



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee  
March 14, 2017  
MINUTES  
Approved by Committee on June 13, 2017

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

A. Call to order

A duly noticed meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

B. Roll Call

All five of the five Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: William Funderburk, Dan Kegel, Cathy Roberts, Barbara Savage and Julie Stromberg. The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is three, so the Committee could take such votes. Five Committee Seats were filled (by election or appointment). [To apply see [www.GWNC.org](http://www.GWNC.org) and <http://greaterwilshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/GreaterWilshireBylawsApproved2014.pdf>.] Also attending: 10 Stakeholders and Guests.

C. Welcome and Approval/Seating of New Committee Members.

Ms. Stromberg welcomed everyone.

**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 June 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its June 14, 2016 Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Review and adoption of September 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its September 13, 2016 Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Protected Tree Code Amendment and Los Angeles' Urban Forest. (Ryan Allen, Chair of the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) and CFAC Representative for Council District 10, and Julie Stromberg, CFAC Representative for Council District 4). Discussion of the Protected Tree Code Amendment, requirements for tree removals and replacements on residential properties, including parkways, and Los Angeles' urban forest.

Mr. Allen displayed slides and described the CFAC, which was formed by arborists and others around 20 years ago; members are nominated by City Council Offices. Ms. Stromberg and Mr. Allen explained the City's sidewalk repair program. The CFAC is working with the County Dept. of Public Works "to get more review" of trees. Ms. Stromberg explained that the drought has made trees more vulnerable to disease, predation and thirst. Mr. Allen noted the cost savings of "having a canopy" of trees and that more diversity reduces the danger of losing a lot of trees. The City Council may have funds to help identify and remove diseased and dead trees. Homeowners can have dead trees on their property cut down.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee-California Greenworks, Inc. Parkway Challenge. (Julie Stromberg). Discussion of launch of Parkway Challenge program and key features in the program's pilot program. Ms. Stromberg reported that "we're still working on our Parkway Challenge."

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC's Environmental & Sustainability Committee's Second Annual Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour. (Julie Stromberg and Cathy Roberts) Discussion on hosting a second GWNC Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour.

Ms. Stromberg reported that "it was a massive success" with about "400 people." There was discussion of whether and when to do it again. Michael Bernier, a landscape designer, encouraged having a tour in April.

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Green Fair/Festival. (Julie Stromberg and Barbara Savage) Discussion on hosting a Green Fair similar to Studio City Neighborhood Council's Green Living Fair.

Ms. Savage explained and encouraged considering having a Fair in 2018. There was discussion of the Fair and the Garden Tour. Mr. Allen said that he can arrange with various organizations to bring free trees to give to residents.

C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Climate Change Forum. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion on hosting a climate change forum.

Ms. Stromberg described the Forum, saying “it was very well attended.”

D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee on Composter Distribution Event. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion on hosting an organized distribution of composters in partnership with the City of Los Angeles or other organizations.

Ms. Stromberg said about composting that “it really makes a huge impact.” Attendees expressed support for the Event.

E. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Outreach and Action Measures. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion on ways to grow the committee and action items to support and/or organize.

Ms. Stromberg suggested a tree-planting event. Mr. Allen indicated that the KYCC awaits funding from the City’s Great Streets program.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kegel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee will form a team to participate in the March for Science on April 22, 2017.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** (Including Discussion and Possible Action)

No discussion was had, or Motion made or vote taken.

8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

The above was noted. Earlier, Mr. Funderburk announced that the DWP Memorandum of Understanding Committee meets on first Saturdays at 8:45 a.m. at Hollywood City Hall.

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

A. The Sustainable City pLAn and Tracking the City of Los Angeles’ Progress Toward Reaching pLAn Goals.

B. Community Clean-Up Days.

C. Green Business Award.

The above were noted. There were no requests or Motions.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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