



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council General Meeting  
December 9, 2015  
MINUTES  
Approved by the Committee 1/13/16

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS**

A. Call to order & Flag salute (Owen Smith)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. President Owen Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frances McFall.

B. Board Roll call (Jeff Carpenter)

Secretary Jeffry Carpenter called the roll. Fifteen of the 19 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Jeffry Carpenter, Ann Eggleston, William Funderburk, Michael Genewick, John Gresham, Joseph Hoffman, Jack Humphreville, Fred Mariscal, Frances McFall, Patrick MacKellan, Jeff McManus, Levi Obery (Alternate for Greg Wittmann), Owen Smith, John Winther and James Wolf. Three Board Members arrived later: Patricia Carroll, Julie Stromberg and Patricia Lombard. One Board Member was absent and not represented by an Alternate: Jane Usher. 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://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/files/GreaterWilshireBylawsApproved2014.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant (Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; and Education) (and some Alternate Seats were vacant; see below). Also attending: 12 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. CD4 Update (Nikki Ezhari)

Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-473-7004; [Nikki.Ezhari@LACity.org](mailto:Nikki.Ezhari@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 Patti Carroll arrived during Item #II. D.*] 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 community meetings are being held about the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance and the Baseline Hillside Ordinance. He said “Sycamore between Third and Oakwood will be resurfaced” in January.

#### 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

Maria Calpito of L.A. Trade Tech announced that free health science courses are available for eligible persons; their Winter session is from January 4<sup>th</sup> – February 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Board Member Patricia Carroll arrived at 7:07, making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

[This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #II. B.] Michael Cortez, Metro Construction Relations Officer, East Segment (direct 323.900.2145; CortezMic@metro.net; 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 the La Brea decking work schedule.

*Board Member Julie Stromberg arrived at 7:09, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

Mr. Cortez answered questions about the Metro Purple Line construction.

*Board Member Patricia Lombard arrived at 7:11, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

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

There were no public comments at this time.

### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

#### A. Review and adoption of November 11, 2015 Minutes (Jeff Carpenter)

Mr. Carpenter said that the Board will vote on this at the next Meeting.

#### B. Status of Retaining a New GWNC Contract Administrator (Jeff Carpenter). The recommendations of the Interview Panel will be discussed at the end of the meeting. Out of courtesy to the applicants, the discussion will be a closed session and the audience will be asked to leave the meeting. The action of the board will be reported immediately after the conclusion of the closed session.

Mr. Carpenter explained that no closed session would be held. He described Shirlee Fuqua's extensive administrative experience.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approved the selection of Shirlee Fuqua as its Administrator.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of 13 of the 15 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Hoffman, Humphreville, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Winther and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll and Ms. Lombard did not vote. Mr. Gresham, Mr. MacKellan and Mr. Obery were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

Patricia Lombard announced that she has resigned from the Board.

*Now-former Board Member Patricia Lombard joined the audience, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

- A. Board Vacancies. Seats vacated by elected board members before the end of their term open for volunteer nominations. Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; and Education.

Mr. Smith noted the vacancy(ies) that now include Area 4 - Fremont Place. [To apply see [www.GWNC.org](http://www.GWNC.org) and <http://www.greaterwilshire.org/site/files/GreaterWilshireApprovedReorderedBylawAmendments051712Updated102612.pdf>.]

- B. Alternate Board Members still needed for: Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 4 – Fremont Place; Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Education; Other Non-Profit; and Religion.

Mr. Smith 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://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/leadershipacademy/#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.]

Mr. Smith noted the above.

- D. 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 November 2015 (Discussion and Board action) (Patti Carroll)

Expenses included: 11/4 Public Storage November - \$104.00; 11/5 The Ebell October - \$300.00; 11/12 KYCC - \$75; and 11/19 Lloyds Minutes writing - \$132.56.

Ms. Carroll distributed and reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for November and two "10/31/15 – 11/30/15" UnionBank "Statement of Accounts." She explained that DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] has two checking accounts for the GWNC.

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

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of 13 of the 14 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Hoffman, Humphreville, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Winther and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll did not vote. Mr. Gresham, Mr. MacKellan and Mr. Obery were 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).

Ms. Carroll distributed and reviewed the individual expenses made during the month of November.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Wolf): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in November 2015.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of 13 of the 14 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Hoffman, Humphreville, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Winther and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll did not vote. Mr. Gresham, Mr. MacKellan and Mr. Obery were 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).

See the below Motion. Ms. Carroll reviewed upcoming expenses to be made.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Funderburk): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council pre-approves the following upcoming expenses: Public Storage Nov - \$104.00; Larchmont Chronicle December - \$340.00; Ebell Rent Nov - \$300; Ebell Rent Dec – 300; UMC Land Use Meeting Space Oct, Nov, Dec - \$75; Village Mail call Annual fee Mail box - \$400; KYCC - \$75; Lloyds Staffing - 128.70; Lloyds Staffing - 173.75; and Lloyds Staffing - 193.05.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of 13 of the 14 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Hoffman, Humphreville, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Winther and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll did not vote. Mr. Gresham, Mr. MacKellan and Mr. Obery were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

D. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update

- Notice from DONE on Missing MER filings

Ms. Carroll requested help; “funds may be frozen.” She met today with DONE. She reminded that Board Members who do not recuse when necessary from voting on a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) funding allocation will cause the applicant to not be able to apply for another NPG until a new Board is elected.

**VII. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES** (Jack Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action)

Mr. Humphreville reported that a City civilian workers contract was approved; he believed the City budget deficit will increase \$37 million per year to “over \$400 million.” He said the City “wants to hire 5,000 new employees.”

A. Update on LADWP Rate Increase

Mr. Humphreville reported that the Ratepayer Advocate and City Controller’s report is due tomorrow. The DWP is requesting a \$1.4 billion, five-year rate increase, which would be “retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.”

B. Report on LANCC Meeting in November

Mr. Humphreville reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] discussed how Neighborhood Councils work with DONE and about the 2016 Election.

**VIII. ELECTION COMMITTEE** (Owen Smith, Colette Amin) (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

A. Update on publicity accomplished to date.

Copies were distributed and reviewed of a proposed “GWNC 2016 Election Budget by GWNC Election Committee.” Ms. Amin noted that no Budget has been set. The Committee met December 5<sup>th</sup> and discussed a proposed Budget. Ms. Carroll reminded that the City recently allocated an additional \$5,000 to each Neighborhood Council. Ms. Amin said the GWNC would advertise the May 1, 2016 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Election in the Larchmont Chronicle, the Larchmont Buzz, the Larchmont Ledger, the Korean Press and more. Ivan Spiegel, Independent Election Administrator (IEA), recommended that the GWNC allocate \$10,000-\$15,000 for its Election. He believed the GWNC is underfunding its Election, noting that there are 55,000 people in Greater Wilshire.

#### B. Proposed Election Committee Project Program and Budget

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Amin, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate \$5,700 as presented for the May 1, 2016 GWNC Election.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Smith and Mr. Wolf noted that a number of Greater Wilshire area Stakeholders and community groups already regularly communicate with each other and will do so regarding the Election. Mr. Smith encouraged spending the funding in open Seat areas (Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 4 – Fremont Place; and Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews) and renters’ areas.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of 13 of the 14 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Hoffman, Humphreville, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Winther and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll did not vote. Mr. Gresham, Mr. MacKellan and Mr. Obery were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

#### C. Update on confirming polling location.

The Board confirmed that its voting location preferences are 1) the Barking Lot on Larchmont; 2) Third St. School; and 3) Fire Station 29 on Wilshire Blvd.

### **IX. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted)

#### A. Larchmont Ledger Advertising (Fred Mariscal) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Mr. Mariscal reported that the Ledger has a circulation of 44,000 and “they do 2,000 bulk drops in the area.” They offer a 25% advertising discount from January-March 2016; the average cost would be approximately \$135-\$155 per month with the discount.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Mariscal, seconded by Mr. Funderburk): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will advertise in the Larchmont Ledger from January through March 2016 at a cost of \$157 per month for a 1/8” ad.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of 13 of the 14 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Eggleston, Funderburk, Genewick, Hoffman, Humphreville, Mariscal, McFall, McManus, Smith, Stromberg, Winther and Wolf); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll did not vote. Mr. Gresham, Mr. MacKellan and Mr. Obery were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

B. Update on Yoga in the Park (Colette Amin)

Ms. Amin updated that the yoga has “three to five participants per day.” An advertising banner would cost \$129.

C. Update on LAHSA Homeless Count (Hoffman)

Mr. Hoffman updated that the Count will be Thursday, January 28, 2016. The deployment site will be Wilshire United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed; he explained the procedure, saying “you’re not making any contact . . . you’re simply counting homeless people . . . two to three volunteers per neighborhood would be very helpful.”

D. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates (Fred Mariscal) – Please contact Outreach Committee members with suggestions for future awards.

Mr. Mariscal noted the above.

**X. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and Board action, as noted)

A. Report and Status on the Transportation Committee (Julie Stromberg). Report on new members, resigned members, and new officers. (Julie Stromberg).

Ms. Stromberg reported that Committee Member Justin Ursis is the Committee’s Secretary.

B. Report on GWNC Transportation Committee-Council District 4 Street and Sidewalk Repairs Database Program (Julie Stromberg). Submission period ended and the GWNC Transportation Committee is compiling data on streets and sidewalks in the Greater Wilshire Area within Council District 4 for Councilman David Ryu’s Office (CD 4).

Ms. Stromberg reported that there have been “60 to 100 submissions . . . from almost all areas.”

C. Report and Update on LA Mobility Plan 2035 (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Julie Stromberg)

Report on status of LA Mobility Plan 2035.

Issue: Businesses and residents are concerned that particular alternative transportation infrastructure proposals of the Mobility Plan 2035 do not adequately address and mitigation potential adverse impacts on traffic circulation and local accessibility.

Transportation Committee Recommended Motion: That [see the below Motion].

Ms. Stromberg reported that the City Council approved the Plan on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that a formal process for substantive community input be developed and put into place and that this process be undertaken with each neighborhood prior to the implementation of any part of Mobility Plan 2035. The process must allow for each Neighborhood Council to submit a Community Impact Statement and to request that all neighborhood groups (HOA's, Chambers of Commerce, BIDs, etc.) be given time to respond and to have their input included as well.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

D. Discussion, Planning, and Motion on Metro Decking at La Brea for the Purple Line Extension Project (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Julie Stromberg).

Issue: Metro is proposing two possible options for street closures during decking work at La Brea and Wilshire Blvd. for the Purple Line Extension Project. Construction will consist of a concrete deck, curb to curb, on Wilshire Blvd., between Orange Drive and Detroit Street. The decking process will involve street closures, related detours, and various construction work schedules. The soft closure will begin at Crenshaw Blvd. and the hard closure will be from S. Highland Ave. to S. Detroit Street.  
Transportation Committee Recommended Motion: [see the below Motion].

Ms. Stromberg explained the issue, saying that “we want to ensure that both options will be on the table.”

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Hoffman): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council recommends that Council District 4 ensures that the seven full-week and 16-weekend closure options presented by Metro for street closures relating to decking work at La Brea Ave. and Wilshire Blvd. for the Purple Line Extension Project both remain as available options for a vote for the final decision on the preferred closure option. In addition, the GWNC requests that specific neighborhood streets, including but not limited to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 4th Street, 6th Street, 8th Street, Lucerne Blvd., S. Sycamore Ave., S. Mullen Ave., S. Rimpau Blvd., and S. Orange Drive, be protected from detour traffic due to the related street closures. Further, Metro should develop a comprehensive traffic plan relating to the subject closures for the areas bounded by S. Western Ave., W. Olympic Blvd., S. Fairfax Ave., and Beverly Blvd., and also consider expanding the traffic plan to include the areas bounded by W. Pico Blvd. and Melrose Ave.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote.

E. Next Meeting Will be on Monday, February 1, 2016

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

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



- A. Report and Status on the Sustainability Committee (Julie Stromberg). Report on December 1st meeting and meeting presentation by Chuck Turhollow, Division Manager, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, on El Nino preparedness.

Ms. Stromberg reported that “it was an excellent presentation . . . it was incredibly well-attended.”

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Committee Partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and GWNC Water Conservation Challenge (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Julie Stromberg/Barbara Savage). The GWNC Sustainability Committee is partnering with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to help residents of the Greater Wilshire area conserve water. Many zip codes within the Greater Wilshire area are in the top 1% of water users for the City of Los Angeles. The GWNC Sustainability Committee and LADWP are partnering together to change this statistic with their “180 Days to Turn It Around” campaign. The campaign will be limited to a small group of residents who must opt-in to the challenge. LADWP will perform an audit of the participating residences’ water usage. At the January 13, 2016 GWNC Board meeting, participating residents will receive a welcome packet from the LADWP with an analysis of their water usage. LADWP will provide recommendations on how to reduce water usage. Participating residents will have 180 days from the program’s official launch on January 13, 2016 reduce their water usage by 20%.

Individuals must opt-in to the program and submit their nomination to [sustainability@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:sustainability@greaterwilshire.org) by January 6, 2016. The email should include the individual’s name, address, contact information, and state in the body of the email: “I opt-in to the GWNC Sustainability Committee’s 180 Days to Turn it Around campaign.” Interested individuals must live within the GWNC area. For additional questions regarding the program, please email [sustainability@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:sustainability@greaterwilshire.org).

Ms. Stromberg explained the program.

- C. Date and Location of Next Sustainability Committee Meeting. The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Chapel Room of the Wilshire Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

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

There was no new business at this time.

**XIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (Barbara Savage) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. Comment Draft of Revised Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (Jim Wolf, Barbara Savage, et al.) (Discussion and Possible Board Action). Discussion of process to review, analyze, develop and submit GWNC comments on proposed revisions in the BHO/BMO. Issue: The pending revision of the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance was to remedy the abuses that had incentivized “tear downs” of legacy single-family dwellings and that

developers had been able to exploit to build very disruptive, out-of-scale housing lacking important setbacks for light and air. The revised BMO was to afford, at a minimum, as much or more protection as the best provisions of the Interim Control Ordinance, due to expire, have been providing neighborhoods in the GWNC. The GWNC needs to determine the extent to which the draft revised BMO fulfills these critical objectives. The deadline for public comments is January 11, 2016.

Mr. Wolf noted the above.

- B. Draft Revised Zoning Code (“ReCodeLA”) Comment Draft (Jim Wolf, Barbara Savage, et al.) (Discussion and Possible Board Action). Discussion of process to review, analyze, develop and submit GWNC comments on proposed revisions in the BHO/BMO. Issue: The current Zoning Ordinance, originated in 1948, has become increasingly complicated and ineffective in providing for effective neighborhood conservation as well as orderly and equitable urban land use transitions. The pending revised zoning and land use ordinance would be an essential foundation context supporting specific objectives such as were to be addressed in the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, as well as other myriad land use challenges in the GWNC such as effective management of “transit-oriented development”. The GWNC needs to determine the extent to which this process and presently circulating RedCodeLA draft documents are responding to these critical objectives. Draft Framework document released December 14, 2014. “Urban Form and Neighborhood Design” chapter highlighted in May 2015. Schedule, process for comment undefined.

Mr. Wolf explained the issue. There was discussion of possible impacts. The next Committee Meeting will be December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- C. 501, 505, 511, 515-521, 527, 531, 535, and 543 N. Wilton Place (MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION-NG 15-524-PL; ENV-2015-689-EAF) (John Reed, applicant) (Charlie D’Atri, et al.) (Discussion and Possible Board Action)  
Summary: This project includes demolition and removal of the 9 existing, single-family homes located on the Project site and the development of a building containing 88 multifamily dwelling units (44 one-bedroom units and 44 two-bedroom units), including 8 very-low income units. The proposed residential building would include 4 stories over 2 stories of parking (one level of parking would be partially subterranean), with a maximum building height of 56 feet. The project would provide a minimum of 142 vehicle parking spaces along with a minimum of 97 bicycle parking spaces. The project also includes a bicycle maintenance room, a leasing office, a gym and a recreation room.  
Issue: To implement the Project, the applicant is requesting the City approve a single, on-menu incentive to increase the building height from 45 feet to 56 feet, pursuant to Senate Bill 1818 and the City’s Density Bonus ordinance. The developer has to date has not presented the LUC with the definitive, detailed plans and descriptions that satisfactorily address how the project will effectively deal with proposed added density, height and attendant traffic issues. The City’s review comment period ends Dec. 16, 2015.  
Recommendation: As the LUC has not been able to adequately review and act on this project within the review comment period, the Larchmont Village Neighborhood

Association is requesting that GWNC oppose the requested approvals until LUC has been able to review the project to its satisfaction and report back to the GWNC board.

**Proposed Motion:** [see the below Motion].

Mr. Wolf read aloud and explained the above summary. Dave Rand, a land use attorney, presented for the developer. He urged “don’t take action” until they give a full presentation and requested the Committee to Agendize this. Charles D’Atri, President, Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association, expressed concerns, including about a “substantial” height increase. The site is zoned R-3. Mr. Rand said they can build 65 units without the density bonus request and 88 units with the request. Mr. D’Atri, who indicated that he already expressed concerns to the developer, wanted them to delay their Hearing for one month. Mr. Rand said “there’s no Hearing date scheduled yet.” He indicated that he is willing to first present to the Committee and the Board, saying “you have our commitment.” Mr. Wolf explained possible Committee actions.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Humphreville): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, having not been given the opportunity to review the substance of this application and the proposed design, opposes this project until the GWNC Land Use Committee is able to fully and satisfactorily review the project, its design and the mitigation of its prospective impacts.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mariscal clarified that he has no financial interest in the project.

*Board Member Fred Mariscal recused himself and left the room at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote; one abstained (McManus).

[The following items are included for information only. No presentation is scheduled or Board action requested or required at this time.]

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

1. 7000-7024 W Melrose Ave (On Menu).

A request for a section 12.21.1 incentive density bonus for an increase in the allowable floor area by 32.5% from FAR 1.5 to 1.988 FAR (50,535 sf to 66,959 sf). Proposed project consists of a two story residential structure with 40 dwelling units and a roof deck over one level of 7500 sf of commercial and on-grade parking over 3 levels of subterranean parking. The project is being developed in conjunction with the maintenance of existing 2-story commercial building on the corner of Melrose and LaBrea and will be lot-tied. Currently used as a valet parking lot and 2 story commercial building. Proposed to be mixed use.

Mr. Wolf indicated that there were no other potential Committee Agenda Items.

*Board Member Fred Mariscal returned to the room at this time, making 14 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is 11).*

Mr. Humphreville was concerned about overdevelopment in Los Angeles and noted the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative.

**XIV. CONSIDERATION OF INTERVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RETAINING A NEW GWNC CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR.** (Owen Smith, Jeff Carpenter, Patricia Carroll, Joseph Hoffman, Patricia Lombard, Elizabeth Fuller) (Discussion and board action). Closed Session. In consideration for the persons being discussed, the public will be asked to vacate the meeting room for this personnel item. Immediately following the conclusion of this item, the president will announce any board action taken.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Carpenter noted that the consideration already was done [see above Item #4. B.].

**XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no other Board Member comments or new business at this time.

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

There were no requests at this time.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Next meeting, Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith noted the above. He declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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