



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee  
August 3, 2015  
MINUTES Approved by the Committee 11/30/15

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

A. Call to order (Michelle Owen)

A duly noticed meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Monday, August 3, 2015, at Wilshire United Methodist Church, Youth Chapel Room, 4350 Wilshire Blvd. Chairwoman Michelle Owen called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

B. Roll call (Michelle Owen)

Ms. Owen called the roll. Four of the six Committee Members were present at the roll call were: Jeff Carpenter, Bill Funderburk, Michelle Owen and Julie Stromberg. Committee Members absent: Cindy Chvatal-Keane and Jack Humphreville. The GWNC Transportation Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 51%, or four of the six Members, so the Committee could take such votes. Also attending: Stakeholder guests Joe Hoffman and Diane Dicksteen from the Windsor Village Association; and Eric Oliver from the Sycamore Neighborhood Association.

C. New Committee Members

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Owen): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee appoints Stakeholder Eric Oliver to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote. Mr. Oliver was welcomed.

D. Self-introductions of guests

i. Alexander C. Kim, Senior Advisor, Los Angeles Council District 4

Ms. Stromberg reported that Mr. Kim was unable to attend due to illness and that Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-473-7004; Nikki.Ezhari@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), will respond about the Committee’s concerns.

**2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments at this time.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)**

A. Review and adoption of August 25, 2014 Minutes

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee approves the Minutes of its August 25, 2014 Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** with no opposition.

B. Review and adoption of April 6, 2015 Minutes

The following corrections to the April 6, 2015 Transportation Committee Minutes were requested:

Page two, Item #3. C.: the sentence “Mr. Funderburk nominated all Bill nominates other LaBrea Hancock Homeowners Association members present at the meeting for the Transportation Committee” should be “Mr. Funderburk encouraged other LaBrea Hancock Homeowners Association members present at the meeting to consider participating in the Transportation Committee.”

Page four, Item #4. F.: the phrase “Mr. Carpenter requested” should read “Mr. Carpenter reported that the Transportation Committee requested.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee approves the Minutes of its April 6, 2015 Meeting as corrected.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with no opposition.

C. Review and adoption of June 1, 2015 Minutes

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Owen): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee approves the Minutes of its June 1, 2015 Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with no opposition.

4. **OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Update on Hancock Park Failed Streets and Hancock Park Intersection Repairs (Cindy Chvatal-Keane).

Ms. Stromberg reported for Ms. Chvatal-Keane that four intersections were repaired: June and 1<sup>st</sup>, June and 4<sup>th</sup>, Clinton and Cahuenga, and Clinton and Wilcox. “Curb rebuilding is going very slowly” at McCadden and 4<sup>th</sup> St. “June St. was repaired in asphalt from Wilshire to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Chvatal “was told by the Bureau of Street Services that June St. was chosen because it was a Federal highway and the City had federal money to repave it. According to Ms. Chvatal this is incorrect; June St. is a collector street, not a Federal highway and the Bureau of Street Services cannot provide any support for their claim.”

B. Update on Status of LA Draft Mobility Plan 2035 (Cindy Chvatal-Keane/Jack Humphreville).

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Plan would be “going to the joint [City] Transportation -- PLUM Committee . . . the next step would be to go to City Council.”

**5. NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Report on GWNC-Bureau of Street Services June 2015 Initiative (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg named the “seven intersections were repaired. The next Initiative will be in January 2016.”

B. Report on Meeting with Chi Ming Gong, Street Services Superintendent I, Street Maintenance Division, Bureau of Street Services (Julie Stromberg).

Ms. Stromberg reported that she “met with Mr. Gong on July 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss a number of issues that [she] had been corresponding to him with but had not heard any response.” She described Windsor Village Post Office boxes “that were never replaced” and “removed without notice, which is required. The boxes were moved during construction to create ADA-accessible ramps. Mr. Gong stated that he was looking into it.” Also, asphalt patches were made at the sidewalk in front of 900 S. Victoria; “according to the Windsor Village Preservation Plan all sidewalk repairs should be concrete . . . Bureau of Street Services have no knowledge of the repairs and neither does the City Council Office. He said he was looking into it but possibly the repairs were performed by the homeowners.” She described trying to get City action regarding the intersection of Cahuenga and Clinton; there may be “an underlying water issue.” Mr. Gong indicated about the Willets ADA access case that the City settled, including committing \$30 million for sidewalk repairs. She showed him photos of the alley between Carling Way and 6<sup>th</sup> St. needing repair between Sycamore and LaBrea; “he’s going to look into it . . . the GWNC has written letters to the [City] Council Office requesting repairs to be made at this location.”

C. Report on Follow-Up with Michelle Mowery from LADOT on Sensors at Lucerne Blvd. & Wilshire Blvd. (Julie Stromberg).

A Stakeholder (Ms. Kearney) had reported that “the sensors are not sensitive enough for bicycles . . . a report . . . concluded that there was a need to increase the sensitivity . . . nothing ever happened.” Ms. Stromberg “emailed Miss Mowery requesting that we reopen the matter.”

C. Report on Metro Purple Line Extension July 16, 2015 Section 1 Advisory Board Member “Demolition Viewing” Meeting (Jeffry Carpenter).

See below Item #5. D.

D. Report on Metro Purple Line Extension July 16, 2015 Community Meeting (Jeffry Carpenter).

Mr. Carpenter reported that “utility relocation continues.” He noted that noise mitigation measures (using torch cutters rather than saws and solar battery-powered, rather than generator-powered, work lights) have been used at the Wilshire and Fairfax construction site. Pile drilling and installation will be done from November 2015 through Summer

2016 on Wilshire from Orange to Detroit. Construction-area parking arrangements are being considered and feedback can be given.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** (including discussion and possible action items, if listed):

There were no reports at this time.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. New GWNC Standing Committee on Sustainability (Julie Stromberg).

Ms. Stromberg announced the creation of a new GWNC Standing Committee on Sustainability and encouraged participating. The Committee will meet quarterly, starting in September, focusing on sustainable lifestyles and issues.

**8. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Discussion on Bicycle Rules

This was not mentioned.

B. Discussion on Skateboarding Rules

This was not mentioned.

C. Remedies Available to Correct Utility Cuts in Roads

This was not mentioned.

D. New Transportation Measures Impact on Development.

Mr. Carpenter described the City's consideration of the LOS (Level of Service). There was discussion of the effectiveness of bus riding in regarding to reducing vehicle traffic, and transportation alternatives.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next Committee Meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stromberg announced that Ms. Owen "will be stepping down as Chair."

**MOTION** (by Mr. Funderburk): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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