



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council General Meeting

March 11, 2015

MINUTES

Approved by the Board, 04/08/15

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

A. Call to order & Flag salute

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frances McFall.

B. Board Roll call

Secretary Jeffry Carpenter called the roll. Fourteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Jeffry Carpenter, Ann Eggleston, William Funderburk, Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman (Alternate for Jane Usher), John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman, Fred Mariscal, Frances McFall, Jeff McManus (Alternate for Dorian Shapiro), Owen Smith, Julie Stromberg and Greg Wittmann and James Wolf. Patricia Carroll, Jack Humphreville, Patricia Lombard, Clinton Oie and Jane Usher (replacing Alternate Ms. Gilman) arrived later. Two Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Daniel Whitley and John Winther. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 13 (see <http://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/files/GreaterWilshireApprovedReorderedBylawAmendments051712Updated102612.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. 20 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat is vacant (Area 9 – Oakwood-Maplewood-St.Andrews; some Alternate Seats were also vacant; see below). Also attending: 12 Stakeholders and guests.

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

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

A. CD4 Update (Ben Seinfeld)

Ben Seinfeld, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman Tom LaBonge (213-485-3337; cell 213-804-2388; Ben.Seinfeld@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

B. CD5 Update (John Darnell)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #2. D.*] Jesus Orozco, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (310-289-0353; Jesus.Orozco@LACity.org; <http://CD5.LACity.org>), reported that the Interim Control Ordinance is not yet scheduled for a City Council vote, the Melrose BID will meet next Friday, and the L.A. Marathon will take place on Sunday (lots of street closures in our area)

*Board Members Clinton Oie then Patricia Carroll arrived at this time, making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 13).*

#### C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #2. E.*] 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), reminded to lock your vehicle. Also, catalytic converters are being stolen.

#### D. 33rd Congressional District (Melissa Ramoso)

Melissa Ramoso, Legislative Assistant for U.S. 33rd District of California Congressman Ted Lieu (323-651-1040; Melissa.Ramoso@mail.house.gov; https://lieu.house.gov), introduced herself and noted that services are available.

*Board Member Patricia Lombard arrived at this time, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 13).*

E. L.A. County Supervisors (Felicia Park-Rogers, representative for Sheila Kuehl)  
[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #3.*] Felicia Park-Rogers, Westside Senior Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (213-974-3333; FParkRogers@bos.lacounty.gov; http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl), reported that encouraged contacting Supervisor Kuehl's Office for information.

*Board Member Jane Usher arrived at this time (replacing Alternate Ms. Gilman), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 13).*

### **3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Curtis Clark, Community Representative, Los Angeles High School (323-900-4504; Curtis.Clark@lausd.net; http://www.lahigh.org), said they will request funding for their football field renovation. Copies were distributed of an information packet with photos of the field and information about the "NFL Foundation Grassroots Program."

*Board Member Jack Humphreville arrived at this time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 13).*

### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### A. Review and adoption of February 11, 2015, Minutes

**MOTION** (by Ms. Lombard, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its February 11, 2015 General Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 17 in favor; 0 opposed; one abstained (Stromberg).

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (including discussion and possible Board action, as noted):

A. Board Vacancies

Mr. Smith noted the vacancies. [See [www.GWNC.org](http://www.GWNC.org) and <http://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/files/GreaterWilshireApprovedReorderedBylawAmendments051712Updated102612.pdf> for information on who can and how to apply for consideration.]

- i. Dorian Shapiro (Area 8 – Melrose) has resigned; Board action to ratify current Alternate Jeff McManus as the new Board Member from Area 8. Will need new Alternate for Area 8.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Lombard, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies current Alternate Jeff McManus as the new Board Member from Area 8 – Melrose.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

- ii. Clinton Oie (Education) resigning at end of March, will need nominations or volunteers to fill Education Seat.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

Also, Mr. Smith announced that Jason Peers (Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews representative) has resigned as well, and there is an opening for that position.

- B. Board Alternate volunteer – Adam Morgens, Area 2 – Citrus Square; introduction and Board action to nominate/confirm as new Alternate.

Mr. Morgens introduced himself and described his community service.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Lombard, seconded by Mr. Funderburk): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies Adam Morgens as the new Alternate Board Member from Area 2 – Citrus Square.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 members present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

Mr. Morgens read aloud the Oath of Office.

- C. Alternate Board Members still needed for: Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 8 – Melrose; Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Area 12 – Western-Wilton; Education; Other Non-Profit; and Religion.

Mr. Smith noted that Alternates are needed.

D. Ethics & Funding Training reminder. All Board Members and Alternates must complete ethics training in order to vote on funding Motions before the Board. The course is available online at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=477>

In addition to Ethics training, all Board Members and Alternates are also REQUIRED to take a new funding training course (about the new system of NC checking accounts that will be launched soon). The course is at

<http://empowerla.org/leadership-academy/#Funding> Be sure to submit your completion forms (included in the training) to register your attendance.

Board Members and Alternates MUST complete both trainings to be eligible to vote on funding-related matters. [A list in the Agenda shows which Board Members and Alternates need to complete trainings.]

Mr. Smith noted the above.

E. Code of Conduct Forms -- All Board Members and Alternates are required to read the new Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (see handout or the online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>). Return paper forms to GWNC Administrator Elizabeth Fuller, or let Ms. Fuller know if you have submitted the online form. (Those who do not submit forms may soon be banned from voting or counting toward a Board quorum, even if present.) Forms not yet received from: [A list in the Agenda shows which Board Members and Alternates need to complete the Forms.]

Mr. Smith noted the above.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT** (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2015 (Discussion and Board action) (Fuller)

Expenses included: 2/6 – Copy USA - \$95.38 – CD4 Forum materials

2/11 – Lloyd Staffing/David Levin - \$141.57 – Minutes writing

2/12 – Copy USA - \$138.32 – Board meeting handouts

2/18 – Lloyd Staffing/David Levin - \$109.40 – Minutes writing

2/19 – Larchmont Chronicle - \$340.00 – February ad

2/19 – KYCC - \$75.00 – Wilton Islands maintenance for December

2/24 – Lloyd Staffing/David Levin - \$109.40 – Minutes writing

GWNC Administrative Consultant Elizabeth Fuller reviewed the GWNC Monthly Expenditure Report for February.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Usher, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2015.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

B. Approval of upcoming individual expenses already pre-approved as line items in this year’s budget – must be spent by end of fiscal year (Discussion and Board action). (Fuller)  
Website hosting at webquarry.com - up to \$100 (likely to be \$95.40) for 12 mos.

Storage locker – up to \$1,200 (likely to be \$1,164.00)  
Purchase of projector for use at LUC and Board meetings – up to \$500.00  
Switch to Mail Chimp service for e-mail lists – up to \$400

Ms. Fuller reviewed the upcoming individual expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Lombard, seconded by Ms. Eggleston): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the following upcoming expenditures: Website hosting at webquarry.com - up to \$100 (likely to be \$95.40) for 12 mos.; Storage locker – up to \$1,200 (likely to be \$1,164.00); and purchase of projector for use at LUC and Board meetings – up to \$500.00.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

- C. Update on status of current year contracts for Wilshire United Methodist Church, Ebell of Los Angeles and Elizabeth Fuller (as previously approved by the Board) (Carroll)

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6. D.]* Ms. Carroll reviewed the contracts; “the paperwork is in”; the GWNC is waiting for DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment].

- D. YTD spending report and fiscal year 2014-2015 Budget line item revisions to reflect updated spending plans (Discussion and Board action.) (Fuller)

Ms. Fuller reviewed the year-to-date Budget, including encumbrances.

- E. Approval of ad hoc NPG Award Committee’s 2014-2015 NPG Award Recommendations (Discussion and Board action) (Carroll/Stromberg)

Copies were distributed of “Ad Hoc Subcommittee Recommendations: 2015 GWNC Grant Applications” regarding Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG’s), along with a “Memorandum” outlining the eight recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Stromberg reported that the Subcommittee met February 26<sup>th</sup> and recommended that the Board allocate funding per “Plan A” of the Recommendations (as outlined in “Recommendation 1” of the Memorandum). She reviewed the nine NPG Applications totaling \$8,050. A tenth Applicant had withdrawn their Application.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Lombard, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocates funding for Neighborhood Purposes Grants totaling \$8,050 to nine Applicants according to “Plan A” of its “Ad Hoc Subcommittee Recommendations: 2015 GWNC Grant Applications.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

F. Recommendations from ad hoc NPG Award Committee on revisions to GWNC Funding Guidelines (last revised in 2011). (Discussion and Board action) (Stromberg)

Copies were distributed of a “Memorandum” of “2015 Neighborhood Purpose Grant Recommendations.”

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Humphreville): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the following recommendations from its ad hoc NPG Award Committee on revisions to GWNC Funding Guidelines:

**RECOMMENDATION #2:** That the Board approve the allocation of additional funds to the Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) awards in order to increase the NPG grant award budget to \$10,000.

**RECOMMENDATION #3:** That the Board adopt Plan B for its distribution of funds.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Stromberg explained that last year a total of \$10,000 in funding was allocated to all NPG Applicants. Ms. Fuller explained from which categories funding could be reallocated.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 15 voters present with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Eggleston, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; one abstained (Carpenter).

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the following recommendations from its ad hoc NPG Award Committee on revisions to GWNC Funding Guidelines, as stated below:

**RECOMMENDATION #5:** That the Board authorize the Ad Hoc Committee to work with each successful applicant to obtain its agreement to the following grant conditions: (a) the grant is subject to the availability of funds to the GWNC; (b) the grant requires the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s (DONE) approval and the applicant’s timely completion of all substantiating paperwork required by DONE; (c) the grant must be used to benefit stakeholders who live, work, or own property within the GWNC; and (d) the applicant shall submit a follow-up report to the GWNC Board no later than September 1, 2015, describing precisely how the grant was spent, the number of GWNC beneficiaries, and, if applicable, the names of any scholarship recipients. Failure to satisfy these requirements will result in forfeiture of the NPG award.

**RECOMMENDATION #6:** That the Board authorize the GWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Guidelines to include the following provisions: (1) project must be within the GWNC boundaries and/or benefit members of the GWNC Community; (2) applicant(s) are required to state in their NPG application the name(s) of other neighborhood council(s) to whom they are applying for funding and the requested amount of funding for their organization and/or project, if applicable; (3) awardee(s) agree to sign an agreement mandating that they present to the GWNC Board a brief update describing precisely how the grant was spent, and the number of GWNC beneficiaries. The awardee(s) must return

to the GWNC Board and provide this update by the GWNC's November Board meeting. Failure to satisfy these requirements will result in forfeiture of the NPG award.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Eggleston, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Lombard): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the following recommendations from its ad hoc NPG Award Committee on revisions to GWNC Funding Guidelines:

**RECOMMENDATION #7:** That the Board continue this year's practice of acting on all grant applications at the same time in any given funding year, as this helps ensure greater opportunity and a comprehensive understanding of the local needs before the Board awards funds.

**RECOMMENDATION #8:** That the GWNC include notice of its grant program in several of its Larchmont Chronicle ads throughout each year, and that the notice highlight the Board's desire to directly benefit as many GWNC stakeholders as possible and its preference for applicants that have also actively partnered with other contributors.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Eggleston, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

- 7. DWP MOU LIAISON** (Discussion and possible Board action) (Humphreville). Update on DWP rate increase, billing problems, benchmarking, etc.

Mr. Humphreville reported that the City Council soon will discuss the next DWP rate hike. The billing and Trust funds issues still are being resolved. A lawsuit was filed regarding whether the transfer fee sent from the City to the DWP is really a tax.

- 8. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES** (Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action). City budget update based on FSR.

Mr. Humphreville reported that the City projects a \$165 million deficit next Fiscal Year, not including funding for street and sidewalk repairs or Police Dept. salary raises. Mayor Garcetti will release his proposed Budget on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

- 9. LANCC REPORT** (Mariscal). Updates from the latest LANCC meeting

Mr. Mariscal reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] received a DWP billing problems presentation; information is available. Mansionization and the City's proposed Interim Control Ordinance were discussed; see NoMoreMcMansionsInLosAngeles.org. He read aloud the LANCC Motion regarding DONE's online voting proposal; March 16<sup>th</sup> the City will consider approving Everyone Counts as the vendor. He reviewed proposals.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Mariscal, seconded by Mr. Humphreville): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Brown Act allows for action on urgent matters on items that come up after publication of the meeting agenda, as follows:

*“Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a).”*

And WHEREAS the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council was advised on Saturday, March 7 (the day after our meeting agenda was published on Friday, March 6) that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) are preparing to approve the option for online voting in future neighborhood council elections, without adequate opportunity for analysis and input from individual NCs...

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

1. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council affirms there is an immediate need to take action on the pending approval of online voting for Neighborhood Councils, which came to our attention subsequent to the posting of our agenda on Friday, March 6.
2. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that DONE not enter into a contract for online voting in Neighborhood Council elections at this time.
3. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that DONE conduct additional outreach and survey each Neighborhood Council to determine whether or not the NCs want this nearly \$1 million dollar expenditure to create online voting and whether or not each NC wishes to participate in online voting in the future.
4. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that the outreach and survey by DONE specifically examine and discuss how factual basis stakeholders will be verified to vote, including whether any person can vote in any or all NC elections by simply claiming to have a stake in each neighborhood.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by the 18 voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Usher, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

There was discussion of possible merits and challenges of online voting. No Board Member spoke in support of online voting; a number of board Members spoke in opposition.

**10. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Mariscal) (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted)  
Note: there was no quorum at the 2/28 Outreach Committee meeting, so no votes were taken.  
Next meeting: Saturday, March 28.

A. Update on neighborhood “Top 10” priorities lists. (Hoffman) All neighborhoods have contributed; Joe Hoffman working on data presentation via Google Docs.



Mr. Hoffman reviewed the process and purpose of gathering the data.

- B. Wrap-up of Sycamore Square neighborhood walk (Fuller) – About 20 people attended on February 22. Very well received. Will probably schedule another, in the next month or so, for people who were interested but not able to come in February. Next neighborhood walking tour may be held in Windsor Village.

Mr. Mariscal noted the above.

**11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Michelle Owen/Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted). Next regularly-scheduled TC meeting: Monday, April 6

Chair Ms. Stromberg reported that the City's Mobility Plan was released; public comment ends April 6<sup>th</sup>. The next Committee Meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Wilshire United Methodist Church.

*Board Member Frances McFall left at this time, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 13).*

*Board Member Jane Usher recused herself and left the room at this time and was replaced by her Alternate Karen Gilman; there still were 17 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is 13).*

**12. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (James Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. Application for a CUB renewal for the continued sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at The Larchmont restaurant, 5750 Melrose Ave.

**Issue:** Renewal application requests a one-hour later closing time than the original permit (new closing hours would be 11 p.m. during the week and 12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday). At applicants' first visit to the LUC in January, Committee Members requested that the applicants seek support from their nearest residential neighbors. Since that meeting, applicants did gain the support of those neighbors. LUC Recommended Motion: [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Genewick): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the application for a CUB renewal at The Larchmont restaurant, 5750 W. Melrose, with a closing time of 11 p.m. on week nights and 12 a.m. on weekends.

**DISCUSSION:** Copies were distributed of the Plan Approval Application.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by the 17 voters present with all 17 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Carroll, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Gilman, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

- B. Update on status of ICO and anonymous online petition regarding teardowns in La Brea-Hancock and Citrus Square. (Discussion and Board action). (Carpenter/Funderburk)

**Issue:** On Tuesday, February 24, the LA City Council tabled a vote on a proposed Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) that would control residential teardowns in certain neighborhoods until revisions to the City’s Baseline Mansionization Ordinance are completed. Meanwhile, neighbors have become concerned about an online petition urging that certain neighborhoods in the southern portion of CD5 (which could include the GWNC communities of Citrus Square and La Brea-Hancock) be removed from the ICO. Language from the petition:

“Remove Lower Council District 5, Kentwood, and Mar Vista/East Venice (which includes 90064, 90024, 90025, 90066, 90045, 90291) from the Proposed Interim Control Ordinance which will further restrict construction on residential lots within our community.

Feb 26, 2015 — On Tuesday, February 24, I attended and offered public comments at the City Council's subcommittee on planning and land use. It appears that the city planners know that there has been little to no public outreach on this proposed ordinance in our neighborhoods, given that it just became public on February 12, and that if there is strong opposition to this ordinance, we may be able to eliminate or revise the building restrictions. So please, if you could pass on this petition which asks that our neighborhoods be removed from this ordinance, thereby allowing our communities time to fully vet and discuss its ramifications, we should be able to make a difference.”

Neighbors’ Requested Motion: [see the below Motion].

Mr. Carpenter explained the issue.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Lombard): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the following Resolution:

WHEREAS an unsigned, anonymous online petition has begun circulating, advocating that various neighborhoods in Council District 5 named in the pending Interim Control Ordinance on mansionization be not included in the ordinance provisions going forward, and

WHEREAS, the anonymous petitioner alleges that there has been “little to no public outreach on this proposed ordinance in our neighborhoods”, and

WHEREAS, there has been very intensive outreach and engagement of the affected single-family neighborhoods in the LaBrea-Hancock and Citrus Square areas of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council in Council Districts 4 and 5, and

WHEREAS, direct, in-person petitions, circulated by concerned neighbors in all of these affected neighborhoods has resulted in overwhelming support for the imposition of Interim Control Ordinance protections pending satisfactory revision of the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council reaffirms its strong support for adoption of Interim Control Ordinance protections within our borders and urges the City Council to proceed with swift adoption of an ordinance.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by the 17 voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McManus, Oie, Smith, Stromberg, Gilman, Wittmann and Wolf); 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

[Note: the following items are presented for information only; no action is requested or required at this time.] Mr. Wolf explained that the Items have been considered by the Committee.

C. Application for a CUB to allow full line liquor service (with a later closing time) at the Ebell of Los Angeles (743 S. Lucerne Blvd.)

Issue: Club had a previous license that was allowed to expire. Applicants are seeking to restore the license, with new service hours of 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. (old hours were 7:30 a.m. to midnight). There will be no new construction or other modifications requested in the application. At the January LUC meeting, Committee Members requested that the applicants seek the formal support of the Windsor Village Association for the later hours. Since then, applicants did meet with the WVA, but came to no firm conclusions regarding the issues discussed. Since no City hearing date has been scheduled yet, Land Use Committee Members requested that the applicants continue discussions with the WVA, and perhaps propose voluntary conditions regarding parking, traffic control, etc. that could be written into the CUB.

D. Application for a CUB renewal (with longer hours) and parking variance at the Xiomara restaurant (6101 Melrose)

Issue: The restaurant has been in operation, with no complaints, for 10 years at the current location. The parking variance (unchanged from the previous permit) allows off-site parking on an adjacent property by lease in lieu of a covenant. Previous hours were from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. Applications are requesting extended hours from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., primarily to allow the addition of breakfast and brunch service. Land Use Committee Members expressed concerns with the broad stretch of hours requested and – since no City hearing date is scheduled yet – asked that the applicants research hours of other restaurants in the area and return with an updated proposal that includes hours more similar to other nearby establishments.

E. Application for construction of a new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at 850 S. Crenshaw

Issue: Applicants are seeking approval of a tract map for the project. Neighbors – especially those who live in the Wilshire Park HPOZ and National Register historic district directly behind the property -- are concerned about the height, style and density of the project, and the effects it will have on the adjacent neighborhood. Project is still in early planning stages; will return as plans and discussions with neighbors develop.

F. Possible agenda items for upcoming LUC meetings (no action at this time):

- i. Construction of a 162-unit, 7-story apartment complex at 700 S. Manhattan Pl.
- ii. Development of a parking lot into 22 townhouse units over subterranean parking at 612 S. Norton and 4055 Wilshire Blvd.
- iii. Construction of a 4-story, 22-unit apartment complex with Density Bonus at 5022-5026 Rosewood Ave.
- iv. New construction project at 5016 Rosewood Ave.
- v. Change of Use to convert the old Scottish Rite Temple to a private, non-profit museum at 4357 W. Wilshire Blvd.
- vi. Construction of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at 407 S. Gramercy
- vii. Density bonus project at 801-813 N. Hudson
- viii. Construction of a new 6,000 square foot retail space at 101 N. La Brea

- ix. CUB application to allow sales of a full line of alcoholic beverages at an existing restaurant space on the 7th floor at 4680 W. Wilshire (Farmers' Insurance building)
- x. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at 850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.
- xi. Construction of 169 apartments at 904-932 N. La Brea Ave.
- xii. CUB application to allow sales of wine and beer at the Burger Lounge restaurant, 217 N. Larchmont Blvd.
- xiii. Construction of a 9-unit apartment building in the Wilshire Park HPOZ, at 963 S. Wilton Pl.
- xiv. Review of City policy on hiring outside counsel for Land Use and CEQA cases

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

#### G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Save the date: Windsor Square-Hancock Park Historical Society's annual Garden Tour, Sunday, April 26: "Brookside – Strolling Along the Stream," 1-4 p.m. Tickets \$30/members, \$35/non-members, contact [pfrye1191@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfrye1191@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Ms. Gilman noted the above except that the event will be from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

- B. New Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA). Mission: "to advance sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action. We are especially interested in helping NCs throughout Los Angeles pursue sustainability issues that are important to them." See <http://ncsa.nationbuilder.com/about%20> for more information.

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Alliance needs volunteers; contact Lisa Hart.

- C. Next meeting, Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

The above was noted.

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

There were no requests at this time.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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