



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, November 13, 2019  
Approved December 11, 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, November 13, 2019, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. President Moser called the meeting to order at 7:03 p. m.

B. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Julie Stromberg.

C. Roll Call of Board Members and/or Alternates (Conrad Starr)

The Secretary called the roll. Eleven of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Hayden Ashworth, Jeffry Carpenter, Jennifer DeVore, Brian Donahoe, Philip Farha, Bobbie Kumetz, Caroline Moser (President), Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo (Alternate for Owen Smith), Tammy Rosato, Conrad Starr and Julie Stromberg (Secretary). Tucker Carney, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Charles D’Atri, Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman and Max Kirkham (Vice-President) arrived later. Scott Appel, John Gresham, Erica Gutierrez and John Winther 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 at this time the Board could only take public comments, could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat(s) were vacant. Six Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. C.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: 21 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Debra Wehbe)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. D.*] Debbie Wehbe, Vice-Chair, BONC (L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) [213-978-1551; [Debbie.Wehbe@LACity.org](mailto:Debbie.Wehbe@LACity.org); [Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)], presented and showed slides.

*Board Members Karen Gilman and Mike Genewick arrived at this time (7:11), making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.*

Ms. Wehbe explained the formation of Neighborhood Councils, and BONC's role and relationship with DONE (the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment).

*Board Member Patti Carroll arrived at this time (7:18), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

Ms. Wehbe urged contacting her with ideas changes and feedback. BONC is considering censure wording such as "the purpose of censure process is to place a Board Member on notice... Any Board Member may be removed by the Board for cause." BONC meets twice monthly: once at City Hall and once somewhere in the City.

**B. CD4 Update (Rob Fisher)**

Rob Fisher, Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; Rob.Fisher@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

**C. CD5 Update (Kevin Nahai)**

Kevin Nahai, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; 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.

**D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers**

Dave Cordova, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213.473.0476; mobile/text phone 213-793-0650; 31646@LAPD.LACity.org; [www.LAPDWilshire.com](http://www.LAPDWilshire.com)), reported that the Hollywood Christmas parade will be December 1; expect lots of traffic. Be aware of "porch pirates"; he "strongly suggest[s]" to have packages "sent to an Amazon locker," workplace, etc.

*Board Member Tucker Carney arrived at this time (7:08), making 12 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen, so at this time the Board could only take public comments, could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes.*

Officer Cordova described discussions with business owners regarding skateboarders. He was concerned about Bird or Lime scooters "riding up and down the sidewalks."

**E. Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)**

John Darnell, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), reported that there will be a "Beyond Neighborhood Councils" event in the spring. He requested that Board Members complete the demographic survey emailed around late October. New DONE General Manager Raquel Beltrán will present here in December.

F. Other local government representatives

Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer (cell 213-479-7884, RacineN@metro.net; 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt), described Purple Line progress; “you’ll see more K-rail” and concrete pouring.

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

A. DWP Report (Jack Humphreville)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #V. C.*] Mr. Humphreville explained that the Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com] reviewed extensive City budget documentation; they are asking the City to provide an additional 80 days to review proposed annual City budgets.

B. Budget Advocate Report (Jack Humphreville)

- i. Motion: Community Impact Statement from the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (Council File 19-0600). [See the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves that:

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.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Humphreville clarified that “it would not impact the city charter.”

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote with 16 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

Mr. Humphreville added that the Chief Administrative Officer projects a \$200 million deficit this year and a more than \$250 million deficit each of the next four years.

C. LANCC (LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition) Report (Jack Humphreville)  
Mr. Humphreville reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] had no report.

D. Southern California Gas Company (Marie Herrera, Verches Associates)  
Copies were distributed of information. Ray Verches [Verches Associates; 909-541-5453; VerchesCom@aol.com], representing SoCal Gas Company, reported that “the Gas Company is working... to reduce its carbon footprint...” He described benefits of using natural gas.

*Board Member Charles D’Atri arrived at this time (7:52), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

Lisa Hart, of the NC Sustainability Alliance Advocacy Committee, reported that “we are well past the luxury of having choice... of putting carbon emissions into the air... The most viable thing is electrification ... Clean electricity... is the cleanest way to power our homes.”

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

Susan Collins, CD Four candidate (SusanCollinsLA.com), introduced herself.

*Board Member Max Kirkham arrived at this time (8:00), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

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

A. Review and Adoption of the October 2, 2019 Meeting minutes  
Copies had been distributed of the draft Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its October 2, 2019 General Meeting as written.

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

B. Revisions to Previously Adopted Minutes  
There were no revisions.

C. Existing Committee Administration; New Committee Establishment; Liaison Appointments. (Discussion and Possible Action)

i. Purposeful Aging Liaison - Discussion  
There was no 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.

Mr. Darnell encouraged volunteering; Ms. Moser volunteered.

D. Sign-up for Committees (Board members and stakeholders)

- i. Non-Board Member Ethics Training: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>  
Ms. Moser noted the above.

E. Board Area Reports - Area 3 - Country Club Heights (Brian Donahoe)

Mr. Donahoe reported about Country Club Heights that it has “more renters than homeowners... Primary languages are Korean, Spanish, English... homelessness” is an issue.

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.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council hold its April 2020 General Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

## **VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

A. Remarks

Ms. Moser had no remarks at this time.

B. Board Member Vacancy. Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates - to be submitted to the board for approval: (none)

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 3 - Country Club Heights, Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Area 12 - Western-Wilton, Area 15 - Windsor Village, Education, Religion.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

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

Ms. Moser noted the above.

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  
Ms. Moser noted the above.

## **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

Copies had been distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC September “Monthly Expenditure Report.”

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2019.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

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

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 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

Copies had been distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC October “Monthly Expenditure Report.”

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

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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E. Review of October 2019 Board Expenses that will Appear on the November MER 2019

Larchmont Chronicle \$358  
Ebell \$350  
Larchmont Buzz, Lloyd Staffing

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

F. Funding Motion: [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$250 for the purchase of office supplies including printer ink and paper.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained.

G. Funding and General Updates

Ms. Carroll reported that a new funding representative will be assigned by the City Clerk.

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

A. Report on the October 5, 2019 and November 2, 2019 Outreach Committee Meetings

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. 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.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above and encouraged submitting nominations.

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.

Mr. Kirkham reported that the Fair “was a great success” and “gave away 49 trees”; he thanked volunteers. The LAPD Open House “was great.”

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.

Mr. Kirkham reported that the Committee will discuss Yoga in the Park, the Homeless Count, and Committee protocols.

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

A. Report on the October 21, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting

Mr. Starr reported that four of five Committee Members and Stakeholders attended.

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.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves that the Transportation Committee will hold its regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of odd-numbered months beginning in January, 2020.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.



C. Road Repairs on S. La Brea Ave. (6th St. to Wilshire Blvd.)

i. Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will request the LADOT perform surface repairs to the 600 Block of South La Brea Ave. for safety.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Starr reported that the requests were from La Brea-Hancock Stakeholders and a Committee Member and that the La Brea-Hancock Neighborhood Association President was aware of this Motion.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 15 in favor; zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri and Stromberg).

D. Rideshare Drop-offs/Pick-ups in Rush Hour Restricted Zones

i. Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 16 in favor; one opposed; zero abstained.

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.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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

A. Update and Report on November 5, 2019 GWNC Sustainability Committee Meeting  
Mr. Kegel reported that the Committee discussed iNaturalist training and a City Building Code update. He noted that “all-electric buildings . . . save money for landlords and residents.”

B. Ratification of Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): 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.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 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.

Mr. Kegel noted the above.

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

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

- 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 [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project located at 371-377 N. St. Andrews as presented.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 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 [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Village Pizzeria project located at 125-135 N. Larchmont for their CUB renewal as presented.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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.

Mr. Farha noted the above.

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.

Mr. Farha noted the above.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Street Lighting Outages (Jeffry Carpenter).

Motion: [see the below Motion].

Mr. Carpenter reported that “we’ve had a long history of extended periods of outages.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves that:

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.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 16 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Moser).

### **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 [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of a “Homeless Services & Resources Reference Guide.” Ms. Rosato noted the Guide, a list of “Food Pantrys in Midtown Los Angeles,” and work on the issue.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Rosato, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): 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.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- ii. City Controller Galperin’s “Correcting Course to Maximize Homeless Housing Efforts.” Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Ms. Rosato, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 11 in favor; one opposed; five abstained.

B. Resilience Liaison Report (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Starr indicated that he will report in December.

C. Wilshire Community Plan - Berggruen Institute Study/Focus Group (Philip Farha)

Mr. Farha reported that a new study is expected in the Spring.

D. Other Liaison Reports (<https://empowerla.org/liaison/>)

Copies were distributed of "Public Works Liaison Mission Statement." Mr. Ashworth, Public Works Liaison, reported that he requested that street repairs be completed by December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

There were no requests at this time.

**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.

Ms. Moser declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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