



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee

November 30, 2011

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

A duly noticed meeting of the Transportation Committee (TC) of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at Bricks and Scones, 403 North Larchmont Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90004. Gerda McDonough, called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.

2. Roll Call & Election of Officers

Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Michael Lanni, Gerda McDonough and Fred Pickel were present. Fred Pickel to review GWNC policy and by-laws regarding quorum and voting requirements.

3. Review of Recent Notification For Possibility of Further Study/Action

The City's new online survey LA2B was discussed. Gerda McDonough will investigate survey time frame and what plans are in place for public input. She will inquire about possible impacts to GWNC streets.

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee meets on the third Thursday of every other month from 2-4pm. Deborah Murphy is committee chair and is looking for stakeholder representatives. CD4, CD5 and CD10 are among the many council districts that are not represented.

Ongoing problem in our area is unreported accidents on our busiest streets. Multiple accidents on Rossmore, Highland, Sixth go unreported. Street design and enforcement is responsive to statistics and the readily available information relates only to injury accidents where 911 has been called. Committee would like to investigate and address enforcement of traffic laws.

Committee would also like to look at the anticipated traffic impact from future projects like the reconstruction of Wilshire Boulevard and the planned Subway construction and mitigation measures or lack thereof. Fred Pickel will look into the budget that was allocated to his neighborhood for traffic specific study. The committee's goal is to stay abreast of all plans that impact our neighborhood. These include the Hollywood Plan, the Wilshire Plan, the Bike Plan and the Complete Streets Act. We would like our streets to be safe for all users.

4. Committee Member Comments and Assignments

Gerda McDonough to check on recent traffic counts for the GWNC area.

Committee to develop questionnaire for stakeholders distributed via GWNC email list. Cindy Chvatal-Keane to ask Mr LaBonge's office about Hollywood Plan as it pertains to Vine Street and commercial use above Melrose Blvd and the intersection with Rossmore Ave, that is residential. A request will be made regarding signage for trucks to be posted similarly to Highland Ave. Additionally the Hollywood Plan calls for Bus Rapid Transit on Vine. Councilman LaBonge and Supervisor Yaraslovsky were in support of BRT being located off of Rossmore and closer to Metro stations.

The Committee is greatly concerned about street conditions. There is particular concern for streets that are in danger of failing. Sidewalks that are dangerous to pedestrians are also of concern. Signal timing for pedestrians needs further investigation. Neighborhoods would like all stop signs to remain in place. Safety is of the utmost concern to our residents. Michael Lanni is a cyclist and would like to represent cyclists on the committee. Committee is committed to ensuring all forms of transportation are considered and equally represented and that focus is not limited to special interest groups.

5 Public Comment

Niall Hoffman represented the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition and the Fourth Street Bike Committee. He said that LACBC's Fourth Street meeting was cancelled to allow him to attend the GWNC meeting. He said there were plans for three roundabouts on Fourth Street and that two had been approved to date.

6. Announcement and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm

The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2010.