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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 11, 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** (Julie Stromberg)

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

- A. **CD4 Update** (Rob Fisher)
- B. **CD5 Update** (Kevin Nahai)
- C. **LAPD Senior Lead Officers**
- D. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** (Raquel Beltrán and John Darnell)
- E. Other Government Representatives

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

- A. **DWP Report**
- B. **Budget Advocate Report**
- C. **LANCC (LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition) 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.

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

- A. **Review and Adoption** of the November 13, 2019 Meeting minutes
- B. **Revisions to Previously Adopted Minutes**
- C. **Existing Committee Administration; New Committee Establishment; Liaison Appointments** (Discussion and Possible Action)
- 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 5 - Hancock Park (Jennifer DeVore)
- F. **City Hall Parking Pass**
 - i. Motion to approve Hayden Ashworth to be the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council parking pass holder for Los Angeles City Hall
- G. **Film Liaison Report** (Colette Amin)

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 - 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:

Joy McManus

VII. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- A. **Approval** of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for November 2019 (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - 11/1 Park LaBrea News - advertising \$300
 - 11/3 Public Storage \$159
 - 11/5 Larchmont Chronicle October - \$358
 - 11/5 Larchmont Chronicle November -\$358
 - 11/5 Ebell – Board meeting October

- 11/13 San Wilshire Board Printouts - \$57.50
- 11/19 San Wilshire LUC Printouts - \$30.74
- 11/25 Office Depot Supplies - \$59.01
- 11/25 Office Depot Supplies - \$76.41
- 11/25 Office Depot Supplies - \$38.20

- B. **Approval** of Individual Expenses Listed in the November 2019 MER (Discussion and Possible Action)
- C. **Review** of November 2019 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the December 2019 MER
 - Ebell \$350
 - Larchmont Buzz
 - Lloyd Staffing

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

The items below were discussed at the December 7, 2019 GWNC Outreach Committee meeting, prior to the posting of the December 11, 2019 GWNC General Board Meeting. Thus, all motions below were considered tentative at the time of publishing.

- A. **Report** on the December 7, 2019 Outreach Committee Meeting
- 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 December 7, 2019, the Committee voted to award GWNC Stakeholder Florence Wright with a Citizen Recognition Award.*
- C. **GWNC Outreach Committee Purpose Statement and/or Protocols**

At duly noticed meetings on September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7, 2019, the Committee discussed draft versions of new Committee protocols/purpose statement.

 - i. *Motion to ratify GWNC Outreach Committee adoption of above-mentioned protocols (note: wording of motion to adopt was subject to discussion and clarification during Outreach Committee meeting on December 7, 2019.)*
- D. **Homeless Count** (Tammy Rosato / Max Kirkham)

At a duly noticed meeting on November 13, 2019, the GWNC Board voted to opt-in as a site coordinator for the 2020 Annual Homeless Count. The count, run by the LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), will be held on January 23, 2020. Those wishing to volunteer can sign up here https://www.theycountwillyou.org/greater_wilshire_count_20200123.

 - i. *Motion: That the GWNC Board approve \$200.00 to reserve the Social Hall at Hope Lutheran Church for use during the 2020 Homeless Count.*
 - ii. *Motion: That the GWNC Board approve up to \$100 for purchasing refreshments for Homeless Count volunteers.*
- E. **GWNC Information Cards**

Informational cards used at GWNC Outreach Events contain out-of-date information and need to be corrected.

 - i. *Motion: That the GWNC Board spend up to \$300 on printing GWNC informational cards in English, Spanish, and Korean.*
 - ii. *Motion: That the GWNC Board spend up to \$150 on printing stickers that can be used to correct outdated information on GWNC informational cards in English, Spanish, and Korean.*
- F. **City Hall Name Badges** (Hayden Conner Ashworth)

Discussion on acquisition of official neighborhood council name badges, as recognized by LA City Hall for all board members, or some portion thereof.

- i. **Motion:** *that the GWNC Board approve up to \$315 for creation of official neighborhood council name badges, as recognized by City Hall. [Note: specific language for a motion to appropriate funds was subject to discussion and clarification at the December 7th, 2019 GWNC Outreach Meeting. Final motion will not include a request for more than the above stated amount of up to \$315]*

G. Forum for Candidates in the 2020 Council District Four (CD4) Elections

The GWNC has been contacted by representatives from Hollywood Hills West NC, Mid City West Community Council, and Hollywood United NC about teaming up to host a CD4 candidate forum in March 2020.

H. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting

The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, January 4, 2020, 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. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting

The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2020, 7 p.m. (moved due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday), 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. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting

Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 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. 742 N. Highland Ave.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Ashlee Gardner) Renewal of an existing CUB. ZA-2004-6850-CUB, ENV-2019-5487 CE.

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the renewal of the CUB with extended operating hours for the project located at 742 N. Highland Ave. as presented with the request that the extended CUB be attached to the current operator.

- B. 5279 W. Olympic Blvd.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Bruce Evans) 7-Eleven

Convenience Store to renew a CUB. Proposed Project - approval of plans to allow the continued sale and dispensing of beer and wine for off site consumption in conjunction with a 2,537 sq. ft. convenience store (7-Eleven) operating 24 hours daily in a C2-1 zone. Renewal application – No Change Requested. ZA-2015-1026-CUB-CU-Pal, ENV-2019-2562-.CE.

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the CUB renewal for the 7-Eleven Convenience Store located at 5279 W. Olympic Blvd. as presented with the conditions outlined in the Sycamore Square letter dated November 18, 2019.

- C. 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.

MOTION: While the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council is on record opposing the project located at 6535 Melrose, the Board would prefer to see a restricted 10' ingress off of Highland and a 10' egress into the alley.

- D. **CF 19-0623:** (Discussion and Possible Action) Empty Homes Tax/Vacant and Habitable Housing Units
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council submit a CIS in support of CF 19-0623 as written and asks that single family properties with a legal ADU be exempted from the tax.
- E. **5030 9th St.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Rosemary Medel) A 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.
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the variance for the project located at 503 W. 9th Street as presented.
- F. **816 N. Orange Drive:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (George Poda) Demolition Pre-inspection Application No. 19019-10000-05316.
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the demolition at 816 N. Orange Drive.
- G. **726-732 S. Wilton Pl.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Daniel Pourbaba) Pursuant to TOC guidelines a new 25 unit apartment with base incentive to allow increase in density, FAR to 3.77:1, reduced parking with additional incentives to allow height at 61', reduction to side yards to 6'-4" in lieu of 9', reduced open space. Dir-2019-3158-TOC, PAR-2019-372-TOC.
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the project located at 726-732 S. Wilton Place as presented.
- H. **POSSIBLE FUTURE LUC AGENDA ITEMS**
- i. **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.
 - ii. **611 N. Manhattan Pl. (Matthew Hayden)** Applicant will provide more information when it becomes available.
 - iii. **985-991 3rd Ave.:** (Laszlo Faerstein) Project is exempt from CEQA. Qualifying Tier 2 Project totaling 50 dwelling units (6) Very Low Income with basic incentives and additional incentives. DIR-2018-2234-TOC, ENV-2018-2235-CE.
 - iv. **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.
 - v. **743-749 S. Gramercy Drive:** (Sami Kohamin, Michelle Chen) Demolition Pre-inspection Application No. 19019-10000-03861 / No. 19019-10000-03864 / No. 19019-10000-03867 -991.
- I. **Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, the Collins Room, D200, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

XII. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- A. **Homelessness Liaison Report** (Tammy Rosato)
- B. **Resilience Liaison Report** (Conrad Starr)
- C. **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, January 8, 2020 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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