



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council General Meeting
August 12, 2015
MINUTES
Approved September 9, 2015

1. 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, August 12, 2015, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fred Mariscal.

B. Board Roll call (Jeffry Carpenter)

Secretary Jeffry Carpenter called the roll. Twelve of the 18 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll, Michael Genewick, John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman, Fred Mariscal, Jeff McManus, Eric Oliver (Alternate for Ann Eggleston), Owen Smith, John Winther, Greg Wittmann and James Wolf. Karen Gilman (Alternate for Jane Usher), Patricia Lombard, Frances McFall, Jack Humphreville, Barbara Savage (Alternate for William Funderburk) and Julie Stromberg arrived later. No Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate. 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 18 currently filled Board Seats, or 11 Members present (see <http://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/files/GreaterWilshireApprovedReorderedBylawAmendments051712Updated102612.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Eighteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats were vacant (Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Education, and Other Non-Profit) (and some Alternate Seats were vacant; see below). Also attending: 30 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. CD4 Update

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5. E.*] Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-473-7004; Nikki.Ezhari@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that Councilman Ryu is “thinking of hiring more” staff.

Board Member Frances McFall arrived at this time, making 13 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).

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), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

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), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

D. Other local government representatives

There were no other reports at this time.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and adoption of July 8, 2015 Minutes (Jeff Carpenter)

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Winther): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 8, 2015 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no opposition.

Board Member Jack Humphreville arrived at this time, making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).

B. Status of Administrator hiring and interim transition (Owen Smith)

Mr. Smith reported that a letter had been sent to the City Attorney's Office requesting that language be adopted that would preclude what Mr. Smith termed to be "onerous requirements" presently being imposed by the temp agency that the GWNC was being directed to by DONE. Mr. Smith was confident that some form of the recommended contractual changes would eventually be effected which would allow the GWNC to "move forward" with retaining a replacement Administrator for the NC.

Board Members Julie Stromberg and Barbara Savage (Alternate for William Funderburk) arrived at this time, making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (including discussion and possible Board action, as noted) (Owen Smith)

Mr. Smith recounted that at the July 8th GWNC Board Meeting, around 100 Stakeholders opposed and three supported CIM's plans to have a restaurant in the old Farmers' Insurance property at 4680 Wilshire Blvd. CIM presented variations of an overall plan; Stakeholders made wide-ranging comments. Mr. Smith indicated that there would be additional meetings with CIM to reach a consensus about the property.

A. Board Vacancies

- i. Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; ii. Education; and iii. Other Non-Profit.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

- B. Board Alternate volunteer – Philip Farha, Area 8 – Melrose; Board action to nominate/confirm as new Alternate (McManus).

MOTION (by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the appointment of Philip Farha as the Area 8 – Melrose Alternate Board Member.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no opposition.

Mr. Farha had previously indicated that he would not be able to attend this meeting, but would join the GWNC at a future meeting for his swearing in.

- C. Alternate Board Members still needed for:

- i. Area 3 – Country Club Heights; ii. Area 4 – Fremont Place; iii. Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; iv. Area 12 – Western-Wilton; v. Education; vi. Other Non-Profit; and vii. Religion.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

Board Members Karen Gilman (Alternate for Jane Usher) and Patricia Lombard arrived at this time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).

- 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. The following Board Members and Alternates have NOT 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 trainings.]

Note: Ethics certifications for Patricia Lombard, Jack Humphreville and Kathleen Mulligan are shown expiring in September 2015. Please advise the Board Secretary as soon as you have renewed your certification.

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/>). Currently, Business Alternate Peggy Bartenetti is the only GWNC Board Member or Alternate who has not turned in the required form.

Mr. Smith noted the above.

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

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2015 (Discussion and Board action) (Patti Carroll)

Ms. Carroll reviewed recent expenses. The balance is \$36,381.56. Expenses included:

- *7/1 Staples Office Supplies - \$378.14
- *7/2 Elizabeth Fuller - \$5000.00
- 7/6 Public Storage - \$104.00
- 7/8 Copy USA - \$80.13 (Board Meeting)
- 7/9 Copy USA - \$27.53 (Board Meeting)
- *7/15 Patricia Carroll - \$75.54 (reimburse for Copy USA July 2014)
- *7/15 Patricia Carroll - \$ 5.54 (reimburse for postage to DONE)
- *7/15 Larchmont Chronicle July Ad (paid end June) - \$340.00
- 7/24 Lloyds Minutes Writing - \$180.18
- 7/28 Lloyds Minutes Writing - \$186.62
- 7/30 Stop Payment - \$15.00 Ebell check
- 7/31 Copy USA - \$40.06 (LUC Meeting)
- [* = expenses paid out of 2014-15 budget]

Also those paid from 2014/2015 Budget but not cleared yet:

- *Ebell of Los Angeles (Meeting Space) \$3600 check reissued 8/10
- *Larchmont Buzz (8 months) \$1200

Those paid from 2015/2016 Budget:

- 8/4 Public Storage \$104.00

Those paid from 2015/2016 Budget but not cleared yet:

- The Ebell - \$300 July Rent
- Larchmont Chronicle August Ad \$340
- The Ebell - \$300 August Rent

Upcoming Board Expenditures

- Booth at the Larchmont Fair - \$300
- Approval for promotional items for the Larchmont Fair, etc. - \$340
- Approval of rent for Sustainability Committee meeting space - \$100
- Approval for postage for Treasurer's mailing of monthly reports to DONE - [up to] \$100

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Oliver): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2015.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Oliver, Savage, Smith, Stromberg, Winther, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Savage): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in July 2015.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Oliver, Savage, Smith, Stromberg, Winther, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

C. Pre-Approval of upcoming expenses (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)

Ms. Carroll reviewed upcoming expenses.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Winther): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council pre-approves its upcoming expenses.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Hoffman, Humphreville, Lombard, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Oliver, Savage, Smith, Stromberg, Winther, Wittmann and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

D. Adoption of 2014-15 Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Form (Patti Carroll, Fred Mariscal) (Discussion and Board action)

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Winther): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts its 2014-15 Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

E. Update on status of current year contracts for Wilshire United Methodist Church, Ebell of Los Angeles (as previously approved by the Board) (Patti Carroll)

Ms. Carroll explained that “we’re trying to pay everybody on a monthly basis.”

VII. DWP MOU LIAISON (Discussion and possible Board action) (Jack Humphreville)

A. Prospective Water, Electricity Rate Increases

Mr. Humphreville reported that proposed rate increase and community meetings information is available at MyLADWP.com. The City Council probably will consider the increases in October.

B. [City Council] “Pet Projects”, DWP Revenue Diversions to the General Fund

Mr. Humphreville reported on disputed diversions of DWP funds to pet projects of the Council Offices, including improvements at the El Pueblo Plaza and the La Kretz Innovation Campus project in the Arts District, as well as new responsibilities for storm water reclamation

Mr. Humphreville also reported on the continued issues of funding the Joint Training Institutes and the Transfer Fee diversion.

VIII. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action)

A. City Budget Update

Mr. Humphreville reported that there may be a large increase in the deficit from previous estimates.

B. Union Contract Negotiations

Mr. Humphreville reported that although negotiations have been concluded, the terms of the new labor agreement have not been released. A 4% pay increase over 4 years is rumored, along with the prospective hiring of 1,000 new City employees, indicating a rise in the City's annual budget deficit to \$487 million.

C. Prospective Bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics

Mr. Humphreville reported the position of the NC Budget Advocates that the it be guaranteed that the City not be responsible for any cost over-runs were the Olympics to be held in Los Angeles in 2024. would have to guarantee that the U.S. Olympic Committee would not lose any money. The NC Budget Advocates are urging "verification" of numbers and agreement terms and "backstops" protecting the City from any financial liability.

IX. LANCC REPORT (Mariscal/Humphreville)

Mr. Humphreville reported on LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org].

A. United Neighborhoods of LA/UNLA Coalition

Mr. Humphreville announced the formation of the United Neighborhoods Los Angeles Coalition of Stakeholders regarding land use, infrastructure and enforcement issues.

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

A. Update on Operating Plan for Greek Theater (Fred Mariscal and Kristina Chambers) (Board Discussion and Possible Board Action) -- Update and Board discussion of recent Los Feliz Neighborhood Council resolution, other NC actions, regarding current City proposals, plans and processes for the operation of the Greek Theater.
Proposed Draft Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

Kristina Chambers, Special Projects Coordinator, Nederlander West Coast (ofc. 323.817.6187; mobile 818.415.1550; KChambers@nederlander.com; www.nederlander.com), reported that the L.A. Dept. of Recreation and Parks promised to include the neighborhood and "that has not happened." She believed that the Department's plan could result in an additional "up to 300 cars" for concerts, as opposed to Nederlander's shuttles in previous years, and that the Department does not have an overall plan.

MOTION (by Mr. Mariscal, seconded by Mr. Humphreville): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the findings and recommendations contained in the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council resolution on the City's operation of the Greek Theater.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no opposition.

Ms. Chambers added that City Councilman Ryu will facilitate the establishment of a Council File.

- B. Update on Upcoming Participation in the Congress of Neighborhoods (Mariscal/Humphreville) – Saturday, September 26 at City Hall, 7:45am to 4:30pm.

Mr. Mariscal described the event.

- C. Discussion of Great Streets Challenge Grants (Mariscal/Wittmann et al.) – Pros and cons of grant program. Possibilities for GWNC partnering with some of our neighborhood associations near the Western Ave. corridor on a collateral initiatives and projects.

Mr. Mariscal described the program.

- D. LA Times Neighborhood Boundaries (Mariscal) – Discussion about how to respond to the growing public use of the LA Times’ neighborhood boundaries, which show Koreatown extending into parts of GWNC neighborhoods. Recap prior efforts to communicate with the Times and the Council Office. Discussion of additional actions to gain proper recognition for GWNC’s historic neighborhoods, as City-defined NC and individual neighborhood association areas.

Copies were distributed of maps of Koreatown and the GWNC areas. Mr. Mariscal described the issue.

- E. Recap of National Night Out / Los Angeles High School (Mariscal/Hoffman)

Mr. Mariscal described the event at which several Board Members helped.

- F. Request for Citizen Recognition Award candidates – Please contact Outreach Committee Members with suggestions for future awards.

Mr. Mariscal reported that candidates are needed.

XI. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Stromberg/Carpenter) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. 8-03-15 Transportation Committee Meeting Recap

Ms. Stromberg recapped and reported that the Committee will meet with Ms. Ezhari regarding transportation matters. Ms. Stromberg described intersection and street repairs needed and recently completed. The Committee met with Chi Ming Gong, L.A. Street Services General Superintendent.

- B. Status Update on the Transportation Committee

Ms. Stromberg updated that Michelle Owen resigned from the Committee and Eric Oliver joined it. She invited everyone to participate.

- C. Update on the Status of the LA Draft Mobility Plan 2035

Ms. Stromberg reported that on August 11th the City Council approved the Mobility Plan; some parts are being further considered. The City promised her that it would do more outreach to the City Council and Neighborhood Councils. She noted that City Councilman Ryu’s Motion

regarding the Mobility Plan was partly based upon recommendations from the Hancock Park Homeowners Association.

D. Updates from July 16 Purple Line Extension Community Meeting:

- Continuing Utility Relocation. Duct banks being during nighttime, 8pm-6am. Torch cutters being used on steel plate trench covers at Fairfax and Wilshire instead of saw-cutting of joints. Also using battery-powered, solar charged work lights instead of generators.
- Pile Drilling and Installation. First major subway construction activity. Scheduled to start in November, continuing into summer 2016, between Orange Dr. and Detroit St. Approximately 4-6 months of drilling on each side of Wilshire.
- Tree Removal, Median Replacement Landscaping. Hearing held July 22 at City Hall. Scheduled to start in the next few months the Wilshire/La Brea station. Salvage and conservation possibilities continuing to be explored. Options presented by Mia Lehrer Associates for new, more sustainable landscaping palettes after completion of construction
- Construction Area Parking Management Plan. Area on the west side of LaBrea being analyzed for how to manage and mitigate parking lost due to construction, construction worker vehicles (EIR mitigation measures TCON7, TCON8).
- Next Metro Advisory Committee Meeting: September 17 at the Korean Cultural Center.
- Presentation can be downloaded at:
http://media.metro.net/projects_studies/westside/images/presentation_purpleline_2015-0716.pdf

Mr. Carpenter reported on the above on behalf of Ms. Stromberg.

E. Next Transportation Committee Meeting: October 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

XII. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Stromberg) (Discussion)

A. Report and Status on the Sustainability Committee

Ms. Stromberg reported that several Stakeholders want to participate.

B. LANCC Sustainability Committee, Sustainability Alliance Update

Ms. Stromberg described the above. She will present a Motion at the next GWNC Board Meeting for the GWNC to join the Alliance.

C. Date and Location of First Sustainability Committee Meeting

Ms. Stromberg announced that the Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilshire United Methodist Church, then Tuesday, December 1st.

XIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (James Wolf, Area Representatives) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. Application for 24-hour operation and a CUB for beer and wine sales at a new 7-Eleven store at 5273 W. Olympic Blvd.

Issue: Applicant has signed a lease for the property, which would allow a by-right store with no alcohol sales and hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. They are requesting additional privileges of 24-hour operations and a CUB for sales of beer and wine. In negotiations with the Sycamore Square

Neighborhood Association (SSNA), which originally opposed the requests, applicant has revised the plans and is now offering significant renovations to the property and a lengthy list of volunteered conditions for the CUP. The SSNA voted on June 15 to support the application, with the negotiated conditions. LUC voted in support of the project, with the written conditions as drafted by the SSNA, at its July 28, 2015, meeting.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the project with the written conditions drafted by SSNA.

Copies were distributed of the Master Land Use Permit Application and a letter from Stakeholder Elizabeth Fuller. Project representative Tara Devine presented. She displayed renderings and reviewed the project at the northeast corner of Olympic and La Brea. Ms. Fuller, an SSNA Board Member, said the 7-Eleven has “worked very hard” on property improvements with “a really long list of conditions.”

MOTION (by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Application for a 24-hour operation and a CUB for beer and wine sales at a new 7-Eleven store at 5273 W. Olympic Blvd. with the written conditions drafted by the Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association (SSNA) as follows:

- 7-Eleven will perform all property renovations and improvements shown in the drawings presented to the SSNA on June 15, 2015. These include removal of the more modern brick building cladding and restoration of the original underlying Mission Revival-style stucco, repairs to the tile roof, expansion/restoration of glass window frontage, and the addition/restoration of Mission-style curved window openings. The trash enclosure will also be upgraded, with new Mission-style doors, which will remain closed and locked at all times.
- There will be no single-serving sales of alcohol. Beer will be sold only in minimum quantities/packages of six servings, and wine products (e.g. wine coolers) in minimum quantities/packages of four.
- There will be no sales of fortified or malt liquor beverages.
- Sales of alcohol will be limited to the hours of 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Glass windows will remain largely uncovered for maximum visibility, and there will be no exterior advertising of any kind, except for the 7-Eleven pole and over-the-door signs, small Lotto and ATM signs, and any legally-required signage (required by the City, LAPD, etc.)
- 7-Eleven will install a minimum of 5 security cameras, covering the parking lot, front entrance, cashier area, beer and wine cases, and the exterior trash enclosure.
- There will be a 24-hour graffiti removal policy.
- Landscaping areas will be re-planted with drought-tolerant plants.
- There will be daily sweeping/cleaning of the parking lot, mall sidewalks and adjacent public sidewalks.
- Exterior lighting will include Mission-style fixtures at the locations shown in the presentation drawings, and will be brighter than existing lighting.

- On an ongoing basis, necessary repairs to the building and property will be made in as timely a manner as possible.
- There will be no public restrooms.
- The store will file a “No Trespassing” letter with LAPD, to allow them to remove loiterers.
- In addition to the CUB, 7-Eleven will add these conditions, where possible, to its lease with the property owners, and to its agreement with the franchisee (when one is chosen), for additional enforcement assurance.
- Applicants will meet at least twice a year with representatives of the Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association to foster the relationship between the store and the community and to discuss compliance with these conditions.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Devine said that alcohol sales would be from 11 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. only with restrictions on sales.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with no opposition.

B. Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the H.H. Whitley Mansion at 634 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Issue: The H.H. Whitley Mansion property is under imminent threat of demolition and development. The property is zoned R-3. Past land uses have included, in 1963 Tidewater (Getty) Oil Company designated the property as a “church”; in 1967 it was repurposed as an “adult school”; it is currently used a sober living Board and care facility. The property remains intact and embodies all of the characteristics of a master Southern California architect, Harry Hayden Whiteley.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application.

Mr. Wolf explained the issue.

MOTION (by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Savage): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the application for Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the H.H. Whitley Mansion at 634 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion that the Mansion is close to a large project.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with no opposition.

C. Support for Inclusion of Sycamore Square in the ICO. LUC voted to support lobbying effort to gain inclusion for R-1 properties on Citrus and Orange Avenues to prevent teardowns on July 28. LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of a letters, photos and a map from the Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association. Mr. Wolf explained the issue.

MOTION (by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Ms. McFall): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the inclusion of the R-1 properties in the Sycamore Square neighborhood, as well as the west side of Highland Avenue between Wilshire and Olympic, for inclusion in the ICO with specific terms to prevent additional teardowns of existing single-family homes.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Fuller clarified that “this would just cover R-1 properties.”

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with no opposition.

D. Reconsideration of application to install an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at 407 S. Gramercy

Issue: Verizon proposed a rooftop installation of several antennas and other equipment atop a 1920s apartment building. The equipment is needed to provide improved high-speed data service to area cell phone users, and will be concealed behind RF-transparent screen structures designed to mimic the brick cladding and window arches of the building. At the July 8, 2015 meeting, the GWNC voted to support the installation as presented, on the condition that the applicant return to the LUC after the installation is complete, to verify that the details of the project as constructed match what is being proposed. Some resident neighborhood Stakeholders have subsequently come forward expressing strong opposition to the proposed unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and are requesting that the GWNC Board reconsider its approval. Associate Zoning Administrator Lourdes Green has reportedly extended the deadline for comment to August 28, 2015.

Copies were distributed of site plans and elevations. Long-time building resident Meryl Jacobs opposed the application, saying it “threatens the historical status.” Stakeholder Jessica Burton noted that cell phone companies are required by GWNC policy to present other options. Stakeholder Robert McHenry was concerned with “adding weight on top of the building.” Mr. Wittmann reported that residents wrote letters and attended the City Hearing, but did not know about the GWNC or see any of its Agendas. He noted that previous historic buildings have avoided cell tower installations. Also, this building recently was identified by the city as a historic structure. Ms. Savage noted that the GWNC Land Use Committee Agendized this issue “for almost a year.” Ms. Fuller reminded that “this is an advisory group; they don’t approve or deny anything” and the person who makes the recommendation is the City Planner.

MOTION to RESCIND (by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Savage): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council RESCINDS its July 8, 2015 support for the installation of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at 407 S. Gramercy and asks its Land Use Committee to RECONSIDER the issue.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Savage noted the need to ask the City to extend the comment deadline to the end of September.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; one opposed.

[The following items were included for information only. No presentation was scheduled nor was Board action requested or required at this time.]

E. Improvements for Starbucks Coffee and a CUZ at 7016 Melrose Avenue

Issue: The property is in a commercial zone and presently vacant. Starbucks is requesting to be open 19 hours, from 0500-0000. The property is located on the south side of Melrose across from Anarkali and Hot Wings Cafe. Pinks, Chipotle and a Ramen place are on the NW corner of Melrose and LaBrea.

F. Construction of 22 townhouses over subterranean parking at 612 S. Norton and adjacent condominiums at 4055 Wilshire Blvd.

Issue: Applicants have been working with the Park Mile Design Review Board and made a second presentation of their designs so far at the June LUC meeting. They will continue to work on refinements and will return for another presentation as plans develop.

G. Use of sign postings to discourage home sales to developers of Small Lot Subdivision projects in the South Hollywood neighborhood.

Issue: The South Hollywood Neighborhood Association has been posting signs to discourage neighborhood homeowners from selling homes to developers of small lot subdivisions, pending efforts to secure a zoning overlay that would limit or prohibit such developments. Some neighbors, however, object to the use of the signs and claim they artificially depress sale prices and disadvantage homeowners. Discussion at the LUC meeting featured speakers from the SoHo Neighborhood Association on both sides of the issue. Committee Members discussed the issues involved, including the free speech rights of both individuals and the local association to advocate for their individual and collective points of view.

The LUC believes the issues involved have now been mediated.

Mr. Wolf noted above Item #'s E., F. and G.

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

1. Application to build 6,000 square feet of retail space at 101 N. La Brea.
2. Demolition of 9 single-family residences and construction of a new 5-story, 88-unit apartment building over garage levels at 501-543 N. Wilton
3. Application for a Tract Map to build 8 new condominium units at 800 S. Lorraine Blvd.
4. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at 836-850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.
5. Application for a tract map for new condominiums at 850 N. Sycamore Ave.
6. Application to demolish existing structures and build 169 apartments at 904-932 S. La Brea
7. Change of Use to convert the old Scottish Rite Temple to a private, nonprofit museum at 4357 W. Wilshire Blvd.

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Recapping DONE Neighborhood Council Town Hall, Hollywood Constituent Center, July 25, 2015 (Carpenter, Carroll, Amin) – Impressions from DONE Town Hall, GM presentation, possible recommendations for future Board adoption (see attachment).

Copies were distributed of a report on the Town Hall. Ms. Carroll announced the August 24th Taste of Larchmont “raises money for 13 food pantries.” Ms. Stromberg announced a Saturday, September 19th 10:00 a.m. tour of Windsor Village; meet at the Harold Henry Park pergola area.

XV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests at this time.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next meeting, Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith noted the above and declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:13 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>.