussion and Board action)

11/2	Lloyd Staffing - Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF	\$400
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11/3	Public Storage - Storage	\$117
11/7	Larchmont Chronicle - Nov Ad	\$340
11/10	Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer DL	\$122.27
11/14	San Wilshire - Board print outs	\$33.35

11/21	Ebell - Board Meeting Rent, Nov Meeting	\$340
11/21	Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF	\$400
11/25	Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer - DL	\$154.44
11/25	Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF	\$400
11/25	San Wilshire - photocopies for LUC handouts	\$14.06

**B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the November 2016 MER (Discussion and Board Action)**

See above

**C. Review of November 2016 Approved Expenses that will show up on the December 2016 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only; no Board Action necessary)**

12/5	Public storage	\$117
12/8	Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF	\$400
12/8	Lloyd Staffing - Minutes writer DL	\$160.88
12/8	Larchmont Chronicle - Nov ad	\$340
12/8	Ebell - Dec Board meeting	\$350
12/14	Lloyd Staffing MR DL	\$109.40

**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.**

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

**A. Update on the December 3, 2016 meeting**

Meeting was cancelled

**B. 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Discussion and Board Action) (Joe Hoffman)**

Volunteer recruitment for the January 26<sup>th</sup> event.

**C. Content of the final 2016 ad in the Park LaBrea - Beverly Press (Discussion and Board Action)**

**D. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates**

**E. Next Outreach Committee meeting: January 7, 2017 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.**

**IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg)**

**A. Report on the December 5, 2016 meeting.**

**B. The Next Transportation Committee Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004.**

**X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage)**

**A. Report on the December 13, 2016 meeting.**

**B. Next Sustainability meeting: March 2017, location TBD.**

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

**XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Jim Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)**

**A. 813 N. McCadden Place (Discussion and Possible Action)**

Application to demolish a duplex on one lot and construct 4-single family parcels with adjustment for 34-foot building height in lieu of 30-foot. AA-2016-1474-PMLA, ENV-20161475-CE. Hearing date: December 15, 2016. The LUC voted 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstained to oppose the application as presented at the November 22, 2016 meeting.

**Proposed motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the application to demolish a duplex on one lot and construct 4-single family parcels with adjustment for 34-foot building height in lieu of 30-foot for 813 N. McCadden Place as presented.

B. **551 N. Bronson Ave** - (Discussion and Possible Action)

Applicant is seeking approval of a Hardship Exemption from the current ICO which prohibits expansions of residential floor area that are greater than 20% of an existing home's floor area in the Larchmont Heights Neighborhood. The existing residence is 1,195 sf and the proposed addition is 586 sf making the total sf 1781. Council File Number 14-0656-S26. The LUC voted 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstained to support the hardship application.

**Proposed motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the Hardship Application for 551 N. Bronson Ave referenced in Council File Number 14-0656-S26.

C. **417-419 N. Norton Ave** - (Discussion and Possible Action)

Applicant proposes to subdivide a duplex under construction on a single lot into two residential condominium units, each having 2 covered parking spaces within and attached garage and a private driveway. AA2016-3790-PMLA, ENV-2016-3789-CE. The LUC voted 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstained to support the hardship application.

**Proposed motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the application for a two-unit parcel map at 417-419 N. Norton Ave.

D. **121 N. Sycamore Ave** - (Discussion and Possible Action)

4-unit apartment conversion to a 4-unit condominium. AA-2016-3648-PMLA-CC and ENV-2016-3649-EAF. The LUC voted 5 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained to support the project.

**Proposed motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the application for a condominium conversion at 121 N. Sycamore Ave.

E. **Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance** (Discussion and Possible Action)

The City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> for a proposed citywide code amendment to establish an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance. The ordinance will regulate the construction of ADUs, aka Second Dwelling Units, within the City of Los Angeles in compliance with state law. CPC-2016-4345-CA. The LUC voted 5 yes, 0 no, and 4 abstained to support the proposed code amendment.

**Proposed motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the proposed ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.22, and 12.24 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) for the purpose of regulating Accessory Dwelling Units and complying with State law.

F. Possible agenda items for future meetings:

- i. **667-671 N Wilton Pl** – A density bonus project pursuant to section 12.22.A.25 For 2 on-menu incentives and using parking option 1. The project is a new 34-unit residential building, including 3 very low income units. ENV-2016-2599-EAF, DIR-2016-2598-DB
- ii. **3607 W. Olympic Blvd.** - (Lazlo Faerstain) Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6-unit Small Lot Subdivision project.
- iii. **612 S. Norton and 4055 W. Wilshire Blvd.** - Updates on plans for townhouses and condominiums
- iv. **7000-7024 W. Melrose Ave** - Density bonus with on-menu incentives for a 40-unit, 2-story residential development.
- v. **743 S. Gramercy Drive** - Applicant requests a 35% density bonus with 2 on-menu incentives to construct 15,390 sf, 75' 6" in height, 21-unit, 6 story residential apartments over one level used for automated parking, lobby, and community space and two levels of subterranean parking. Of the 21 units, 18 will be market rate and 3 units (20%) set aside for low income. Two on-menu

incentives requested are: (1) side yard reduction to 8' in lieu of required 10' (2) FAR increase from allowed 3:1 to 4:05:1. Priority housing project. DIR-2016-3615-DB

G. Next Land Use Committee meeting: December 27, 2016 at 6:30pm.

### XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### XV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting - Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

*Items in italics above are unconfirmed and may be tabled until a later meeting.*

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