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**GREATER WILSHIRE
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General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
The Ebell of Los Angeles
743 S. Lucerne Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90005
(No Bike Parking Available)

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 Moser)
- B. **Flag Salute**
- C. **Roll Call of Board Members and/or Alternates** (Conrad Starr)

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

- A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Debra Wehbe)
- B. CD4 Update (Rob Fisher)
- C. CD5 Update (Kevin Nahai)
- D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)
- F. Other Government Representatives

III. CITY BUDGET, NC BUDGET ADVOCATES, UTILITIES (discussion and possible action)

- A. DWP Report (Jack Humphreville)
- B. Budget Advocate Report (Jack Humphreville)
 - i. **Motion:** Community Impact Statement from the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (Council File 19-0600)

Whereas, according to the City Charter, “each Neighborhood Council may present to the Mayor and Council an annual list of priorities for the City budget.”

Whereas, on July 24 and September 3, the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates recommended that the Mayor present his Proposed Budget on February 1st, 80 days earlier than the charter mandated date of April 20th.

Whereas, this recommendation was rejected.

Whereas, the Budget Advocates believe that the development of the Budget must be an open and transparent process where all interested parties, including Budget Advocates, have ample time to review, analyze, and comment upon the budget.

Whereas, the extra 80 days will allow for increased transparency.

Therefore, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports increased transparency into the development of the City's Budget and finances and strongly recommends that the Mayor present his Proposed Budget on February 1st, 80 days earlier than the charter mandated date of April 20th.

Furthermore, the Neighborhood Council supports the filing of this Community Impact Statement in Council File 19-0600 (Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2019-20) or subsequent budget file for the Fiscal Year 2020-21.

- C. LANCC (LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition) Report (Jack Humphreville)
- D. Southern California Gas Company (Marie Herrera, Verches Associates)

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.

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

- A. **Review and Adoption** of the October 2, 2019 Meeting minutes
- B. **Revisions to Previously Adopted Minutes**
- C. **Existing Committee Administration; New Committee Establishment; Liaison Appointments (Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - i. Purposeful Aging Liaison - Discussion
 - ii. Census Goodwill Ambassadors (2): CGAs will lead grassroots efforts in their neighborhoods to educate Angelenos on how census data determines federal funding for our schools, social and health services, and infrastructure.
- D. **Sign-up for Committees (Board members and stakeholders)**
 - i. Non-Board Member Ethics Training: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>
- E. **Board Area Reports - Area 3 - Country Club Heights (Brian Donahoe)**
- F. **Rescheduling of April 2020 GWNC General Board Meeting**
Motion: The GWNC will hold its April 2020 General Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

VI. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. **Remarks**
- B. **Board Member Vacancy**
Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates - to be submitted to the board for approval: (none)
- C. **Alternate Board Member Vacancies**
Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates - to be submitted to the board for approval:
 - Area 3 - Country Club Heights, Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Area 12 - Western-Wilton, Area 15 - Windsor Village, Education, Religion

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, Brian Curran - Ethics & Funding, Joy McManus - Ethics & Funding, Bob Reeves - Ethics & Funding

E. Code of Conduct Policy - Board Members and Alternates are required to read and sign the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (<http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/> for online version) within 30 days of their election or appointment. The following Board Members or Alternates have not completed their Code of Conduct Policy Statement:

Brian Curran, Joy McManus

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2019 - *MER had not been generated in time for the October 2, 2019 meeting.* (Discussion and Possible Action)

9/3 Public Storage \$159
9/6 Ebell – Board meeting August \$350
9/6 Ebell Board meeting September \$350
9/10 Larchmont Chronicle August \$358
9/10 Larchmont Chronicle September \$358
9/11 San Wilshire Board Print outs \$85.57
9/19 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes \$140.50
9/19 Lloyd Staffing SF Admin \$699.20
9/20 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes \$231.83
9/20 Lloyd Staffing \$742.90
9/24 San Wilshire Luc (June) \$29.16
9/24 Lloyd Staffing SF \$699.20
9/24 Lloyd Staffing DL \$203.73
9/25 Office Depot Office Supplies \$134.20
9/25 Lloyd Staffing DL \$154.55

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

C. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for October 2019 (Discussion and Possible Action)

10/2 San Wilshire Board Printouts \$38.97
10/3 Public Storage \$159
10/11 LA Press printing for homeless informational brochures \$197.10
10/22 San Wilshire LUC print outs \$39.89
10/31 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes Writer \$125.45
10/31 Lloyd Staffing SF Admin \$699.20
10/31 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes Writer \$252.90
10/31 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes Writer \$154.55
10/31 Lloyd Staffing SF Admin \$699.20
10/31 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes Writer \$196.70
10/31 Lloyd Staffing SF Admin \$699.20

D. Approval of Individual Expenses Listed in the October 2019 MER (Discussion and Possible Action)

- E. **Review** of October 2019 Board Expenses that will Appear on the November MER 2019
 Larchmont Chronicle \$358
 Ebell \$350
 Larchmont Buzz, Lloyd Staffing
- F. **Funding Motion:** Approve up to \$250 for the purchase of office supplies including printer ink and paper.
- G. **Funding and General Updates**

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

- A. **Report** on the October 5, 2019 and November 2, 2019 Outreach Committee Meetings
- 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. Let us know who we can honor at <http://greaterwilshire.org/citizen-recognition-program/>. The Committee accepts nominations year-round.
 - i. **At its meeting** on October 5th, 2019, the Committee voted to award GWNC Stakeholder Ginny Kazor with a Citizen Recognition Award.
- C. **Review of October Outreach Events**
 The GWNC had a booth at both the Wilshire Community Police Station Open House and the Larchmont Family Fair.
- D. **Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting**
 The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004.

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

- A. **Report** on the October 21, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting
- B. **Revision to Meeting Schedule**
 - i. **Motion:** The GWNC Transportation Committee will hold its regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of odd-numbered months beginning in January, 2020.
- C. **Road Repairs on S. La Brea Ave.** (6th St. to Wilshire Blvd.)
 - i. **Motion:** The GWNC will request the LADOT perform surface repairs to the 600 Block of South La Brea Ave. for safety.
- D. **Rideshare Drop-offs/Pick-ups in Rush Hour Restricted Zones**
 - i. **Motion:** The GWNC will write a letter to CD4, CD5, the City Transportation Committee, and the Mayor requesting that they require rideshare companies to restrict pick-ups and drop-offs in rush-hour restricted zones while “No Stopping” is in force.
- E. **Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting**
 The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2020, 7 p.m. -- rescheduled due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday -- at Marlborough School, Collins Room - D-200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004. Please enter via 3rd Street Driveway. Security will direct to parking (cars & bikes); rideshares please use Rossmore Avenue driveway.

X. **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Dan Kegel)

- A. **Update and Report on November 5, 2019 GWNC Sustainability Committee Meeting**
- B. **Ratification of Motion:** The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves hosting the iNaturalist training session for the GWNC-LASAN Biodiversity Project to be conducted by a representative from the Natural History Museum on Saturday, November 16, 9 am to 12 pm, at a

location to be determined followed by a Bioblitz on Saturday, December 7, at a time and location to be determined.

C. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting

Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 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.

XI. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Philip Farha)

- A. **371-377 N. St. Andrews Pl:** (Shapour Shajirat) A new 15 unit 4 story apartment building over street level parking and one level of subterranean parking. DIR-20194911-TOC, ENV-2019-4912-EAF

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project located at 371-377 N St Andrews as presented.

- B. **125-135 N. Larchmont Blvd.:** (Gary Benjamin) New CUB to allow continued sales of beer and wine in conjunction with an existing restaurant w/1,147 sf interior area and 216 sf exterior patio area. 28 interior seats, 14 exterior seats and hours of operation of 11:30 am - 10 pm Sun-Thurs and 11:30 am - 10:30 pm Fri and Sat.

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the Village Pizzeria project located at 125-135 N Larchmont for their CUB renewal as presented.

C. POSSIBLE FUTURE LUC AGENDA ITEMS

- i. **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.
- ii. **611 N. Manhattan Place:** (Matthew Hayden) Applicant will provide more information when it becomes available.
- iii. **5030 W. 9th Street:** (Rosemary Medel) Variance request to allow the proposed detached garage within the front 55' setback in lieu of the rear half of the site. ZA-2019-5501-ZV.
- iv. **6535 Melrose Ave:** (Daniel Ahadian) A new 3-4 story mixed use building ranging from 35' to 56' with 33 units (3 ELI) 4,895 sq. ft. of commercial space . DIR-2019-647-TOC, ENV-2019-648-EAF.
- v. **5279 W. Olympic Blvd:** (Bruce Evans) 7-Eleven Convenience Store to renew a CUB.
- vi. **743-749 S. Gramercy Drive:** (Michelle Chen) Demolition Pre-inspection Application No. 19019-10000-03861/19019-10000-03864/19019-10000-03867.
- vii. **742 N. Highland Ave:** (Ashlee Gardner) Renewal of an existing CUB. ZA-2004-6850-CUB, ENV-2019-5487 CE.

- D. **Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting** will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 19, 2019 at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, the Collins Room, 200-D, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Street Lighting Outages** (Jeffrey Carpenter)

Motion: WHEREAS Greater Wilshire Neighborhoods have for many years repeatedly been subjected to extended and chronic outages of streetlights without explanation and without apparent progress on durable remedies, and

WHEREAS the City's response to past resident protests has been that additional tax levies to replace vintage style light posts with contemporary "cobra head" light posts, notably inconsistent with the context of many neighborhoods, is the only option available, the Greater Wilshire

Neighborhood Council will write a letter to CD4, CD5 and accountable City Departments and officials requesting that

- 1) the Controller perform an audit of the Bureau of Street Lighting to determine the underlying causes of the Bureau's inability to provide consistent and reliable street lighting services to affected GWNC neighborhoods such as La Brea Hancock, Sycamore Square and Citrus Square;
- 2) the Controller also determine why the Bureau of Streetlighting has chosen not provide information about service failures and otherwise fails to adequately inform and respond to residents' complaints;
- 3) the Controller evaluate the extent to which the age and condition of existing street lighting infrastructure is contributing to service failures, the extent to which lack of appropriate customary reinvestment and maintenance has contributed to chronic failures of certain parts of the street lighting system, and what might be the most appropriate remedies going forward for the periodic renovation and upgrading of neighborhood street lighting infrastructure in keeping with the character of the neighborhoods; and
- 4) the GWNC requests that the Bureau of Street Lighting immediately institute at least marginally better customer service policies, including but not limited to:
 - a. Notification of the affected Neighborhood Council of service outages of a block or more as soon as possible but at least within 48 hours of the initial occurrence; that daily updates on the causes and expected restoration of service be provided; and that the Bureau provide personnel contacts to coordinate resident service issues;
 - b. Responses to all 311, MyLA311 and direct email communications regarding service outages as soon as possible but at least within 48 hours of receipt; and
 - c. Publishing regular updates on any outages or other related service activity in Nextdoor and/or other local social media outlets, for Neighborhood Council distribution and for local news press publication.

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

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

- i. 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count
Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will partner with the LA Homeless Services Authority for the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count and will serve as site coordinator for the GWNC area.
- ii. City Controller Galperin's "Correcting Course to Maximize Homeless Housing Efforts"
Motion: The GWNC will write a letter to LA Controller Ron Galperin, Councilmember David Ryu, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and Mayor Eric Garcetti supportive of recommendations in Galperin's "Correcting Course to Maximize Homeless Housing Efforts" 2019 Audit and Report (and as spelled out in his lengthy "High Cost of Homeless Housing: Review of Prop HHH" audit and report), namely to 1) Clarify the language and specific number of units in the City's stated goals to accurately measure if we are reaching set targets, which did not appear in the language of the ballot measure; 2) Evaluate the feasibility of reallocating some Prop HHH funds that have been conditionally funded, which may free up funding for projects with lower per-unit costs or for temporary shelters and other facilities; 3) Support the Prop HHH Concierge's efforts to streamline permitting and the processes to ensure that projects that are currently - or will soon be - in the development pipeline are completed as quickly as possible; 4) If previously-committed Prop HHH funding becomes available, prioritize the development of facilities such as shelters, clinics, storage, and showers to help better manage and serve the immediate needs of Angelenos experiencing homelessness.

- B. **Resilience Liaison Report** (Conrad Starr)
- C. **Wilshire Community Plan - Berggruen Institute Study/Focus Group** (Philip Farha)
- D. **Other Liaison Reports** (<https://empowerla.org/liaison/>)

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

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

A. **Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting**

The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at The Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Items in italics above were unconfirmed at the time of publishing and may be tabled until a later meeting.

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