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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Town Hall 6:30pm

Terrence Gomes
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Board Meeting 7:00 pm

The Ebell of Los Angeles
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The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an elected advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, made up of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- A. **Call to Order** (Caroline Labiner Moser - President)
- B. **Flag Salute**
- C. **Roll Call** (Julie Stromberg - Secretary)

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Representatives from Government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. Mayor's Office (Angie Aramayo)
- B. CD4 Update (Rob Fisher)
- C. CD5 Update
- D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- E. Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)
- F. Other Local and State Government Representatives

III. CITY BUDGET & NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET ADVOCATES (discussion and possible action) (Jack Humphreville)

- A. **Re-Appointment** Jack Humphreville as GWNC's Budget Advocate, DWP Representative, and LANCC Representative.
- B. LADWP Report
- C. Budget Advocate Report
- D. LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Report

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Those wishing to speak during general public comment are asked to complete a speaker card and submit it to the board administrator, or the Secretary, prior to the start of the meeting. All are welcome, but time may be limited to 3-5 minutes per speaker at the discretion of the chairperson.

- A. Megan Jensen, JUMP Bikes.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and possible action)

- A. **Review and Adoption** of the April 10, 2019 minutes
- B. **Review and Adoption** of the February 16, 2019 Special Meeting minutes
- C. **Appointment** of Alternate Board Members to Vacant Seats. Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the Board before possible vote to appoint the following individuals as Alternate Board Members to indicated respective seats:
 - i. **Robert Reeves** to Area 10 -- Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrew's Square Alternate Board Seat.
 - ii. **Angie Szentgyorgyi** to Area 14 – Windsor Square Alternate Board Seat.
 - iii. **William Weinberger** to Area 1 -- Brookside Alternate Board Seat.
- D. **Administer the Neighborhood Council Oath of Office** to all applicable GWNC Board and Alternate Members:

"I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone's opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability."

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. **Board Member Vacancy**
Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the board for approval
- B. **Alternate Board Member Vacancies**
Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the board for approval
 - Area 2 - Citrus Square
 - Area 3 - Country Club Heights
 - Area 4 - Fremont Place
 - Area 8 - Melrose
 - Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
 - Area 12 - Western-Wilton
 - Area 15 - Windsor Village
 - Religion
 - Renter
- C. **GWNC Budget Representative Vacancy.**
Jack Humpreville is the GWNC Budget Advocate, but there is a position available for GWNC Budget Representative.
- D. **Board Member and Alternate Training Requirements**
All board members and alternates must complete ethics and funding training in order to vote on funding motions before the board. The training courses and instructions can be found at <http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/>. The following Board Members and Alternates are shown, by DONE, as NOT having completed the trainings noted below and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters:
 - Bridget Bones – Ethics & Funding
 - Cindy Chvatal Keane – Ethics & Funding

Vincent Cox – Ethics
 Brian Curran – Ethics & Funding
 Brian Donahoe – Ethics & Funding
 Erica Gutierrez – Ethics & Funding
 Joshua Kirchmer – Ethics & Funding
 Cathy Roberts – Ethics & Funding
 Charlie Rosenberg – Ethics & Funding
 John Winther – Ethics

E. **Code of Conduct Policy** - All Board Members and Alternates are required to read and sign the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>) within 30 days of their election or appointment. The following Board Members and Alternates must complete the Code of Conduct Policy:

Bridget Bones
 Cindy Chvatal Keane
 Brian Curran
 Brian Donahoe
 Erica Gutierrez
 Cathy Roberts
 Charlie Rosenberg

F. **Committee Leadership Process.**

At this time, the process for electing committee leadership (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, etc.) is for the committee members to vote on their leadership. In addition, there is no current requirement for community leadership to be currently serving GWNC Board members or alternates. Consider revising these processes.

- i. **Motion:** Committee members shall elect their community leadership and present their recommendation(s) to the GWNC Board for ratification at the Board Meeting following said election.
- ii. **Motion:** Committee leadership must be currently serving GWNC Board members or Alternates.

G. **Committee Stakeholder Members Ethics Requirement.**

On August July 8, 2016, the GWNC Board established a new policy and procedure whereby GWNC stakeholders serving on GWNC standing committees are required to take the same Ethics training GWNC Board Members and Alternates are required to take (Item IV(c)). Discussion of process of reporting ethics training completion and deadline for completion.

H. **Appointment of Governance Committee.**

Appointment of Committee, to also include Executive Officers, to analyze and consider any necessary revisions and/or additions to GWNC governing documents.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2019** (Discussion and Action)

4/1 Lloyd Staffing SF - WE 2/3, 2/10, 2/17	\$970
4/1 Lloyd Staffing SF - WE 12/21, 12/28, 1/4	\$960
4/1 Lloyd Staffing SF - WE 1/11, 1/18, 1/25	\$960
4/2 Public Storage	\$146
4/5 Larchmont Buzz Election Ads	\$250
4/5 Larchmont Buzz Election Ads	\$725
4/10 San Wilshire Board Print outs	\$57.33
4/10 Ebell Board Meeting.	\$350
4/23 San Wilshire LUC Print outs	\$31.94
4/29 DNH Media Temple	\$240
4/30 Larchmont Chronicle March/April.	\$716

B. **Approval of Individual Expenses Listed in the April 2019 MER** (Discussion and Action)

C. **Review of April 2019 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the May 2019 Monthly Expense Report** (Discussion Only, No Action Necessary)

Lloyd Staffing \$3,125.05, plus additional Lloyd Staffing TBD.

- D. **Discussion and Possible Action on Green Islands (Wilton Islands) Maintenance.**
Confirm budget of \$500. Discussion regarding additional budget for said maintenance.
- E. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Funds to be Allocated for Congress of Neighborhoods and Budget Advocates.**
GWNC Board allocated \$500 for the Congress of Neighborhoods and \$500 for the Budget Advocates. Discussion regarding decreasing, increasing, or maintaining these contribution amounts.
- F. **Discussion and Possible Action to Increase Budget Line Items.**
Discussion and possible action to increase line items, including, but not limited to, GWNC Admin and Minutes Writer.
- G. **Review and Update of General Treasury Information and Roll Over Options.**
IMPORTANT DATES
May 20, 2019 - Final date to request an event approval for the current fiscal year.
June 1, 2019 - Final date to submit a check payment request using current fiscal year funds.
June 20, 2019 - Final date for any bank card transactions using current fiscal year funds.

VIII. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Tess Paige/Max Kirkham)

- A. **Report** on May 4, 2019 Outreach Committee Meeting
- B. **Invitation** to Join Outreach Committee
- C. **Outreach Committee Update**
Looking for a new Chair for the GWNC Outreach Committee.
- D. **Citizen Recognition Program**
An award given to a GWNC stakeholder(s) that honors a wide range of service, dedication or commitment to enhancing and/or improving the Greater Wilshire neighborhood. Committee accepts nominations year-round. More information can be found at <http://greaterwilshire.org/citizen-recognition-program/>.
- E. **2020 Census.**
Ways the GWNC can recruit and bring awareness to the 2020 U.S. Census.
- F. **Upcoming Outreach Committee meeting**
The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held at 9:00am on June 1, 2019 at Bricks & Scones, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004.

IX. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Conrad Starr)

- A. **Report from April 15, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting.**
 - i. **Follow-up Surveys and Information:** The Committee voted to allow chairperson(s) to send simple feedback surveys and information and links discussed at meetings to meeting attendees.
 - i. **Field Trip with the Sustainability Committee:** The Committee voted to explore the idea of a shared community field trip utilizing our local transit system.
 - ii. **Motions** (as recommended by a vote of the Transportation Committee at its 4-15-19 meeting):
 - a. **Motion:** The GWNC will approve up to \$250 for outreach-related and operational expenses for the June 2, 2019 “Halfway to La Cienega” event being sponsored by Metro. (*Fiscal impact: One-time expense of up to \$250.*)
 - b. **Motion:** The GWNC Board will empower its Transportation Committee to conduct outreach, which may include a questionnaire or survey, to collect stakeholder input regarding topics and questions addressed by the Crenshaw Northern Extension Advanced Alternatives Screening Study. (*Fiscal impact: none.*)
 - c. **Motion:** The GWNC shall adopt the policy of providing information describing the availability or unavailability of designated bicycle parking for all meeting and event announcements which refer to parking. (*Fiscal impact: none.*)

B. Report on 4-25-19 Metro Crenshaw Line Northern Extension Community Forum with Mid City West Community Council.

Motion: The GWNC opposes an aerial configuration of a La Brea alignment of the Crenshaw Rail Northern Extension and will express its opposition to Metro and to the City of Los Angeles.

C. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting.

The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, July 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Parking (cars, bikes) available via 3rd Street Driveway, Rideshare drop-off on Rossmore Driveway.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Julie Stromberg)

A. Update and Report on May 7, 2019 Sustainability Committee Meeting.

Report of current Sustainability Committee action items and third Water Wise Garden Tour scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Supporting the City of Los Angeles' 100% Renewable Energy Study. (Dan Kegel)

Motion initially introduced in 2016, Council File No. 16-0243:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-0243>. GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends for the GWNC Board to support the motion with two additional provisions.

Motion (as recommended by a vote of the Sustainability Committee at its 05-07-19 meeting): The GWNC Board supports the City of Los Angeles' 100% renewable energy study set forth in Council File No. 16-0243, but urges the study to consider the following two possible scenarios: (1) 80% emissions-free electricity by 2036 (consistent with Mayor Garcetti's LA Green New Deal); and (2) 80% emissions-free electricity by 2030.

C. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting.

Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2018, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

XI. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Max Kirkham)

A. TOC/TNP: At a duly noticed meeting of its Board, on March 13, 2019, the GWNC passed the following motion: "That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support holding a joint special meeting with adjacent Neighborhood Councils to discuss proposed Transit Neighborhood Plans."

Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends its March 13th motion to include "and neighborhood associations as appropriate" after "...neighborhood councils."

B. 5212 Melrose Blvd.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Dana Sayles, Olivia Joncich)
Pursuant to LAMC 12.24.W.24, Conditional Use Permit to allow a hotel within 500 feet of any A or RE zone. Pursuant to LAMC 12.27, Zone Variance to allow the maintenance of the existing driveway width of 8' 9' feet to serve the hotel use in lieu of the required 10 feet in lieu of 12.21A5(E). Pursuant to LAMC 12.28, a Zoning Administrator Adjustment to allow parking stackers within the required rear yard setback in lieu of 12.14.C.2. ZA-2017-3165-CU-ZV-ZAA; ENV-2017-3166-EAF.

Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project at 5212 Melrose Blvd as presented.

C. 180 S. La Brea Ave.: (Eddie Navarrette, Dafane Gokcen) A request to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine only for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 2469 sq. ft. restaurant [note: Sweetgreen] with 32 indoor and 6 outdoor seats. Hours of operation are 9:00 am to 11:00 pm daily. ZA-2019-1554-CUB, ENV-2019-1555-CE

Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the CUB for Sweetgreen at 180 S. La Brea Ave. conditioned upon supporting neighborhood outreach being presented to the May 8, 2019 GWNC Board Meeting as requested.

- D. **5786 ½ Melrose Ave.:** (Adan Madrid) A 2039 sq.ft. tenant improvement project for a 7-Eleven convenience store within an existing mini-mall with 24-hour operation. No alcohol sales. Applicant has the support of Christ the King Catholic Church and the Hancock Park Neighborhood Association. Applicant has met with the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association and discussed the project with Senior Lead Officer Cordova.
- E. **Future LUC Agenda Items**
- i. **TOC/TNP/SB50:** General continued discussion on Transit Oriented Communities, Transit Neighborhood Plans, and Senate Bill 50.
 - ii. **607 N. Manhattan Pl.:** (Matthew Hayden) Demolition of SFD with the construction, use and maintenance of a new 6-story, 67 ft 10-unit apartment building (1 ELI DU and 9 MKT rate DU) with at grade parking for 17 vehicle and 12 bicycle spaces. Landscaping to be retained or removed/replaced. DIR-2019-553-TOC, ENV-2019-554-EAF.
 - iii. **611 N. Manhattan Pl.:** (Matthew Hayden) Proposed Construction use and maintenance of a new 14-unit 5-story -56' height apartment building with 2-ELI units and with parking for 12 Vehicles and 16 bicycles.
 - iv. **517 - 525 ½ N. Gramercy Pl.:** (Matthew Hayden) Proposed construction, use and maintenance of a new 4-story (max 56' height) 32-unit apt. bldg. including 3 ELI and 2 moderate units over 1 level of subterranean 32 vehicle parking and 33 bicycle parking. DIR-2019-1971-TOC, ENV-2019-1972-EAF.
 - v. **742 N. Highland Ave.:** (Ashlee Gardner) The Cat and Fiddle - Pre-application for renewal of a CUB with possible extended hours of operation. No hearing date or case number as of yet. LUC has received a letter of support with conditions from the South Hollywood Neighborhood Association. Applicant is continuing outreach.
 - vi. **206- 226 N. Larchmont Blvd.:** (Ronald Simms, Jake Lappert) A proposed parcel map to merge and re-subdivide 5 lots into two air space parcels. The existing site is improved and there will be two resulting commercial condominiums. AA-2019-657-PMLA-CC, ENV-2019-658-CE.
 - vii. **822 S. Plymouth Blvd.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Jeff Tsalyuk) Proposed Parcel Map for the construction of a new 4-unit condo. AA-2019-1582-PMLA, ENV-2019-1583-CE. Project is under construction at this time.
 - viii. **117 N. Manhattan Pl.:** Project was built with the original plans that were presented to LUC, not the plans that LUC supported and the Board voted to approve. Emma Howard - CD4 is researching and will report back to LUC
- F. **Upcoming Land Use Committee Meeting**
The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on May 28, 2019 at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, the Collins Room, 200-D, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

XII. **NEW BUSINESS**

Matters not identified above for future consideration and action.

XIII. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORT** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Homelessness Liaison Report** (Tammy Rosato)

- i. If stakeholders have questions or would like information on ways to engage or identify resources in the area, please reach out to Tammy after the meeting, or email labreahancock@greaterwilshire.org.

B. **Resilience Liaison Report** (Conrad Starr)

C. **Discussion on Council File No. 14-0268, Tenant Harassment Ordinance.** (Hayden Conner Ashworth) Motion introduced in 2017. Council File available at:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0268-S13>

XIV. **REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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