



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Transportation Committee Meeting April 15, 2019  
MINUTES: Approved by the Committee on October 21, 2019

**I. 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, April 15, 2019, at Marlborough School, Collins Room, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Chairperson Conrad Starr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mr. Starr called the roll. Two of the three Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Jeffry Carpenter (Area 2) and Mr. Starr (Chair) (Area 11). Mr. Starr explained that he had received former Committee Member Justin Urcis’ resignation by email earlier in the day and that he had revised the Committee Member Roll accordingly. The GWNC Transportation Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was therefore 51% of 3 Committee Seats, or two, so the Committee could take such votes. Also in attendance were GWNC Board members Philip Farha (Area 8) and Tammy Rosato (Area 6); and 6 GWNC stakeholders from Areas 9, 10, and 14.

C. Welcome.

Mr. Starr welcomed the assembled group.

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

Stakeholder Mary Rajswing spoke on efforts by the Ridgewood Wilton Neighborhood Association (RWNA) to restore a flashing red light at the intersections of Wilton Drive, S Wilton Place, and W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street during nighttime hours of 9pm to 6am. She explained that the RWNA was requesting the GWNC to support their request for a meeting between their association and representatives of Council District 4, the LADOT, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, and the LAFD to discuss the issue.

She explained the history of the intersection, noting that dangerous traffic has resulted since 2012 when the streetlights were modified to a rest-in-red configuration during the nighttime hours, later changed to a flashing yellow, and expressed frustration at the response from Councilmember David Ryu (CD4), who had promised a solution that the neighbors agreed with, which, she noted, was memorialized in the local press.

Ms. Virginia “Ginny” Kazor, also representing the RWNA, spoke in support of Ms. Rajswing’s request of the Committee. She noted that she had met with the Assistant General Manager of LADOT two years prior who explained that a flashing red configuration would not allow for the proper signalization for pedestrians, due to technological limitations.

Both stakeholders expressed that the current flashing yellow light was confusing drivers, resulting in constant horn honking between the hours of 9pm and 11pm.

Mr. Farha suggested that RWNA make a clear request to the GWNC board of the signalization they wish to be restored.

Mr. Starr apologized for not having included the item in the agenda, and explained that the Committee was therefore unable to take any votes on the matter due to Brown Act restrictions.

After further discussion, Mr. Carpenter suggested that if the RWNA were unable to schedule the desired meeting with City officials (as described above) in time for the May 2019 GWNC Board meeting, Mr. Starr should bring the item to the GWNC Board for review. Ms. Kazor and Ms. Rajswing agreed this was an acceptable course of action.

### **III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

#### **A. Review and adoption of the January 28, 2019 meeting minutes.**

Mr. Carpenter moved and Mr. Starr seconded the above. A vote was called. The motion was approved unanimously, 2-0-0.

#### **B. Nomination of and possible vote on new GWNC Transportation Committee member(s).**

Mr. Starr nominated Philip Farha to the Committee Membership. Mr. Carpenter seconded. A vote was called. The nomination was approved unanimously, 2-0-0 for ratification by the General Board, and to take effect at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

- i. Discussion of adding new committee members at GWNC Board Meetings.  
*No motion was made nor action taken.*

#### **C. Committee meeting schedule.**

- i. **Motion:** “The GWNC Transportation Committee will change its regular meeting schedule to the third Monday of even-numbered months.” (Conrad Starr).  
Mr. Carpenter moved to postpone consideration of the motion until a future meeting.  
Mr. Starr seconded. The motion fell to the floor.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

#### **A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Transportation Committee Outreach and Action Measures.**

Discussion on ways to grow the committee and action items to support and/or organize.  
*No motion was made nor action taken.*

#### **B. Review of Panel Discussion, “Working with LADOT and the City Council Office for Traffic Solutions,”** having taken place at the January 28, 2019 meeting of the Transportation Committee.

- i. **Event Review** (Discussion)  
Mr. Carpenter noted that Council District 5 representatives should be invited to participate in any future such meetings. Mr. Starr noted that an invitation had been extended but CD5 declined.
- ii. **Speed Feedback Signs** from CD4

- a. **Motion:** “The GWNC Transportation Committee will encourage GWNC Area Reps whose areas include portions of CD4 to obtain and display speed feedback signs being provided by CD4, provided signs are available.” (Conrad Starr)

*The motion was not taken up. Mr. Starr clarified that the agenda language should have read “speed calming” signs.*

iii. **Post-Event Survey and Outreach** (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

- a. **Motion:** “The GWNC Transportation Committee will permit its Chairperson(s) to solicit feedback from meeting participants via online surveys or questionnaires; and which questions will be of a basic nature, pertaining to the effectiveness of outreach; meeting/event feedback including presentation format and effectiveness of presenters and moderators; areas of future interest; ways to engage with the committee and neighborhood council; modes of transportation for accessing committee-related meetings and events; and communication preferences.” (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Carpenter moved the above. Mr. Starr seconded. A vote was called. The motion was approved unanimously, 2-0-0.

- b. **Motion:** “The GWNC Transportation Committee will permit its Chairperson to email PDF files, contact information, and other follow-up information and materials to attendees of committee meetings.” (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Carpenter moved the above. Mr. Starr seconded. The motion was amended with the insertion “of presenters (with permission)” after “...contact information...”

The amendment passed unanimously.

A vote was called on the amended motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 2-0-0.

V. **NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Area 9 stakeholder comments on needed roadway and intersection improvements.**

(Discussion and possible motion)

Request for GWNC support for capital investment in road safety improvements along Elmwood Ave between Western Ave and Wilton Ave and surrounding area, in response to current and planned construction of numerous developments in the area. (Andrew Jorgensen)

Mr. Jorgensen said that he lives in Area 9, which he described as very “walkable,” but very unsafe due to 49-foot-wide roads, which he said are close to the 55-foot “secondary highway” designation by the city. Additionally, he said that the lack of street trees and

the 30-foot building line has the effect of encouraging unsafe speeds due to the perception of a wide-open thoroughfare.

He noted that with the many developments underway and planned in the area, it would be a good opportunity to encourage engineered traffic calming measures.

Stakeholder Kiersten Stanley, also from Area 9, spoke in support of such measures, which included road striping, angled parking, and others.

Mr. Starr noted that Mr. Jorgensen had been in contact with GWNC Area 9 Board Representative Max Kirkham, who agreed to work with Mr. Jorgensen to solicit neighborhood support, including through the founding of a neighborhood association, which is not believed to be in existence in that area.

Mr. Starr asked Mr. Jorgensen to come back to the Committee to follow up after soliciting additional community support. Mr. Jorgensen agreed.

Ms. Rosato encouraged area stakeholders to take pictures of collisions or other evidence of unsafe driving, and to make use of the LADOT website to make requests, copying Council District 4 on requests.

**B. Metro “Halfway to La Cienega” event.**

Committee Members are encouraged to participate at a GWNC booth (if already approved by GWNC Board) for the on June 2, 2019, 11 am - 2 pm event to be held on the Great Lawn at LACMA/La Brea Tar Pits

- i. **Motion:** “The GWNC Transportation Committee recommends that the GWNC approve \$100 for outreach-related and operational expenses for the June 2, 2019 “Halfway to La Cienega” event being sponsored by Metro.” (Conrad Starr)  
Mr. Starr moved the above. Mr. Carpenter seconded. Mr. Carpenter moved to amend the motion by replacing “\$100” with “\$250”. Mr. Starr seconded the amendment. A vote was called. The amendment carried 2-0-0.  
A vote was called on the amended motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 2 (Starr, Carpenter) -0-0.

**C. Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension.**

The Study Area for the Crenshaw Northern Extension includes 10 Greater Wilshire Areas along Wilshire Blvd and La Brea Ave. Metro is soliciting feedback on 5 possible alignment routes and potential station locations.

- i. **Motion:** “The GWNC Transportation Committee will 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.” (Conrad Starr)  
Mr. Starr moved and Mr. Carpenter seconded the above motion. A vote was called. The motion was approved unanimously, 2-0-0.
- ii. **Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension Town Hall Event.**  
Mid City West CC has invited Greater Wilshire stakeholders to its April 25th, 2019 7:15 pm town hall meeting at Pan Pacific Park Recreation Center at 7600

Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036, to include presenters from Metro and from the City of West Hollywood. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

**D. Community Event/Field Trip with GWNC Sustainability.**

- i. **Motion:** “The GWNC Transportation Committee will study the possibility of a shared community field trip utilizing our local transit system.” (Conrad Starr)  
Mr. Starr moved and Mr. Carpenter seconded the above motion. A vote was called. The motion was approved unanimously, 2-0-0.

**E. Notice of Availability of Bike Parking at GWNC Meetings and Events.** (Conrad Starr)

- i. **Motion:** "The GWNC Transportation Committee recommends that the GWNC adopt a policy of providing notice regarding the availability or unavailability of designated bicycle parking for all meeting or event announcements which refer to parking." (Conrad Starr) Fiscal impact: none.  
Mr. Starr moved and Mr. Carpenter seconded the above motion.  
Mr. Carpenter moved to amend by replacing “regarding” with “describing”. Mr. Starr seconded. The amendment passed 2-0-0.  
A vote was called on the amended motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 2-0-0.

**VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** (Including Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. LADOT Dockless Meeting.  
Mr. Starr discussed the above meeting.
- B. Surge pricing (Jeffrey Carpenter)  
Mr. Carpenter discussed the above.
- C. Capital Improvements (Streetlights) on Wilshire Blvd.  
Mr. Starr explained that Council District
- D. LA County Bike Coalition meeting on March 13, 2019  
Mr. Starr discussed the above meeting.

**VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. SB-127 - Complete Streets  
*This item was not taken up.*
- B. Council File 15-0989-S4 - Sidewalk Repair Study  
*This item was not taken up.*
- C. 3rd Street and Plymouth - Windsor Square reports to CD4 and DOT.  
Mr. Starr explained that he has been copied on emails from Windsor Square stakeholders regarding frequent collisions at the above intersection and that he will apprise the board

of any significant developments. Ms. Rosato noted that collision reports should be shared with LADOT.

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

None were discussed. There were no more requests or Motions.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Starr declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:50 p.m.

**A. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting**

Next GWNC Transportation Committee will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 15, 2019 at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Respectfully submitted,

Conrad Starr

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