



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council General Meeting
April 13, 2016
MINUTES

Approved by the committee on May 11, 2016

Mr. Wolf reported that we had received a complaint about “conducting the Meeting outside the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council.” He noted, however, that the GWNC’s normal meeting location was unavailable, there is “a great amount of difficulty finding a meeting place which conforms to DONE (L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment) standards,” none of our other legal, in-bounds locations was available, and the location of this meeting was just two blocks outside our boundaries. Also, the new Board will be Seated (after the May 1, 2016 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Election) in May or, if the Election is challenged, in June.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to order & Flag Salute (James Wolf)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at the YMCA, 4301 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90020. Vice-President James Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:36 p. m., but announced that because of the above complaint, no votes would be taken at the meeting.

B. Board Roll call (Jeffry Carpenter)

Secretary Jeffry Carpenter called the roll. Thirteen of the 19 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll, Charles D’Atri (Alternate for Fred Mariscal, who resigned on April 6), Cam Davis, William Funderburk, Michael Genewick, John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman, Jack Humphreville, Eric Oliver (Alternate for Ann Eggleston), Julie Stromberg, John Winther and James Wolf. Six Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Patrick MacKellan, Frances McFall, Jeff McManus, Owen Smith, Jane Usher and Greg Wittmann. 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 19 currently filled Board Seats, or 11 Members present (see <http://greaterwilshire.org/bylaws>), so a quorum was present. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board and some Alternate Seats were vacant (see below Item #VI.). Also attending: 26 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. CD4 Update (Daniel Park)

Daniel Park, Neighborhood Advocate for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-485-3337; Daniel.Park@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that trees were trimmed in the 600 S. Mansfield block. Sidewalk Program funds will be allocated by

80% to priorities such as government offices and 20% to City Council District priorities. A 50/50 funding sidewalk fixing arrangement will be offered with a 20-year residential and five-year business warranty. He said “we hope to have this program running by the end of the year.” He encouraged reporting sidewalk and street repair needs through the MyLA311 app.

B. CD5 Update (John Darnell)

John Darnell, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (310-289-0353; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), reported that the Metro Expo Line train on the west side opens May 20th; it will be free then and May 21st. He encouraged feedback about the Mayor’s draft Budget. “There’s no funding to resurface alleys” but needed repairs are being inventoried and potholes filled, especially around Melrose.

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers (this item came after II. D., when Officer Cho arrived):

Harry Cho, LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213-382-9102; mobile/text phone 213-793-0649; 33817@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), reported that his area includes the GWNC areas of Wilshire Park and Country Club Heights. He stated “violent crime is low . . . property crime is up . . . all throughout the City . . . about 25-30% above last year . . . cars are getting broken into.” He encouraged to “lock it, hide it, keep it.” Thieves “check car doors . . . [and steal] any little thing they can take.” He described how the sight of a gym bag can prompt a smashed window, the thief thinking that identifying documents and/or electronic equipment such as a laptop computer could be in the bag. “Homes are getting broken into.” One crew is “methamphetamine addicts.” He advised that “we really recommend alarm systems, surveillance cameras.” He noted that cameras pointed toward public spaces “are perfectly legal” as long as they are not pointed into another resident’s home. “An alarm system won’t prevent a burglary” but can prevent a bigger loss. Officer Cho encouraged emailing him with concerns.

D. Other local government representatives

Kasey Shuda, Metro Construction Relations Manager (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), described upcoming Metro Purple Line Extension Project decking work. They will “start decking in June” and email the work schedule. She said “buses have been relocated about one block in each direction . . . we’re doing our best to keep what [trees, etc.] we can.” Each work location will be closed on one side at a time for 16 weekends, from Highland to La Brea, plus another six weekends from La Brea to Detroit.

E. Great Streets presentation (Lilly O’Brien, Office of Mayor Garcetti)

No presentation was made.

III. GWNC CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD (Joe Hoffman). This month’s award is presented to Doris Tucker, an 18-year volunteer at Wilshire Crest Elementary School and de

facto “grandmother” to a full generation of the school’s pre-school and Kindergarten students.

Mr. Hoffman described Ms. Tucker’s background and community service, and presented the Award. [Applause and photos.]

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Nancy Kim, Area 9 Candidate, introduced herself.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and adoption of March 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Jeff Carpenter)

No corrections were mentioned. Mr. Wolf will Agendize this for the May [11th] Board Meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Discussion and Board action, as noted) (James Wolf):

A. Board Vacancies - Seats open for volunteer nominations. Area 7 – Resignation of Fred Mariscal has vacated the seat for Larchmont Village. **Recommended Motion:** That the GWNC confirm Area 7 Alternate Charles D’Atri as the new Board Member for Area 7. Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; and Education.

Mr. Wolf noted the above. Mr. Winther introduced Mario Carpinelli, who is interested in being appointed to the Business Alternate Seat. [To apply see www.GWNC.org and <http://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/files/GreaterWilshireApprovedReorderedBylawAmendments051712Updated102612.pdf>.]

Mr. Wolf noted the above. There were no other volunteers, and no Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Alternate Board Members still needed for:

Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 7 – Larchmont Village (if Mr. D’Atri moves to the Board Member position, as recommended above); Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews Education; Other Non-Profit; and Religion.

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

C. 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://empowerla.org>. Then go to Self-Serve and click on the icons for each of the trainings, submit them on line for signature. Be sure to forward your certificate of completion to rosters@empowerla.org admin@greaterwilshire.org and to secretary@greaterwilshire.org In addition to Ethics training, all board members and alternates are also REQUIRED to take the Funding and the Code of Conduct training. All three training courses can be accessed at the same site. Be sure to submit your completion forms (included in the training) to register your attendance. Board members and alternates MUST complete Ethics and Funding trainings to be eligible to vote on funding-related matters. 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: [A list in the Agenda shows which Board Members and Alternates need to complete the Trainings.]

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

D. Code of Conduct Forms – In addition to the Ethics and Funding trainings all Board Members and Alternates are required to read the new Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>). Currently, DONE shows the Members listed above as not having completed one or more of the training sessions.

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

E. Information on the committee formed by Councilmember Herb Wesson to hear concerns about the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). The objective is to bring improvements to the department to increase the efficiency and independence of individual neighborhood councils.

Mr. Humphreville was concerned about BONC's [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] performance; he would like the GWNC to send a letter about it to the City

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2016 (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll).

Expenses included:

3/2 Wilshire United Methodist Church - Nov 15, Feb 16 Transportation- \$50.00

3/3 Public Storage - March- \$104.00

3/11 Larchmont Chronicle -Jan - \$340.00

3/11 Lloyd Staffing - SF - \$400.00

3/11 Lloyd Staffing - SF - \$410.00

3/11 Lloyd Staffing - DL\$173.75, SF\$400.00 - \$573.75 Total

3/14 Lloyd Staffing - DL - \$128.70

3/23 Copy USA - \$79.13

3/23 Copy USA - \$84.50

3/23 Copy USA - \$119.71

3/23 Staples (Election) - \$293.97 - Yard Signs etc.

3/28 Staples (Election) - \$16.34 - Poster

3/31 Copy USA (Election) - \$250.00 - Flyers

3/31 Larchmont Ledger (Outreach) - \$157.50

3/31 Lloyd Staffing - DL - \$180.18

*** Credit 3/3 for 2/16 Staples Election Post Cards - \$1491.84 (This transaction was cancelled same day but not credited to the bank card, a mistake on the part of Staples, therefore the transaction shows on this month's statement. The account was credited March 3, 2016)

*** Credit 3/24 Staples ...Credit of \$29.66 for Yard Signs

(*** items will be discussed individually)

Ms. Carroll distributed and reviewed the GWNC "March 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report." She noted that "we're now going to start making regular payments" to Lloyd Staffing for GWNC Administrator Shirlee Fuqua's work. A credit of \$1,184.41 was received for a Staples/postcards expenditure. It was agreed to TABLE this item. No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
(Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll)

It was agreed to TABLE this Item. No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. Review of March and April Paid Expenses that will show up on the April 2016 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion only, no board action necessary) (Patti Carroll). These items were pre-approved at previous meetings, and will be approved again as part of next month's MER:

Ebell Board Meeting Space Rental - March - \$300.00

Larchmont Chronicle - April - \$340

*Wilshire United Methodist Church - LUC meeting space - March - April \$50

Public Storage - April- \$104.00

Lloyd Staffing - DL - \$96.53

Wilshire United Methodist Church - Sustainability Meeting Space - March 1 - \$25.00

Election/Meet the Candidates:

Podium, chairs etc - \$126.37

Food Sprouts - \$47.14

Staples - \$10.90 - Poster

This item was presented for information only. No vote was requested or required.

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

Lloyd Staffing - DL - Minutes - \$193.05

Lloyd Staffing - SF – Admin - \$400.00

Lloyd Staffing – SF – Admin - \$410.00

Lloyd Staffing – SF – Admin - \$400.00

Lloyd Staffing – SF – Admin - \$400.00

Lloyd Staffing – SF – Admin - \$400.00

Lloyd Staffing - SF - Admin - \$400.00

KYCC - Wilton Islands maintenance - \$75.00

Larchmont Chronicle - May - \$340.00 + Additional expense to be discussed

Public Storage - May - \$104.00

YMCA Rent for April Board meeting - \$250.00 (no Ebell rent)

Wilshire United Methodist Church - Land Use Meeting Space - April - \$25.00

Wilshire United Methodist Church - Transportation - April 4 - \$25

KYCC – Wilton Islands Maintenance - March - \$75

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Lloyd Staffing - TBD depending on future invoices

Election expenses in May:

Canopies for poll location - \$200.00

Poll worker meals - \$50.00

Food for election voters (300 voters) - \$750.00

It was agreed to TABLE this Item. No Motion was made or vote taken.

E. Approval of Board Member Reimbursements (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

It was agreed to TABLE this Item. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- F. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update. Update on MER filings, account access and/or other issues.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

VIII. LADWP UPDATE (Discussion and Board Action) (Jack Humphreville)

A. DWP Reform

The City of Los Angeles is considering a ballot measure to change how the Department of Water and Power is governed (Council File #16-0093). These proposals include changes to the Board, increasing the Board's independence, creating a paid staff for the Board, giving DWP more hiring freedom including possible removal from civil service, and authorizing the transfer of funds from the power system to the city at a fixed level. Consider taking a position on one or more parts of this proposal, and then filing a Community Impact Statement to convey the content of the motions to the city.

Motion #1 / Governance Committee: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council calls on the City Council to follow the recommendation in the charter mandated Industrial, Economic and Administrative Survey to form “a committee to examine governance reforms for the Department with the explicit task of reporting its findings and recommending a measure for the 2017 ballot.” This Governance Committee should be involved in drafting any memorandums and other information from the beginning and include at least two members from the Neighborhood Councils who are familiar with the operations and finances of DWP. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council recommends that there be a robust and transparent discussion and debate before any measure is placed on the ballot for voter approval or rejection.

Motion # 2 / Recommendations: In a joint meeting on April 2, 2016, the DWP MOU Oversight Committee and the DWP (Advocacy) Committee approved the following motion concerning the reform and restructure of our Department of Water and Power. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations of the DWP MOU Oversight Committee and the DWP (Advocacy) Committee regarding the reform and restructure of the Department of Water and Power. We support a fiduciary Board of Commissioners consisting of seven (7) qualified members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, serving staggered terms who may not be removed except for cause. We oppose a full, time, paid Board of Commissioners. However, Commissioners would be entitled to reasonable per diem fees. The Board would appoint the General Manager, determined policy, and establish rates. The City Council would have the right to assert jurisdiction in certain matters, including rates, only for the purpose of affirming or denying the action by a supermajority vote. The Board would be assisted by a more robust Ratepayers Advocate. Contracting and procurement policies would be modified allowing the Department more flexibility. The Department would be responsible for labor negotiations. The Department would establish its own Human Resources Department, separate and distinct from the City’s Personnel Department. DWP would not be subject to the City’s civil service rules. The Transfer Fee would be subject to a City wide vote.

Possible Community Impact Statement Regarding Above Motions: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council calls on the City Council and the Mayor to include at least two members from the Neighborhood Councils on a Governance Committee (or other similar body) that is charged with developing a ballot measure calling for the reform and restructure of our Department of Water and Power. We call on the City Council and the Mayor to consider our recommendations for the reform and restructure of DWP. We call for a robust and transparent discussion and debate before any measure is placed on the ballot for voter approval or rejection.

Mr. Humphreville explained the Motions are to have 1) “greater [DWP] Board independence”; 2) “flexibility, especially in regard to contracting and procurement”; and 3) the Motions are “from its own Human Resources Department.” This year, the transfer is going to be \$267 million. The issue could be on the November ballot. He encouraged filing a Community Impact Statement. A vote on this item was TABLED until next month.

B. Stormwater Plans. The City (DWP, Bureau of Sanitation) is working on its One Water LA 2040 Plan, and the County introduced its Drought Resiliency Work Plan
Mr. Humphreville described this.

C. Alternate DWP Representative Needed

Mr. Humphreville encouraged considering being an Alternate.

IX. CITY BUDGET AND NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Discussion and Board action) (Jack Humphreville)

A. Replacement for GWNC Budget Advocate. Fred Mariscal has notified the Board that he has resigned as one of the GWNC’s Budget Advocates. He and Jack Humphreville, the other appointed Budget Advocate, are recommending that Julie Stromberg replace him. Ms. Stromberg has agreed to serve. Recommended Motion: That Julie Stromberg be appointed to replace Fred Mariscal as one of the GWNC’s two Budget Representatives. Mr. Humphreville noted the above, but a vote on this item was TABLED until next month.

B. Update on the City budget

Mr. Humphreville updated that on April 20th the Mayor’s proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget was released, including a number of proposed initiatives and taxes.

X. LANCC REPORT (Discussion and Board Action) (Jack Humphreville)

A. Report on the “Live Within Its Means” Charter Amendment. If approved by the voters will require the City to develop and adhere to a Five Year Financial Plan; to pass two year balanced budgets based on Generally Accepted Accounting Principles; to benchmark the efficiency of its operations; to fully fund its pension plans within twenty years; to implement a twenty year plan to repair and maintain our streets, sidewalks and the rest of our infrastructure; and to establish a fully funded Office of Transparency and Accountability to oversee the City’s finances and operations.

Mr. Humphreville reported on this.

B. LANCC meeting tonight with the Rules Committee to discuss DWP Reform.
Mr. Humphreville reported on this.

C. Update on the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative

Mr. Humphreville reported that this is scheduled for the March 2017 ballot. The Mayor said the City will update the General Plan and all 35 Community Plans with 10 years.

Board Member Julie Stromberg left at this time (8:39), making 12 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).

XI. ELECTION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Board Action, as noted) (Colette Amin)

A. Update on Election Progress

Copies were distributed of an Election flier. The GWNC Election Budget is \$5,700; so far \$3,225 had been expended, excluding Forum costs, which were separately budgeted. Ms. Amin encouraged recruiting volunteers 18 years of age and older.

B. Report on Candidate Forum (Meet and Greet), Sunday April 3 at Robert Burns Park

Ms. Amin reported on the “successful” Candidates Forum. She requested for the President to thank Anne-Marie Johnson, the Forum Moderator; Ms. Amin will send a draft letter to Mr. Carpenter.

XII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted)

A. Purchase of half-page Larchmont Chronicle ad as final push for election outreach

(Discussion and possible Board action) (Joe Hoffman) Purchase a half-page, color ad in the May issue of the Larchmont Chronicle which comes out on Thursday, April 28, just prior to the election. The cost would be \$668 (discounted from \$1,138 and \$328 more than the normal monthly ad it would replace). The ad content would include the district map and list, plus the special interest seats up for election. The headline and text would illustrate the role the GWNC plays in representing our stakeholders in issues important to them (development, transportation, quality of life) as an encouragement to get out the vote. The voting location/time and a simple web link to detailed voting requirements would be prominent. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC Board approve a half-page, color ad in the Larchmont Chronicle as a final ‘get out the vote’ push to stakeholders. The cost is \$328 additional over the monthly Larchmont Chronicle quarter page ad that it will replace for May 2016.

Mr. Hoffman explained the ad. There was discussion of the draft Election flier.

Board Member Jack Humphreville left at this time (8:58), making 11 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).

After an extensive discussion of whether, and if so how, to fund the ad, it was agreed that the amount in question fell within Outreach Budget limits and line items that had been approved at prior meetings, so no new votes were required or taken.

- B. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates. Please contact Outreach Committee members with suggestions for future awards at outreach@greaterwilshire.org. “Unsung heroes” especially welcome!

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

XIII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Board Action, as noted) (Julie Stromberg)

- A. Report from Monday, April 4 Transportation Committee meeting.

Ms. Stromberg was not present and there was no report.

- B. Next meeting: Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; Wilshire Methodist Church, Youth Chapel Room, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

XIV. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. 2016 Drought-Tolerant Landscaping Garden Tour and Competition (Discussion and possible Board Action) (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage, Cathy Roberts) Tour and Competition of residential drought-tolerant landscapes of homes in the Greater Wilshire area. The tour will be free and take place on Sunday June 26, 2016, and will also include educational seminars. We are soliciting nominations for gardens to be included on the tour. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Ms. Stromberg was not present. Mr. Wolf noted the above.

- B. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; Wilshire Methodist Church, Youth Chapel Room, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

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

There was no new business at this time.

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

- A. 836-850 Crenshaw Blvd. -- Update on revised plans for a 5-story, 44-unit apartment building (may later convert to condos) with Density Bonus Issue: At the March LUC meeting, developers presented revised plans for the development (first presented in 2015), and related that they have done outreach with nearby neighbors in the adjacent Boulevard Heights historic district. Although the committee members said the designs have improved since the first presentation, there was continued discussion about the height of the wall along the front sidewalk, as well as a desire to see more landscaping details. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC Board oppose the project as presented, and recommend that the developers return with a more detailed landscaping plan. (Note that the LUC recommendation on this issue was not unanimous – there were six votes in favor of the recommended motion and two opposed).

Copies were distributed of the Density Bonus Application. Mr. Wolf noted the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. 820 S. Wilton Place – Application to demolish two single family homes and build an 18 - unit condominium building. Issue: The Land Use Committee initially voted to oppose this project in February, after the developers failed to respond to an invitation to present their project. The representatives did attend the March meeting, and presented their plans for the project, which includes 18 3 BR/3BA units, each about 1400 square feet. In committee discussions, there were some concerns about the main entrance not being pedestrian friendly...and notes on finishes, landscaping and neighborhood context. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC Board support the project. (Note that the LUC recommendation on this project was not unanimous – there were six in favor of the recommended motion and two opposed)

Copies were distributed of the Subdivider’s Statement. Mr. Wolf noted the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. 901 S. Gramercy Place – Application for Tentative Tract Map to build a 21 – unit condominium building. Issue: The Land Use Committee initially voted to oppose the project in February, after the developers failed to respond to an invitation to present their project. The project surveyor did attend the March meeting, but brought only a landscape plan and did not have sufficient details about the building itself to make a full presentation. Recommend Motion: That the GWNC Board oppose the project unless and until more information is provided.

Copies were distributed of the Subdivider’s Statement. Mr. Wolf noted the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

D. 5030 Rosewood Ave. – 22-unit Density Bonus project? Issue: In 2015, developers applied for a Density Bonus project at 5036 Rosewood, adjacent to this property, but it was withdrawn. Another developer now has an excavation permit for 5030 Rosewood, which notes that it’s also for a 22-unit Density Bonus project. But there does not seem to be a new Density Bonus (or any other entitlement application) on file for a project at this address. Also, neighbors are concerned that the excavation permit specifically allows excavation within 0.3’ of an adjacent property. The developer was invited to the March LUC meeting, but did not respond to the invitation. Recommended Motion: That the GWNC oppose the project because no information is available.

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

[The following items were included for information only. No board action was requested or required.]

E. 117 N. Manhattan Place – Update on proposed construction of an 8-unit Small Lot Subdivision project. Issue: First presented on January 16, 2016; now completely revised. Currently configured as four units on each side of the property, with a 10-foot-wide drive in the middle. The two front units have street-facing entrances. Overall height is 41.8 feet. No bonuses or variances are requested. Committee members requested that the project’s changes be updated in any application documents before they are submitted to the city, and asked that the developers reach out to neighbors for feedback before returning to the LUC for a vote.

- F. Introduction of the city’s plan for a new Transit Neighborhood Plans near the new Purple Line subway stations. Issue: Representatives from the Department of City Planning introduced a nascent effort to create new Transit Neighborhood Plans in areas within half a mile of each of the new Purple Line subway stations. (See handouts.) The Plans would work in concert with existing General, Area, and Community Plans, as well as existing HPOZs, ICOs, CDOs and other restrictions...although they also could call for rezoning of certain (non-single family) neighborhoods near the transit stations. The effort is still in the early stages of development, and the Planning representatives referred people who are interested to the TNP website for more information and to sign up for updates. The representatives also said they would soon be seeking neighbors to serve in “interest groups” to provide input on the new plans.
- G. 4807-4813 W. Oakwood – Application for a Tentative Tract Map for a 4-story, 18-Unit Condominium Project Issue: The project is already under construction, but developers are still waiting for a hearing date on a Tract Map application they filed last July. Developers said the only entitlement being sought is the map, and no other privileges or variances are necessary or have been applied for. Even so, however, the project representatives said they are interested in winning the GWNC’s approval before any hearings on the Tract Map application. There was discussion of the building’s general design and landscaping, as well as the specific materials that are still under discussion for the building’s exterior. The developers were invited to come back with more details as their plans take shape.
- H. 4001 W. 6th Street – Application for a CUB to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages and a change of hours to 11 a. m. to 2 a. m. at the Story karaoke bar Issue: The business is adding a full restaurant menu, in addition to the requested liquor privileges. No hearing date is scheduled yet, so the LUC requested that the representatives do some neighborhood outreach regarding the application requests, and return to a future meeting to provide further details on the situation.
- I. 4680 W. Wilshire Blvd. -- Earthquake retrofit work at the former Farmer’s Insurance Building Neighbors are divided on the issue of earthquake retrofit work being done on the building before a complete Environmental Impact Report is completed for the proposed re-development of the site. The Brookside Homeowners Association scheduled its own discussion of the issue on the same night as the March LUC meeting, so neighbors requested that the topic be postponed to a future LUC meeting.
- J. Possible agenda items for upcoming LUC meetings (no action at this time):
- i. New Density Bonus application for a new 2-story, 40 unit mixed use project at 700-716 S. Manhattan
 - ii. Density bonus with on-menu incentives for a 40-unit, 2-story residential development at 7000-7024 W. Melrose Ave.
 - iii. Updates on plans for townhouses and condominiums at 612 S. Norton and 4055 W. Wilshire Blvd.
 - iv. Update on an application for a tract map to allow construction of a new 8-unit condominium building at 800 S. Lorraine

- v. Application for Historic Cultural Monument status for a single family residence at 211 S. Muirfield
 - vi. Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6-unit Small Lot Subdivision project at 3607 W. Olympic Blvd.
 - vii. Application for a Density Bonus for construction of a 5-story, 34-unit, 56' high apartment building at 5143 W. Maplewood
 - viii. Application for a Density Bonus for construction of a 4-story, 65-unit apartment building at 518 N. Gramercy
- Mr. Wolf noted the above.

XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. New Board Secretary Needed. Current Board Secretary Jeffry Carpenter has announced he will step down as Secretary after the May 1 elections. Returning Board Members should consider whether they would like to volunteer for this important position.

Mr. Carpenter encouraged volunteering. Ms. Carroll announced a May 1st Getty House Garden Tour. Mr. D'Atri reported that "the Paramount EIR is complete"; there probably will be a meeting in May. Mr. Genewick reported that the St. Brendan Church Auditorium may be available for GWNC use.

XVIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council File # 16-0298. From the DONE GM's message of 3-18-16, asks the CAO and CLA to report on vacant City facility spaces that might be used by Neighborhood Councils per the Commission's request.
- Mr. Wolf noted the above. There were no requests or Motions at this time.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next meeting - Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Wolf noted the above and declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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