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*GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL*

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
7 p.m

The Ebell of Los Angeles
743 S. Lucerne Boulevard
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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 (Owen Smith – President)
- B. Flag Salute (Frances McFall)
- C. Roll Call (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

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

- A. CD4 Update (Catherine Landers)
- B. CD5 Update (Robert Oliver)
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers / CPAB (Frank Rosato)
- D. Metro (Ned Racine)
- E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)
- F. 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:
Early White Paper Recommendations re: The Mayor’s Budget Policy and Goals for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Proposed Motion: The GWNC endorses the thrust of the early recommendations made in the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates’ White Paper, namely that—

- The City not enter into new labor contracts that increase the gap between the City’s revenues and costs;
- That the City improve the transparency surrounding major budget issues, including pension plans and vital infrastructure, by whatever means might be appropriate and effective, including open town hall meetings and the establishment of an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability as articulated by the LA 2020 Commission;
- That the City meaningfully involve the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in the budget process, including the review of budgeting for City departments, the development of new revenue resources, and recommendations for cost savings and economies;
- That the City develop a ten-year overall financial plan that addresses the closing of the City’s structural budget deficits while remediating the long-term deficiencies in the City’s good repair of its streets and other infrastructure;
- That the City fully analyze the City’s underfunded pension plans and develop and implement a plan to eliminate unfunded pension liabilities in a timely manner;
- That the benchmark the efficiency of targeted services delivery, such as by outsourcing an appropriate percentage of street and sidewalk repair work so as to compare with the costs of delivery by City forces;
- That the City develop a plan to implement the City Administrative Officer’s recommendation to build a reserve fund at least equal to 10% of total revenues;
- That the City develop and fund a comprehensive emergency and disaster preparedness plan for the City, its neighborhoods and its districts;
- That the City create and fill the position of a City Manager or Chief Operating Officer to better oversee, coordinate and manage City operations;
- That the City develop coherent strategies and plans to address critical public infrastructure needs, such as financing the expansion of the Convention Center, the revitalization of the Los Angeles River, achieving stormwater system compliance with system compliance with the Clean Water Act, and the modernization of the City’s Management Information Systems.

C. LANCC Report

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT 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 and December 13, 2017 minutes
- B. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval:
 - Area 3
 - Business
 - Education
 - Religion

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
John Gresham - Ethics

- 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.

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

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

12/2/17	Public Storage – Nov	\$129.00
12/13/17	San Wilshire - Copies Board Meeting	\$37.33
12/19/17	San Wilshire - Copies LUC Meeting	\$34.42
12/21/17	Lloyd Staffing Admin 9/18–9/24 9/25–10/1	\$640.00
12/21/17	Lloyd Staffing Admin 9/4–9/10 9/11–9/17	\$640.00
12/21/17	Lloyd Staffing Minutes	\$141.57
12/21/17	Lloyd Staffing Minutes	\$283.14
12/21/17	Larchmont Chronicle Nov & Dec	\$640.00

- B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the December 2017 MER (Discussion and Board Action)
See above

- C. Review November 2017 Board Expenses that will show up on the January 2018 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no Board Action necessary)

12/20	Ebell - Nov Board Rental Venue	\$350
12/20	Ebell - Dec Board Rental Venue	\$350
1/4/18	Hope Lutheran Church - LUC Nov	\$135
1/4/18	Hope Lutheran Church - LUC Dec	\$135
	Lloyd Staffing	TBD

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

2018 Homeless Count Deployment site (rental & snacks)	\$300
Larchmont Chronicle increase	\$358/ month
Larchmont Buzz: Business card ad (4 mos @ \$150/mo.)	up to \$600

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

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

- A. Review of January 6, 2018 Outreach Meeting.

- B. **2018 LAHSA Homeless Count** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Joe Hoffman)

January 25, 2018 at 8pm.,

(NOTE: New Location) Hope Lutheran Church, Community Meeting Room, 6720 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038

Volunteers may sign-up online at: <http://www.theycountwillyou.org/greaterwilshire18>

We are still looking for help with donations of food and beverages for volunteers that evening.

- C. **Next Outreach Committee meeting:**

February 3, 2018, at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

VIII. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg)

- A. Report from December 18, 2017 Committee Meeting.

- i. **Designation of Melrose and La Brea Aves. as Historic Pink's Square.**

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC Board support the designation of Melrose and La Brea

Aves. as Historic Pink's Square.

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC Board support 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.

ii. **Support Request for a Crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Dr.**

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC submit a letter to LADOT and Council District 5 supporting the pending request for a crosswalk at Beverly Blvd. and N. Orange Dr. (LADOT Request No. 71276).

B. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting.

Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting T.B.D. due to the February 2018 meeting date conflicting with a holiday.

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

A. Report from December 12, 2017 GWNC Sustainability Committee Meeting and Update on GWNC Sustainability Committee Projects.

GWNC Sustainability Committee voted to meet every two months instead of quarterly. Upcoming GWNC Sustainability Committee projects include first Green Fair/Festival in March 2018, Tree Planting with KYCC Spring 2018, Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour in Summer 2018, and more!

B. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting with Featured Presentation by Climate Resolve.

Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004. Meeting will feature a presentation by Climate Resolve on local climate change impacts, and energy and water-related solutions for homeowners and businesses in Los Angeles.

X. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT COMMITTEE (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.

B. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Caroline Labiner-Moser)

Scheduling of first meeting and confirmation of committee members.

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

A. GWNC Crime Town Hall. (Discussion and Possible Action) (Julie Stromberg)

In response to the recent uptick in crime in the Greater Wilshire area, GWNC Board Member Julie Stromberg, Neighborhood Watch Crime & Safety & Emergency Preparedness Chairs Frank & Tammy Rosato, and Miracle Mile Residential Association Safety Committee Co-Chair Kari Garcia will present on how residents can organize their neighborhoods to help deter crime and protect themselves. A representative from LAPD will also be invited to attend. Subject to venue availability, the GWNC Crime Town Hall will be held in February 2018 at the Ebell of Los Angeles or will take place at the March 2018 GWNC Board Meeting.

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC sponsor a Crime Town Hall in February or March 2018 at The Ebell of Los Angeles.

XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Caroline Labiner-Moser)

- A. **855 S. Citrus Ave:** Hostel being operated illegally.
Owner of property at 849 S. Citrus Ave Stephen Alexander presented evidence to the committee and was given several options for pursuing enforcement actions.
- B. **5122 W. Maplewood Ave:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Steven Scheibe)
Demolition of 1 single family residence and 1 duplex for new construction of a 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. The Land Use Committee voted 10-0-0 to oppose the project as presented.
Proposed Motion: That the Board of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project at 5122 W. Maplewood Ave until applicant returns with additional information requested by the LUC Committee.
- C. **Brookside and Sycamore Square Neighborhood Conservation Zone Change Ordinances:** (Report, Discussion and Possible Action) (Conrad Starr)
Zone change to R1 Variation Zone, CPC-2017-4556-ZC, ENV-2017-4557-EAF. Hearing was concurrent with the LUC meeting. Possible Motion if warranted.
- D. **LACMA DEIR Review:**
The team from LACMA lead by Reneé Schillaci presented the proposed museum project. Report on the presentation. (Caroline Labiner Moser). No motion made, and no vote taken.
- E. **Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings:**
 - i. **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 vote was taken. Hearing date will probably be scheduled for February 2018.
 - 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. **952 S. Citrus Ave:** Zone Change to a R1 Variation Zone. CPC-20174556-ZC, ENV-2017-4557-EAF,
 - iv. **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.
 - v. **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.
 - vi. **947 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.
 - vii. **5040 Wilshire Blvd:** 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-2017-4510-CE.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting – February 14, 2018

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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