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Area 11 - Sycamore Square: Conrad Starr
Area 12 - Western-Wilton: *Seat Vacant*
Area 13 - Wilshire Park: John Gresham
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Area 15 - Windsor Village: *Seat Vacant*
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General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 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. **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**
 - i. **CF: 20-0600** (Discussion and Possible Action)

Proposed Motion to file a Community Impact Statement: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2020 White Paper especially with respect to the recommendations for radical transparency.

1. Update the Four Year Budget Outlook to reflect the current budget reality including the projected deficits.
2. Require the Mayor to submit the budget to the City Council on or before February 1 rather than the current deadline of April 20. Each Department will then present its proposed budget and priorities to the appropriate City Council Committee. Afterwards, the Budget and Finance Committee will conduct hearings on each Department's budget.
3. All labor negotiations shall be open and transparent. Furthermore, the City shall solicit an independent opinion that analyzes the fiscal impact of any new labor contracts. Beginning 30 days after the release of the independent opinion and prior to approval, the City Council will conduct a series of public meetings to discuss the new labor contracts. Any new labor agreements shall not result in deficits.
4. Create a Pension Commission to review and analyze the City's pension and Other Postretirement Employment Benefit (OPEB) plans and develop recommendations to eliminate the unfunded liability over time.
5. Implement multiyear budgeting.
6. Develop a ten year infrastructure plan that includes, but is not limited to, streets, sidewalks, parks and their restrooms, trees, buildings, and vehicles. This will include plans for the Los Angeles River, the Civic Center, and the Convention Center.
7. Benchmark the efficiency of the City's Departments and operations.
8. Implement a plan to increase the City's Reserve and Budget Stabilization Funds to an amount equal to 10% of its General Fund Revenues.
9. Establish an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability to oversee the budget and other related matters in real time.
10. Develop solutions to balance the budget over the next four years and eliminate the Structural Deficit.

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 February 12, 2020 Meeting minutes
- B. **Revisions** to Previously Adopted Minutes
- C. **Nomination and Vote** on GWNC Secretary due to the resignation of Julie Stromberg
- D. **Questionnaire** for filing of Community Impact Statements and CIS motions (Conrad Starr)
- E. **Recommendation** of a new Environmental and Sustainability Committee Chair due to the resignation of Julie Stromberg
- F. **Existing Committee Administration; New Committee Establishment; Liaison Appointments**
- G. **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>
- H. **Code of Conduct Requirement for Committee Members** (Caroline Moser)
- I. **Appointment of Joseph Lee Suh to Area 12 - Western-Wilton Board Seat** (vacant): Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the board before board motion and vote.

- J. **Administer Neighborhood Council Oath of Office to new Board Member:**
“I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”
- K. **Board Area Reports** - Area 8 - Melrose (Philip Farha)

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, and Area 15 - Windsor Village
- 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. **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 February 2020 (Discussion and Possible Action)

2/3	Public Storage	\$159.00
2/4	Ebell January Board Meeting	\$350.00
2/5	San Wilshire Candidate Forum	\$250.00
2/7	Lloyd Staffing Admin 11/18-11/24	\$349.60
2/7	Lloyd Staffing Minutes 1/6-1/12	\$245.88
2/7	Lloyd Staffing Admin 11/4-11/10	\$699.20
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2/7	Lloyd Staffing Minutes 1/27-2/2	\$140.50
2/12	San Wilshire Board Print outs	\$ 80.01
2/13	Village Mail Call Postal Box renewal	\$400.00
2/13	Anderson Trophy NC ID Badges	\$80.76
2/19	FaceBook Outreach for Candidate Forum	\$100.00
2/20	DNH GoDaddy Domain Name Renewal	\$241.70
2/25	San Wilshire Luc Print outs	\$33.41

- B. **Approval** of Individual Expenses Listed in the February 2020 MER (Discussion and Possible Action)
- C. **Review** of February 2020 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the March 2020 MER
 - Ebell - February \$350
 - Larchmont Chronicle February \$358
 - Lloyd Staffing TBD
 - Larchmont Buzz
- D. **Website and Email Hosting Renewal** - greaterwilshire.org on Media Temple Grid Service
 - i. **Funding Motion:** That the GWNC approve up to \$315 for one-year renewal of Media Temple Grid Service (\$240; renews on 4/19/2020) and SSL Certificate and Installation (\$75; renews on 6/3/2020).
- E. **Domain Renewal** - Greaterwilshire.org and Greaterwilshire.com
 - i. **Budget Allocation:** That the GWNC allocate \$150 from the unallocated Office/Operational Expenses budget (from rollover funds) toward the greaterwilshire.org and greaterwilshire.com domains.
 - ii. **Funding Motion:** That the GWNC approve up to \$150 for the renewal of the greaterwilshire.org (expires 07/10/2020) and greaterwilshire.com (expires 07/10/2020) domains with the existing domain registrar vendor, mydomain.com, for a term of up to 5 years. (Cost is \$15.99 per domain for one year, \$14.99 per domain per year for 2-5 years.)
- F. **Domain Renewal** - gwnc.info
 - i. **Budget Allocation:** That the GWNC allocate \$241.70 from the unallocated Office/Operational Expenses budget (from rollover funds) toward the gwnc.info domain registration.
 - ii. **Funding Motion:** Whereas GoDaddy.com provides domain registration for the gwnc.info domain; and whereas a 2008 configuration triggered a 10-year auto-renewal by credit card on February 20, 2020; and that configuration has since been corrected; the GWNC therefore approves, retroactively, the payment of \$241.70 to GoDaddy.com.
- G. **Discussion and Review** on any other Treasurer Matters

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

- A. **Report** on the March 7, 2020 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.
- C. **Produce Recovery and Donation Event** (Colette Amin)

Possible partnership with local community organization to recover end-of-day produce from the Farmers Market on Larchmont Blvd., for distribution to a local space for stakeholders in need.

 - i. **Possible Motion** to commit the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council to the above event [note: final wording of motion on this item was subject to committee discussion on March 7, 2020; after this agenda was published.]
- D. **Social Media**

Review of design, look, and daily operation of GWNC Social Media Accounts; as well as information on process of submitting content for possible posting.

E. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting

The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9:30 a.m. at Bricks and Scones Coffee Shop, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Conrad Starr)

A. 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 March 3, 2020 Sustainability Committee Meeting.

B. CF 19-1577, "Los Angeles City Employee Retirement System (LACERS) Investments / Climate Transition Risk" (Dan Kegel).

- i. Discussion; see attached handout "GWNC SC notes for Council File 19-1577".
- ii. **MOTION:** that the GWNC submit a Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT of 19-1577, with text "City employees and residents need to know that the city pension fund isn't making investments that harm the climate or are likely to lose value, as coal, oil, and gas stocks have done."

C. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting

Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 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. 371-377 N. St. Andrews Pl.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (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 Board support the project located at 371-377 N St. Andrews Pl with the changes presented on January 28, 2020.

B. 4001 W. 6th St.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Alex Woo, Demetrius Zeigler)

Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 6,200 SF restaurant with indoor seating for 211 patrons and hours of operation from 9 am to 11 pm daily. ZA-2019-6796-CUB

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board support the CUB for the project located at 4001 W. 6th St. as presented on February 25, 2020.

C. 100 S La Brea Ave.: (Stan Treitel) New construction of a school on the corner of La Brea Ave and 1st Street.

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board oppose the project located at 100 S. La Brea Ave as presented pending further traffic and pick-up & drop-off studies.

D. 606 N. Manhattan Pl.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Brandon Finch) Demo of a SFR and construction of a 14-unit Apartment/Condo Complex utilizing the 70% density bonus from TOC Tier 3 Guidelines, requesting 3 additional incentives: height increase to 59'-9" in lieu of 45' and 2 side yards setback of 5'-9" in lieu of the required 8'. VTTM-82880, PAR-2019-5365-TOC

MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board oppose the project located at 606 N Manhattan Pl and its additional incentives.

- E. **706 N Citrus Ave.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Christine Rivera, Curtis Estes)
Proposed conditional use to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. In conjunction with the operation of a creative office club in the C4-1XL zone. ENV-2020-203-CE, ZA-2020-202-CU-CUB-ZV
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board oppose the CUB for the project located at 706 N Citrus Ave as presented pending further outreach.
- F. **816 N. Mansfield Ave.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Joe de La Cruz, David Acosta)
Demolition Pre-inspection Application No. 20019-10000-00372
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board oppose the demolition project located at 816 N Mansfield Ave as presented due to the demolition of two (2) units to be replaced by one (1) McMansion.
- G. **726 N. Sycamore Ave.:** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Lucius Farha) Demolition Pre-inspection Application No. 19019-10000-06242
MOTION: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board support the demolition project located at 726 N Sycamore Ave as presented.
- H. **POSSIBLE FUTURE LUC AGENDA ITEMS**
- i. **506 N. Sycamore Ave.:** (Albert Ng) 5-units – Small Lot Subdivision. In the LD-RD-1.5-IXL zone. Pursuant to ordinance #176-354. ZA-2019-6971, VTT-82842
 - ii. **845 S. Orange Dr.:**(Sonny Moraga) Demolition Pre-inspection Application No. 2019-20000-00035/B20VN00071
 - 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.
 - viii. **851-853 N. Las Palmas Ave.:** (Cristian Santibanez) Demolition Pre-inspection Application No.20019-10000-00414, 20019-10000-00415
- I. **Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, March 24, 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/Emergency Preparedness Liaison Report** (Conrad Starr)
- C. **LGBTQ+ Neighborhood Council Alliance** (Hayden Conner Ashworth)
- D. **Other Liaison Reports** (<https://empowerla.org/liaison/>)

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

- A. **Special Guest for 4/15/2020 GWNC Meeting - Controller Ron Galperin.**
Board members should email any questions or points they would like Controller Galperin to address to secretary@greaterwilshire.org by March 31, 2020 so we may forward to his communications team.

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

- A. **Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting**
The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 (Special Date) 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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