



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Transportation Committee Meeting October 15, 2018
Approved by the Committee on January 28, 2019

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

A. Call to order

A duly noticed meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Monday, October 15, 2018, at Marlborough School, Collins Room, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Ms. Stromberg called the roll. Two of the four Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Jeffry Carpenter and Julie Stromberg (Chair). Members Justin Urcis and Jack Humphreville were absent. The GWNC Transportation Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of 4 Committee Seats, or three, so the Committee could take such votes. Also attending were GWNC stakeholders Corbin Russell and Conrad Starr; Patty Lombard from the Larchmont Buzz, Nima Daivari (representing transportation company, Lime) and two additional visitors.

C. Welcome and Approval/Seating of New Committee Members

There were no new Members at this time.

D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on New GWNC Transportation Committee Member Conrad Starr.

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Starr noted that according to the City Council-approved pilot program for dockless scooters, Council File 17-1125, the use of these scooters on sidewalks is prohibited, though issues of enforcement remain.

Ms. Lombard noted a recent incident involving an overturned vehicle on Rossmore Ave. Ms. Stromberg replied that collision information may be available if the collision or traffic incident was reported to the Police and that members of the public may request information, but that no personal data will likely be provided.

An attendee asked how the intersection of 3rd Street and Larchmont Blvd could be made safer. A response was provided: to call the LA Department of Transportation’s Hollywood office.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)

- A. Review and Adoption of April 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes.
Due to the lack of a quorum, no motion was made or vote taken.
- B. Appointment of GWNC Transportation Committee Secretary.
No motion was made or vote taken.
- C. Resignation of Jack Humphreville from GWNC Transportation Committee due to other commitments.
Ms. Stromberg announced the resignation of Jack Humphreville from the Transportation Committee, bringing the number of committee members to 3.
(due to the resignation, the committee now had a quorum, as two of its three members , a majority, were now present)
- D. Discussion of Candidates for New Chair of GWNC Transportation Committee.
Ms. Stromberg announced her resignation as Transportation Committee Chairperson as of November 1, 2018, and that GWNC President Owen Smith appointed Conrad Starr to succeed her. Ms. Stromberg will remain a member of the committee.
She advised the committee to expect Bureau of Street Services to request nominations for small asphalt repairs in December 2018.

5. PRESENTATION

- A. Presentation on Electric Scooters by Nima Daivari, Operations Manager & Community Affairs, Lime. Q&A with meeting attendees will follow presentation.
Ms. Stromberg invited Mr. Nima Daivari, Operations Manager & Community Affairs for Lime to give a presentation to the assembled group.
Mr. Daivari described the evolving electric scooter market in Los Angeles, and explained that Lime scooters are envisioned as a first-mile/last-mile solution, noting that approximately 30% of Lime scooter trips terminate at transit stops.
In Los Angeles, the electric scooters operated by Lime have a roughly 30-mile range and are governed at a top speed of 15 miles per hour.
Mr. Daivari discussed additional matters including geofencing, preferred parking notifications, and ways Lime will discourage the use of its scooters on sidewalks.
He noted that Lime has local operations and in-house mechanics.
Responding to a question, he said that the scooters are designed in San Francisco, with company headquarters in San Francisco, New York, and Amsterdam. Segway is one of Lime's manufacturers. Mr. Daivari noted that while a competitor business uses a consumer scooter, Lime does not – citing build differences such as air tires on some competitors' scooters and only solid tires on Lime scooters.
Other dockless scooter companies in operation today include Lift, Uber, Razr, Scoot, Skip, Wind, Bird, and more, according to Mr. Daivari.
Mr. Daivari said that 3 trips per vehicle per day is necessary to achieve equilibrium and vehicles that are used at lower frequencies are move to higher-traffic areas.

A guest asked Mr. Daivari whether geofencing was available to prevent scooters from being stored on private lawns. Mr. Daivari explained that geofencing is currently being used to prevent the use of scooters in cities that do not allow their use.

Responding to another question, Mr. Daivari noted that in order to use a scooter, the user must upload their driver license and use a mobile device and credit card on only one device at a time.

After additional informal discussion, Ms. Stromberg thanked Mr. Daivari for the presentation.

6. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Late Night Motorcycle Racing on La Brea Ave. (Jeffry Carpenter). Residents have complained of late-night motorcycle racing on La Brea Ave. Discussion of the issue and possible action items to address the issue.

Mr. Carpenter noted that the late-night motorcycle racing he had previously reported to the committee has abated. Mr. Starr suggested that if the problem returns, Mr. Carpenter might consider bringing the matter to the attention of the Wilshire Community-Police Advisory Board.

6. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

No motion was made nor action taken.

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

Ms. Stromberg reported on an advisory board meeting held the previous week regarding the 'Safe Sidewalks' program. She said an environmental impact report would be released in the fall or winter, to be approved in 2019. There is an opportunity for communities to comment. She said that in the current fiscal year, 489 street trees have been removed.

Furthermore, the program is behind schedule in addressing rebate requests.

Pilot programs encompassing 10 sites in 10 different Council Districts will be completed soon.

She noted that the application window for sidewalk repair rebates closed in July, 2018 and that if and when there be additional funding, the program will likely pull from applications already submitted. Following the program's completion, sidewalk repairs will be, by and large, the responsibility of the property owners.

Ms. Stromberg noted that the area continues to lose street trees. Despite CEQA lawsuits currently in progress, the removal of trees continues. Driveway expansions are often cited as the justification for the removal of trees. Furthermore, the option to pay a fee in lieu of replacing lost trees is a factor in the loss of street trees.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next GWNC Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019, at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA.

Ms. Stromberg announced 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.
- B. Community Clean-Up Days.
- C. Green Business Award.
- D. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Green Power Program.

While the above items were listed in the agenda, none were discussed. There were no more requests or Motions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Conrad Starr

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