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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
The Ebell of Los Angeles
743 S. Lucerne Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90005
(No Bike Parking Available)

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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** (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 January 8, 2020 Meeting minutes

B. **Revisions to Previously Adopted Minutes**

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

i. Modification of GWNC rule regarding Committee leadership positions.

a. **MOTION:** Only current or former Board Members or Alternates may serve in a Committee leadership capacity unless otherwise provided by a 2/3 Board vote.

ii. Quality of Life Committee.

a. **MOTION:** that the GWNC create a Quality of Life Committee.

iii. Purposeful Aging Liaison

iv. Emergency Preparedness Liaison

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

i. Non-Board Member Ethics Training is required for all Committee Members who are not GWNC Board Members or Alternates: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>

E. **Code of Conduct Requirement for Committee Members** (Caroline Moser)

F. **Board Area Reports - Area 5 - Hancock Park** (Jennifer DeVore)

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:

Area 12 - Western-Wilton

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, and 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, Bob Reeves - Ethics & Funding

E. **Policy Review** - Responding to emails sent to gwnc@empowerla.org; representing the board.

F. **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:

VII. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. **Approval** of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January 2020 (Discussion and Possible Action)

1/2 Lloyd Staffing - Admin 10/7-10/13 & 10/14-10/20 \$699.20

1/2	Lloyd Staffing - Admin 10/21-10/27 & 10/28-11/3	\$699.20
1/2	Lloyd Staffing - Minutes 12/9-12/15	\$203.73
1/3	Public Storage	\$159.00
1/5	Printing Services- Biz Cards	\$204.60
1/7	Larchmont Chronicle - Dec	\$358.00
1/8	San Wilshire - board	\$ 44.47
1/23	Ralphs - for Homeless Count	\$ 35.28
1/23	Larchmont Chronicle - Jan	\$358.00
1/28	San Wilshire - LUC	\$ 52.70
1/29	Larchmont Buzz	\$720.00
1/29	Larchmont Buzz	\$600.00
1/29	Larchmont Buzz	\$840.00

B. **Approval** of Individual Expenses Listed in the January 2020 MER (Discussion and Possible Action)

C. **Review** of January 2020 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the February 2020 MER

Ebell - January - \$350

Lloyd Staffing TBD

Larchmont Buzz

Village Mail Call - Postal Box - \$400

D. **Discussion and Review** on any other Treasurer Matters

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

A. **Report** on the January 11, 2020 Outreach Committee Meeting

B. **Report** on the February 1, 2020 Outreach Committee Meeting

C. **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 February 1, 2020**, the Committee voted to award GWNC Stakeholder Jeff Burt of Hope Lutheran Church with a Citizen Recognition Award.

D. **CD4 Town Hall**

The GWNC will partner with other Neighborhood Councils in LA Council District 4 to hold a candidate forum on Sunday, February 16, 2020, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm, at John Marshall High School. Outreach materials will be provided to board members for distribution.

- i. **MOTION:** that the GWNC allocate one of two sponsored articles previously approved from the Larchmont Buzz, to the 2020 CD4 Joint Candidate Forum.

E. **Neighborhood Council ID Badges**

LA City ID badges for members of Neighborhood Councils are available for purchase by both NCs and individuals and are in widespread use throughout the city, with samples observed from Los Feliz, Greater Toluca Lake, and Central Hollywood Neighborhood Councils.

- i. **MOTION:** that the GWNC acquire Neighborhood Council ID badges for all elected board members automatically and for alternates upon request.
- ii. **MOTION:** that the GWNC direct its Executive Committee to create a document, to be signed by each eligible NC ID recipient, that clarifies GWNC ownership and revocable status of Neighborhood Council ID badges and reminds the bearer of their oath “...to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity, integrity, and pride.”

- iii. **MOTION:** that the GWNC allocate up to \$450 for the purchase of Neighborhood Council ID badges.

F. **Social Media** (Julia Moser)

At its meeting on February 1, 2020, the Outreach Committee voted to allow the Chair to appoint a Social Media Coordinator. Committee member Julia Moser was subsequently appointed.

- i. **Discussion** on role of new Social Media Coordinator and brief introduction to new processes for board member content submission.
- ii. **MOTION:** that the GWNC add to its existing social media presence by approving the creation of an official Instagram account.

G. **Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting**

The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, March 7, 2020, 9:30 a.m. at Bricks and Scones Coffee Shop, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004.

IX. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Discussion) (Conrad Starr)

A. **Report** on the January 13, 2020 Transportation Committee Meeting

B. **Metro Sycamore Center Opening Enclosure** - LA Metro Enclosed Work Area - Purple Line Extension - on Wilshire Blvd. between S. Sycamore Ave. and S. Mansfield Ave.

- i. **MOTION:** That the GWNC request that CD4 reject LA Metro's application to extend the term of the Sycamore Center Opening Enclosure past February 2020.

C. **4th Street Greenway** - Improvements to existing east-west bike lane infrastructure aimed at improving safety, encouraging its use, and eliminating gaps, as presented to the Committee by Michael Schneider, Mid City West Community Council Transportation Chair. The proposal features right-turn-only diverters for eastbound and westbound motor vehicle traffic at the intersections of W. 4th St. and S. Highland Ave. and West 4th Street and S. Rossmore Ave.; and allows east-west crossing by pedestrians, bicycles, and similarly classified vehicles via bike- and pedestrian-triggered signalization, with visual deterrents such as bollards, lane striping, and green lanes at those intersections.

- i. **MOTION:** That GWNC support the 4th Street Greenway as presented at its October 21, 2019 meeting, and that the GWNC communicate its support to the appropriate agencies and request the City support and fund the 4th Street Greenway project, with the condition that the signals will never be opened up to east-west car traffic.

D. **Council File 19-1273-s1_mot_10-29-2019 - Restoration of LAX Curbside Taxi Service**

- i. **MOTION:** That GWNC file a CIS in opposition to CF 19-1273-s1.

E. **Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting**

The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, March 23, 2020, 7 p.m. (special rescheduled date) 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 & Julie Stromberg)

A. **Report** on the February 4, 2020 Sustainability Committee Meeting.

- i. **Discussion, Planning, and Motion to Organize the 2020 GWNC Garden Tour** (Cathy Roberts, Julie Stromberg) Discussion and action on scheduling the 2020 GWNC Garden Tour and determination of budget for the tour.

MOTION: that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council hold its 4th Water Wise Garden tour on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

MOTION: that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$600 for the Water Wise Garden Tour advertising and printed materials.

- ii. **Discussion, Planning, and Motion on GWNC Biodiversity Project** (Julie Stromberg, Mary Proteau) Discussion of updates with the GWNC Biodiversity Project.
MOTION: that the GWNC host a GWNC Biodiversity Bioblitz at Robert Burns Park on Saturday, April 4, 2020.
MOTION: that the GWNC approves the GWNC Biodiversity Project iNaturalist handout.
MOTION: that the GWNC register to become a National Wildlife Federation Certified Community Wildlife Habitat which requires a registration fee of \$99.
- iii. **Discussion, Action and Motion on City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Safe Sidewalks LA (Sidewalk Repair Program) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)** (Julie Stromberg) Public comment period for the Draft EIR for the Safe Sidewalks LA program open until February 24, 2020. More information available at: <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report>.
MOTION: that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council write a letter to the Bureau of Engineering requesting a 60-day extension of the DEIR comment period.
- iv. **Community Impact Statement on CF 19-1577, “Los Angeles City Employee Retirement System (LACERS) Investments / Climate Transition Risk** (Dan Kegel) See attached handout “GWNC SC notes for Council File 19-1577”.
MOTION: that the GWNC write a Community Impact Statement in support of Councilmember Blumenfield’s motion to reduce pension fund exposure to climate-related risk saying "*City employees need to know their pension funds are safe, and aren't making climate change worse. Residents shouldn't have to worry about having to rescue a pension fund because of failing investments in a declining industry.*"

B. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting

Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 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. **643-645 N. Rossmore Ave:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Sheri Gould) Proposed 6-story, 10-unit residential condominium on one lot with ownership and guest parking provided on site. ZAA for reduced side yard setback. VTT 82775, ENV-2019-7039-EAF
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board supports the project located at 643-645 N Rossmore Ave as presented and request that demolition mitigations be in place to protect neighbors and that street trees be preserved.
- B. **933 S. Gramercy Place:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chris Parker, Chloe Parker) Demo existing SFD and construct new 17–unit, 6-story 67 feet in height, 16,373 SF apartment building. DIR-2019-6450-TOC, PAR-2019-1588-TOC
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board supports the project located at 933 S. Gramercy Pl as presented with the request for additional low income apartments to total at least four (4).
- C. **506 N. Sycamore Ave:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Albert Ng) 5 -Units Small Lot Subdivision. In the LD-RD-1.5-1XL zone. Pursuant to ordinance # 176-354. ZA-2019-6971, VTT82842
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board opposes the project located at 506 N Sycamore Ave as presented.
- D. **334 S. Orange Drive:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Lena Wang) Demolition Pre-inspection application # 19019-10000-05924

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board supports the demolition project located at 334 S Orange Dr. as presented.

- E. **4653 ½ W. Beverly Blvd.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Steve S. Kim) Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale, dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in an existing 927 SF restaurant with 48 indoor seats and hours of operation from 11 am to 2 am daily.
ZA-2019-6809-CUB

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board opposes the renewal of the CUB for the project located at 4653-1/2 W Beverly Blvd as presented pending neighborhood outreach.

- F. **4001 W. 6th St.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Alex Woo, Demetrius Zeigler) Conditional Use Permit to allow for the sale, dispensing and on-site consumption of beer and wine in conjunction with a 6,200 SF restaurant with indoor seating for 211 patrons with hours of operation from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily. ZA-2019-6796-CUB

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board opposes the renewal of the CUB for the project located at 4001 W 6th St as presented pending neighborhood outreach.

G. **POSSIBLE FUTURE LUC AGENDA ITEMS**

- i. **100 S La Brea Ave.:** (Stan Treitel) New construction of a school on the corner of La Brea Ave and 1st Street.
- ii. **410 N. Rossmore Ave.:** (DOMOS- Richard Loring) (Emma Howard)
- iii. **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.
- iv. **611 N. Manhattan Pl.:** (Matthew Hayden) Applicant will provide more information when it becomes available.
- v. **4670 Beverly Blvd.:** (Athena Novak, Behruz Gabbi) Project on hold. Development and use of the site for a 30-unit multi residential apartment community with 23 off street parking spaces and a height not to exceed 73 feet. Open space will include a 390 SF gym, 749 SF office community room and 1,325 SF roof deck. DIR-2019-6597-TOC, PAR-2019-4042-TOC
- vi. **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.
- vii. **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.

- H. **Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, Collins Room, D-200, 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/>)

D. Street Lighting Outages in the Greater Wilshire Area (Conrad Starr)

Norma Isahakian, Director of the Bureau of Street Lighting, has offered “to set up a meeting to see how we can partner to work on your outages. We are going to get you a map of your specific area with your current outages and a map with the history of your copper wire theft... We will set up a liaison for your NC who you will meet at the meeting. Then we can prioritize your repairs.

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, March 11, 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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