



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, July 10, 2019  
Approved August 14, 2019

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

A. Call to Order (Caroline Moser)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. President Moser called the meeting to order at 7:02 p. m.

B. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

C. Roll Call of Board Members and/or Alternates (Julie Stromberg)

The Secretary called the roll. Thirteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Hayden Ashworth, Jeffry Carpenter, Brian Donahoe, Philip Farha, Michael Genewick, Erica Gutierrez, Max Kirkham (Vice-President), Caroline Moser (President), Cathy Roberts (Alternate for Tammy Rosato), Conrad Starr, Julie Stromberg (Secretary) and John Winther. Colette Amin (Alternate for Tucker Carney), Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Vince Cox (Alternate for Charles D’Atri), Jennifer DeVore, Karen Gilman and Bobbie Kumetz arrived later. John Gresham and Owen Smith were absent and not represented by an Alternate. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 3/5 of the 21 filled Seats, or 13 Members (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat(s) were vacant. Nine Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #s V. D. and E., and VI. C.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: 12 Stakeholders and guests.

*Board Member Karen Gilman and Alternate Vince Cox arrived at this time (7:05), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

**II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations).

A. CD4 Update (Rob Fisher)

Rob Fisher, Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; [Rob.Fisher@LACity.org](mailto:Rob.Fisher@LACity.org); <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that the DWP notification system was upgraded; he encouraged seeing their website “notifications” tab.

*Board Member Bobbie Kumetz arrived at this time (7:07), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

Mr. Fisher continued that July 1st the Home Sharing Ordinance came into effect; you can register through October 31st with the City and pay the fees. The 24-hour hotline for reporting illegal home-sharing is 213-267-7788. The Ordinance is explained at [Planning.LACity.org](http://Planning.LACity.org). The State allocated more homeless funding, including for a cleanup team that connects people with services. He encouraged using LAHOP [[LA-HOP.org](http://LA-HOP.org)].

*Board Member Patti Carroll arrived at this time (7:11), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

B. CD5 Update

Kevin Nahai, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; [Kevin.Nahai@LACity.org](mailto:Kevin.Nahai@LACity.org); [www.lacity.org/council/cd5](http://www.lacity.org/council/cd5)), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213-473-0476; mobile/text phone 213-793-0715; [35738@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:35738@LAPD.LACity.org); [www.LAPDWilshire.com](http://www.LAPDWilshire.com)), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XI. B.*] John Darnell, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; [John.Darnell@LACity.org](mailto:John.Darnell@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), reported that the GWNC can pay a Parliamentarian to do a training [see below Item #VII. G. ii.].

E. Other Government Representatives

Erin Schneider, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (310-231-1170; [ESchneider@bos.LACounty.gov](mailto:ESchneider@bos.LACounty.gov); <http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>), introduced herself.

*Alternate Board Member Colette Amin arrived 7:13 and Board Member Jennifer DeVore arrived at 7:15, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

Ms. Schneider explained County services. Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer (cell 213-479-7884, [RacineN@metro.net](mailto:RacineN@metro.net); 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; [PurpleLineExt@metro.net](mailto:PurpleLineExt@metro.net); [www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt](http://www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt](http://www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt](http://www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt)), updated about Purple Line train progress. They are outreaching into October about naming ideas for three local train stations being built. The closest section being built is expected to be finished in “late 2023”; construction before then will be continued underground.

**III. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES** (discussion and possible action) (Jack Humphreville)

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that the DWP reported no major damage from the recent earthquake. The new General Manager will be Marty Adams.

B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com] that Budget Day was attended by approximately 250 people; he was elected Co-Chair. He updated about the City budget; the BA's will meet in July with the Mayor about recommendations.

C. LANCC (LA Neighborhood Council Commission) Report

Mr. Humphreville reported about LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org].

**IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.**

James Panozzo, Founder and Executive Director of LaunchLA, a 501(c)3 non-profit community music and arts organization, will request a Neighborhood Purposes Grant. Maria Sulprizio announced that the Larchmoyn Tenants Association is forming.

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Review and Adoption of the April 10, 2019 Meeting minutes

**MOTION** (by Mr. Winther, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 10, 2019 General Meeting as written.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Stromberg urged not to vote until needed clarifications were made.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 10 in favor; two opposed; seven abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes).

Ms. Moser encouraged submitting clarifications.

B. Review and Adoption of the May 8, 2019 Meeting minutes

**MOTION** (by Mr. Winther, seconded by Mr. Genewick): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 8, 2019 General Board Meeting with the correction that Erica Gutierrez was absent.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Gutierrez noted that she was absent from that Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 13 in favor; zero opposed; six abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes).

C. Review and Adoption of the June 12, 2019 Meeting minutes

**MOTION** (by Mr. Winther, seconded by Mr. Genewick): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 12, 2019 General Board Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 12 in favor; zero opposed; seven abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

Ms. Moser encouraged Minutes changes to be submitted to the Secretary until August, then, in August, to Mr. Starr.

D. Appointment of William Weinberger to Area 1 - Brookside Alternate Board seat (vacant). Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the board before board motion and vote.

Ms. Moser reported that Mr. Weinberger will not be able to be the Area One — Brookside Alternate.

E. Appointment of Mary Proteau to Area 2 - Citrus Square Alternate Board seat (vacant). Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the board before board motion and vote.

Ms. Proteau described her background, including membership on the Environmental and Sustainability Committee. Mr. Starr nominated Ms. Proteau; seconded by Ms. Roberts. Mary Proteau was APPOINTED unanimously by a hand vote.

F. Administer Neighborhood Council Oath of Office to new Alternate Board 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.”

Ms. Proteau read aloud the Oath of Office.

G. Sign-up for Committees: Land Use, Outreach, Transportation, and Environmental and Sustainability.

Ms. Moser encouraged the above.

**VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

A. Report, Discussion, and Possible Action on Governance Committee. Governance Committee seeks Board Member volunteers to help with organizing files in the GWNC storage unit. GWNC does not currently have a retention period for physical and digital files. DONE policy regarding records retention is limited to the following: NC Audit

Reports need to be kept for 8 years, with 2 years on-site (which is also part of the NC Funding policy) and then the rest to records retention. MOTION: GWNC to enact a 8-year retention policy for digital files and a 2-year retention policy for physical files.

Ms. Moser encouraged volunteers for the above. Ms. Stromberg explained that documents need to be indexed, catalogued, purged, consolidated and stored.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will enact an eight-year retention policy for digital files and a two-year retention policy for physical files.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote with all 19 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Board Member Vacancy. Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the board for approval - None at this time.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

- C. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the board for approval: Area 1 – Brookside; Area 2 – Citrus Square; Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 8 – Melrose; Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Area 12 – Western-Wilton; Area 15 – Windsor Village; Renter; and Religion and Education

Ms. Moser noted the above and that Ms. Bones resigned as the Alternate Education 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: Matt Cheesebro – Ethics & Funding; Cynthia Chvatal – Ethics & Funding; Brian Curran – Ethics & Funding; Jennifer Devore – Ethics; Joshua Kirchmer - Ethics & Funding; Robert Reeves – Ethics & Funding; and Angie Szentgyorgyi – Ethics.

Ms. Moser noted the above and urged Board Members who need to complete trainings to do so. Ms. Stromberg requested Board Members to send their training completion Certificates to [Secretary@GreaterWilshire.org](mailto:Secretary@GreaterWilshire.org) and to [admin@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:admin@greaterwilshire.org). Mr. Cox noted that he completed the Ethics and the Funding Trainings.

- 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 or Alternates have not completed their Code of Conduct Policy Statement: Bridget Bones; Matt Cheesebro; Cynthia Chvatal; Brian Curran; and Joshua Kirchner.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

## **VII. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6/3 Public Storage \$159  
6/5 DNH Media Temple SSL Cert \$75.  
6/6 Larchmont Chronicle May & June \$716  
6/11 Ebell Board Meeting June \$350.00  
6/12 San Wilshire Board Print outs \$49.60  
6/13 Lloyd Staffing DL – WE -6/2 - \$154.55  
5/17 Lloyd Staffing SF – WE 5/19, 5/26,6/2- \$1070.65  
6/17 Larchmont Buzz - \$75  
6/18 Park Labrea News -\$300.00  
6/19 Lloyd Staffing SF – WE 6/9, 6,16 -\$699.20  
6/19 Lloyd Staffing DL – WE 6/16 - \$217.78  
Congress Of Neighborhoods - \$500  
Budget Advocates - \$500

Copies were distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC June “Monthly Expenditure Report.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2019.

*Board Member Max Kirkham had left the room by this time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gutierrez, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

*Board Member Max Kirkham returned to the room by this time, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

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

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in June 2019.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Carroll explained the receipts documentation process.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gutierrez, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- C. Review of June 2019 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the July 2019 Monthly Lloyd Staffing, and San Wilshire LUC print outs

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- D. Business Cards – Discussion and Possible Action to [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves moving the \$400 Business Card Expense from Outreach to Office / Operational Expense.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gutierrez, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Stromberg and Winther); two opposed (Cox and Starr); zero abstained. Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

*Board Member Hayden Ashworth stepped out at this time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

- E. Web Hosting – Discussion and Possible Action to [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves moving the Web Hosting (\$240) and SSL Certificate Expense (\$75 for a total of \$315) from Outreach to Office Operational Expense.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gutierrez, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Stromberg and Winther); one opposed (Starr); zero abstained. Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- F. Public Storage – Discussion and Possible Action to Approve \$159 Per Month + \$40 Expense for Public Storage. Amount is in lieu of \$156 Per Month + \$40 (the + \$40 is to cover probable rate change in May of 2020).

*Board Member Hayden Ashworth had returned by this time, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves increasing the Public Storage payment to \$159 per month, \$1,948 annually.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Moser, Roberts, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); two opposed (Gutierrez and Kumetz); zero abstained. Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- G. Discussion and Possible Action to approve funding to retain James H. Stewart (Mister Parliamentarian), Parliamentarian, for the following services (expenses delineated):
- i. Review of Governing Documents. Fee = \$100 per hour. Review current bylaws, standing rules etc. for best practices, internal inconsistencies or contradictions, unintended consequences and other issues. MOTION: Approved expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$500 for the review of governing documents by James H. Stewart, Parliamentarian.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

- ii. Monitor a Meeting, Fee = \$300.00 for the first two hours, \$150.00 per hour thereafter. Mr. Stewart will monitor the meeting and advise when necessary for correct parliamentary procedures to insure the protection of members’ rights and strengthen meeting procedures for more effective and efficient decision making. MOTION: [see the below Motion].

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. D.]*

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to monitor a Board Meeting and advise when necessary on correct parliamentary procedure.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Amin suggested identifying other parliamentarians and comparing their fees and qualifications to those of Mr. Stewart, and she noted that she has coordinated workshops on parliamentary procedure. Mr. Starr spoke in support of Ms. Amin’s suggestion.

Ms. Stromberg WITHDREW the Motion; no vote was taken.

- iii. Parliamentary Training. Fee = \$300. Mr. Stewart will present at a two-hour workshop on parliamentary procedure and the influence of the Brown Act on that procedure. To correct common errors in procedure and troubleshoot particular issues unique to the



client. MOTION: Approved expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$300 for a two-hour Parliamentary Training workshop conducted by Mr. Stewart.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

H. Review and Possible Action of GWNC Inventory Certification.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

I. Discussion and Possible Action to Allocate Up to \$1000 to Cover Advertising in the Larchmont Buzz (until final advertising budget allocations have been decided).

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$1,000 to cover advertising in the Larchmont Buzz (until final advertising budget allocations have been decided).

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gutierrez, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Amin). Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

J. Discussion and Possible Action to Allocate Up to \$1000 to Cover Advertising in the Larchmont Chronicle (until final advertising budget allocations have been decided).

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$1,000 to cover advertising in the Larchmont Chronicle (until final advertising budget allocations have been decided).

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gutierrez, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Amin and Kirkham). Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

K. Discussion and Possible Action to Allocate Up to \$50 for Facebook Advertising.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$50 for Facebook advertising.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gutierrez, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts,

Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

A. Report on the July 6, 2019 Outreach Committee Meeting

Mr. Kirkham reported.

- B. Citizen Recognition Award. The GWNC awards community members for their service, dedication and/or commitment to enhancing and/or improving the Greater Wilshire neighborhood. Committee accepts nominations year-round. Let us know who we can honor at <http://greaterwilshire.org/citizen-recognition-program/>

Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

- C. Standardized Layout for GWNC Outreach Table. Committee will present results of discussion on a standardized layout for the GWNC Outreach tabling box.
- i. Possible Motion: to appropriate up to \$500 for outreach materials. [note: specific language for a motion to appropriate funds will be subject to discussion and clarification at the July 7th GWNC Outreach Meeting. Final motion will not include a request for more than the above stated amount of up to \$500]

Mr. Kirkham requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

D. Yoga in the Park (Colette Amin)

- i. Discussion and Possible Action to order new event banners. [Final motion may include financial appropriation of up to \$300.]

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Amin): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$300 for new Yoga in the Park promotional materials.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gutierrez, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts and Winther); one opposed (Starr); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Stromberg). Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- E. Congress of Neighborhoods (Colette Amin). The annual Congress of Neighborhoods event will take place at City Hall on September 28th, 2019. Previously, the GWNC Board voted to allocate \$500 for the Congress of Neighborhoods at its meeting on May 8th, 2019. Discussion on raising that allocation to \$1000.

- i. Possible Motion: That the GWNC Outreach Committee recommend that the GWNC Board [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Amin): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate an additional \$500 for the annual Congress of Neighborhoods, to be held on September 28, 2019.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Amin explained the need, including that the City Hall rental fee increased; the Congress costs \$40,000 total. Mr. Starr and Ms. Stromberg were concerned that the funding is needed for other expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Donahoe, Gilman and Kirkham); 11 opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Appel, Carroll, Cox, Farha, Genewick, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Ashworth, Carpenter and Gutierrez). Ms. DeVore was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

F. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at 9am, at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

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

A. 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.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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

A. Update and Report on July 2, 2019 GWNC Sustainability Committee Meeting and June 22, 2019 Third Water Wise Garden Tour. Meeting discussed the GWNC Sustainability Committee Garden Tour, upcoming projects and City Council’s motion regarding a research partnership for LADWP to study investments needed to reach 100% renewable electricity as set forth in Council File No. 16-0243 (original motion available here: [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-0243\\_mot\\_03-02-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-0243_mot_03-02-2016.pdf)). The GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends that that the GWNC Board adopt the following motions:

MOTION: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council expresses its support for the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) study regarding what investments would be needed to reach 100% renewable electricity as set forth in Council File No. 16-0243 and urges LADWP to present a plan for rapidly reducing its carbon emissions while also reducing power outages and keeping power bills low.

MOTION: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council to [see the below Motion].

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Tour had more than 30 attendees. She requested and it was agreed to TABLE the first above possible Motion. The below Motion then was made.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will launch a pilot biodiversity project with the Los Angeles Sanitation (LASAN) Department for the Greater Wilshire area to catalogue the area's biodiversity with the help of community members.

*Board Member Scott Appel stepped out at this time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at Marlborough School, Large Conference Room - Munger Hall, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004. Please enter via 3rd Street Driveway. Security will direct to parking.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

**XI. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Philip Farha). The Land Use Committee did not have a quorum at its June 25th Meeting. Therefore, the Committee was unable to take any actions. The following is the Committee's report from the June 25th meeting:

*[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]*

- A. Update on SB330 and SB592 by Richard Bloom's Staff. Aditi Shakkwar and Josh Kurpies. District Director Mr. Kurpies advocated for the new proposed legislation and cautioned that text was still being amended. He responded to the committee's concerns and stated that new bills were directed at housing emergency and not an attempt to "gut and amend" SB50. Committee voiced its concern about setting a precedent that would circumvent local control.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

- B. Larchmont Playground Pilot Project (John Welborne) Support for construction of a playground on Larchmont Boulevard as proposed by the Windsor Square Association.

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #X. A.]* Mr. Welborne explained this.

*Board Member Scott Appel returned at this time, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

Copies were distributed of an email from Ms. Moser to the Committee. Mr. Farha reported that the Committee supported it.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council endorses construction of the Larchmont Boulevard playground as presented and forward the attached letter.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 16 in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

- C. 5570-5756 W. Melrose Ave and 657 Lucerne Blvd (Michael Flannigan) to allow [see the below Motion].

Mr. Farha explained the project.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the allowance of an existing patio to encroach at the property line along Melrose Ave and to waive any dedication and improvements being requested by the Bureau of Engineering. ZA-2019-2253.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 18 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Kirkham).

- D. 6535 n Melrose Ave (Daniel Ahadian) A new 3-4 story mixed use building is ranging from 35’ to 56’ height with 33 units (3 ELI) with 4895sf of commercial space DIR-2019-647-TOC, ENV-2019-648-EAF

Mr. Farha explained the project.

- E. 517-525 1/2 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 33 vehicle parking and 33 bicycle parking. DIR-2019-1971-TOC, ENV-2019-1972-EAF.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

- F. 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-2019-557-PMLA-CC, ENV-2019-558-CE Mr. Simms says he will not come to the LUC meeting

Mr. Farha explained that the developer never has attended a Committee meeting.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 206-226 N. Larchmont Blvd. for lack of a presentation.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote with all 19 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

G. Upcoming Land Use Committee meeting. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on July 23, 2019 at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, the Collins Room, 200-D, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Mr. Farha noted the above.

#### H. FUTURE LUC AGENDA ITEMS

- i. 5212 Melrose Boulevard ( Dana Sayles, Oivia Joncich) The entitlement case for the historic Melrose Bungalows has been taken over by new representation. Applicant is also in talks with the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association
- ii. 607 N. Manhattan Place: (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 Place :(Matthew Hayden) applicant will provide more information when it becomes available .
- iv. 5279 W. Olympic Blvd: (R. Bruce Evans) Project is to allow the continued sale and dispensing of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with a 24hour convenience store (7-Eleven) ZA-2015-1026-CUB, ENV-2019-2562-CE.
- v. 930 S. Mansfield Ave : (Warren Techentin, NELA-Edward Solis). A new 19-unit apartment building, 6 stories high with 4 one-bedroom and 15 two-bedroom apartments over 1 story of below grade parking. DIR-2018-7019-TOC, ENV-2018-7020-EAF. Project is currently on hold, Committee will discuss possible illegal demolition.

Mr. Farha indicated there were no other future Items at this time.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS.** Matters not identified above for future consideration and action  
There was no new business at this time.

#### **XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORT**

(Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Homelessness Liaison Report. (Tammy Rosato) 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.

Ms. Rosato noted the above.

B. Resilience Liaison Report. (Conrad Starr)

(No report was made.)

Mr. Starr urged attending the September 28<sup>th</sup> Congress, at which volunteers are needed.

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

No other requests were made.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. Next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at The Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Ms. Moser declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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