



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee

September 12, 2017

Approved by Committee on December 12, 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, September 12, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Three of the five Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: William Funderburk, Dan Kegel and Julie Stromberg. Cathy Roberts and Barbara Savage were absent. 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.] Also attending: three Stakeholders and Guests, including Juanita and Corbin.

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

There were no new Members at this time.

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 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Stromberg requested and the Committee agreed to TABLE adoption of the Minutes.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee-California Greenworks, Inc. Parkway Challenge. (Julie Stromberg). Update on program and discussion of launch of Parkway Challenge program and key features in the program’s pilot program.

Ms. Stromberg requested and the Committee agreed to TABLE this Item.

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

Ms. Stromberg requested and the Committee agreed to TABLE this Item.

- C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Green Fair/Festival. (Julie Stromberg and Barbara Savage). Discussion on hosting a Green at Los Angeles High Memorial Library Park in conjunction with LA High Memorial Library and co-sponsored by Koreatown Youth and Community Center.

Ms. Stromberg explained that “the Library wants to partner with us” and that “KYCC will be our co-sponsors.” She and the City Council Office are working to determine from City Recreation and Parks if a Permit is needed. She said “the Council Office said they’ll provide the canopies for free.” The event may be in March. “KYCC will give out free trees.” Exhibitors are sought; “it would be free.” The DWP and Bureau of Sanitation already will have booths. Juanita suggested contacting the Windsor Square Historical Society and the Natural History Museum about having booths. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Electric Vehicles Only Parking Spot(s) on Larchmont Boulevard. (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel). Discussion on and report on setting up electric vehicle charging stations and parking spot(s) for electric vehicles only on Larchmont Boulevard.

Mr. Kegel updated. Mr. Funderburk has helped. He noted that Greater Wilshire is part of the area of the City with the highest concentration of electric vehicles (EV’s). There was discussion of making it “a media event” and about charging station availability. Mr. Kegel has seen a number of EV’s parked on Larchmont; he suggested that EV’s would not be “stealing spots” from non-EV’s. He reported that “Café Gratitude is enthusiastic” and other businesses are interested. Mr. Funderburk suggested that the DWP and the City Street Lighting Department install charging station signs; Ms. Stromberg will request this. Mr. Funderburk explained the cost-efficiency for the DWP to install many more charging stations, including in multi-family residences. There was discussion of outreach and points to make at the DWP meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- E. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Program on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s Green Power Program and Associated Green Power Community Challenge. (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel). Discussion on status of organizing program on LADWP’s Green Power Program to include a speaker on the program and a Green Power Community Challenge.

There was discussion of how to strategize this. No Motion was made or vote taken.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. 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.

Mr. Kegel and Ms. Stromberg agreed that social media can help. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Community Outreach Program on Electric Vehicles. (Julie Stromberg, Dan Kegel, Bill Funderburk). Discussion and possible motion on a GWNC Outreach program,

possibly in conjunction with LADWP, on educating constituents on electric vehicles and making recommendations to LADWP on how to allocate resources in this regard.

See above Item #IV. D.

- C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Outreach and Action Measures on Climate Policies. (Julie Stromberg and Bill Funderburk). Discussion and possible motion on how to do more outreach to the community with respect to impact of climate policies on a local level.

See above Item #IV. D.

- D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Community a Tree Planting Program. (Julie Stromberg). Discussion and possible motion on hosting a community tree planting program in partnerships with a non-profit organization.

Ms. Stromberg noted possible partnerships. The event could be in the Spring. She noted there are “a few blocks in the GWNC area that are tree-poor.” There was discussion of possible trees to be planted; Mr. Kegel explained the trees should be “drought-tolerant.”

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kegel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee will co-host with the GWNC Outreach Committee a Community Tree Planting Program in the Greater Wilshire area in partnership with a non-profit organization(s) on a date to be determined, most likely in the Spring.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- E. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Supporting Assembly Bill-1000. (Julie Stromberg). Discussion on AB-1000 introduced by Assembly Member Laura Friedman and how the GWNC can support AB-1000.

Ms. Stromberg explained the issue.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kegel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the Board support Assembly Bill 1000 introduced by State Assembly Member Laura Friedman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Funderburk believed that some people may be concerned with a “jurisdictional issue.” He explained Cadiz/Metropolitan Water District water supply history. There was discussion of possible impact on the water table.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- F. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Supporting Community Forest Advisory Committee’s Comment Letter on Sidewalk Program Initial Study. (Julie Stromberg). Discussion on Sidewalk Program Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report and Initial Study and supporting Community Forest Advisory Committee’s Comment Letter on the Initial Study.

Copies were distributed of a September 11, 2017 letter from the Advisory Committee to Shilpa Gupta of the City Bureau of Engineering; Ms. Stromberg said “experts in the industry” support the letter. She explained about the City’s Willits settlement regarding City sidewalk repairs. She noted that no Environmental Impact Report was prepared by the City even though it is “well into the project.”

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kegel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board support the Community Forest Advisory Committee’s Comment Letter on the Sidewalk Repair Program Initial Study.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS (Including Discussion and Possible Action)

There were no reports at this time.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

8. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

B. Community Clean-Up Days

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

C. Green Business Award.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

Mr. Funderburk wanted to Agendize discussion about Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance requirements for officers and directors as it relates to being a current or former NC Board Member.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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