



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, January 8, 2020  
Approved February 12, 2020

**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, January 8, 2020, 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 Tammy Rosato.

C. Roll Call of Board Members and/or Alternates (Julie Stromberg).

Secretary Julie Stromberg called the roll. Twelve of the 21 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Scott Appel, Hayden Ashworth, Michael Genewick, John Gresham, Max Kirkham (Vice-President), Bobbie Kumetz, Caroline Moser (President), Tammy Rosato, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr, Julie Stromberg (Secretary) and John Winther. Six Board Members arrived later: Tucker Carney, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Karen Gilman, Philip Farha, Charles D’Atri and Jennifer DeVore arrived later. Three Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Jeffry Carpenter, Brian Donahoe and Erica Gutierrez. 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 Seats was vacant. Six Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. C.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: 12 Stakeholders and guests.

*Board Member Patti Carroll arrived at this time (7:06), making 13 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.*

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

A. CD4 Update (Rob Fisher)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III. C.*] Rob Fisher, Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; [Rob.Fisher@LACity.org](mailto:Rob.Fisher@LACity.org);

<http://CD4.LACity.org>), reminded that the homeless count will be January 22-24; he encouraged volunteering at [https://www.theycountwillyou.org/greater\\_wilshire\\_count\\_20200123](https://www.theycountwillyou.org/greater_wilshire_count_20200123). Mr. Kirkham noted that people also can sign up at [GreaterWilshire.org/count](http://GreaterWilshire.org/count). Mr. Fisher announced that speed hump applications open January 29th at 8:00 a.m.; he encouraged signing up as soon as possible. Regarding street light outages, CD4 asked for more police enforcement and sooner repairs.

B. CD5 Update (Kevin Nahai)

Kevin Nahai, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; [Kevin.Nahai@LACity.org](mailto:Kevin.Nahai@LACity.org); [www.lacity.org/council/cd5](http://www.lacity.org/council/cd5)), reported that they are working with the Bureau of Street Lighting regarding street light outages and that “now we have a dedicated team... performing cleanups five days a week” of homeless encampments.

*Board Member Charles D’Atri arrived at this time (7:23), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

Mr. Nahai continued that, regarding school traffic at First and La Brea, they are “pushing the developers to do a traffic study” and “mitigate” the problems. Mr. Farha reported that the developer refused to appear at the Land Use Committee; Ms. Moser encouraged the Committee to consider the by right project anyway.

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213-473-0476; mobile/text phone 213-793-0715; [35738@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:35738@LAPD.LACity.org); [www.LAPDWilshire.com](http://www.LAPDWilshire.com)), reported that they are working with the Narcotics Unit and that most illegal dispensaries were “shut down.” There has been a recent decrease in burglaries and robberies, however, property crimes “keep going up.” He reminded not to leave unattended items on tables, shopping carts, etc. He urged to “stay indoors” if you see a cordoned-off area. Criminals are entering fake Nextdoor addresses, and also using and following other social media to monitor local neighborhoods. Officer Rodriguez encouraged using Ring or a similar home security system, with cameras in front and back where criminals may kick in a door and or smash a window.

D. 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](mailto:John.Darnell@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), reported that the Mayor is requesting that each NC develop a RYLAN [ReadyYourLANeighborhood; <http://www.emergency.lacity.org/rylan>] plan.

E. Other Government Representatives

There were no other reports at this time.

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

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville described the Hyperion Treatment Plant renovation.

*Board Members Karen Gilman and Tucker Carney arrived at this time (7:08 and 7:09), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com] that the deficit is expected to be \$200 million this year; the deficit for each of the next four years is expected to be \$200-\$400 million. The Advocates will issue a White Paper of reports and recommendations and will focus on “radical transparency,” especially regarding labor contracts. The Advocates want the Mayor to submit annual budgets by February 1st, not April 20th, and for labor negotiations to be transparent.

*Board Member Philip Farha arrived at this time (7:12), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

The Advocates want multi year budgeting; a 10-year infrastructure plan; for the City to benchmark department efficiencies and have 10% of the budget set aside for emergencies; and establishment of an office of transparency and accountability.

*Board Member Jennifer DeVore arrived at this time (7:15), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

C. LANCC (LA Neighborhood Council Coalition) Report

Mr. Humphreville indicated that there was no LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] report.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

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

A. Review and Adoption of the December 11, 2019 Meeting minutes.

Copies had been distributed of the draft Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 11, 2019 General Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Appel).

B. Revisions to Previously Adopted Minutes

There were no revisions.

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

Ms. Moser reported that the Governance Committee will meet.

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

i. Non-Board Member Ethics Training: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>.

There were no sign-ups at this time.

E. Board Area Reports - Area 6 - La Brea Hancock (Tammy Rosato).

Ms. Rosato described the area of 12 blocks and close to 300 homes. She described resident Cathy Roberts' extensive community service. Community leaders are focusing on TOC (Transit-Oriented Community) and TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) issues. Ms. Rosato noted that "we have residents from all over the world" and many languages are spoken.

## **VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A. Remarks

Ms. Moser indicated she 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 encouraged recruiting candidates.

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, Joy McManus - Ethics & Funding, Bob Reeves - Ethics & Funding.

Ms. Moser urged Committee Chairs to have Members complete ethics training and sign the Code of Conduct. GWNC Administrator Shirlee Fuqua noted that she has requested that multiple times.

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.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

## **VII. TREASURER'S REPORT**

### A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for December 2019 (Discussion and Possible Action).

12/3 Public Storage \$159.00

12/11 San Wilshire Board Print outs \$37.22

12/16 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes Writer \$133.48

12/16 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes Writer \$217.78

12/16 Lloyd Staffing SF Admin \$742.90

12/16 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes Writer \$49.18

12/21 Ebell of Los Angeles Board Nov \$350.00

12/21 Ebell of Los Angeles Board Dec \$350.00

Ms. Carroll reported that the City has "given us the rollover." Copies had been distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC December "Monthly Expenditure Report."

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

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carroll, D'Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Stromberg and Winther); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Starr); zero abstained.

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

Ms. Carroll reviewed the expenses.

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

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carroll, D'Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

### C. Review of December 2019 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the January 2020 MER Lloyd Staffing TBD.

Larchmont Chronicle Dec Ad \$358

Larchmont Buzz

Village Mail Call \$400

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

- D. Review additions and notices of any funding news. Including: Please note, the GWNC has not been appointed a new funding Rep yet, but we should have one soon.  
Ms. Carroll noted the above.

**VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Max Kirkham).  
[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

- A. Report on the January 11, 2020 Outreach Committee Meeting. The January 4, 2020 meeting of the GWNC Outreach Committee was moved to January 11, 2020.  
Mr. Kirkham noted the meeting date change. The Committee will discuss the Homeless Count, the Town Hall and Committee objectives.
- 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.  
Mr. Kirkham encouraged sending award nominations to him.
- C. 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. The annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count shapes how the City of Los Angeles will meet the crisis of homelessness for the coming year. As in previous years, the GWNC is leading the count within its borders on January 23, 2020 from 8pm - 11:30pm and needs volunteers to make this critical undertaking a success. Registration can be done at: [www.greaterwilshire.org/count/](http://www.greaterwilshire.org/count/).
- i. Motion: that the GWNC [see the below Motion].  
Mr. Kirkham urged volunteering.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$50 to boost social media posts on Facebook in reference to the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- D. 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 that the GWNC Board [see the below Motion].  
Copies had been distributed of “Outreach Committee Protocols” which the Committee had extensively discussed.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies the Outreach Committee’s adoption of its new protocols as presented at its December 7, 2019 meeting.

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

E. 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 working in partnership to host a CD4 candidate forum in March 2020.

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

Mr. Kirkham explained the above.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will work in partnership with other Neighborhood Councils in LA Council District 4 to hold a joint City Council District 4 Candidate Forum prior to City Council elections on March 3, 2020.

**CALL for the QUESTION** (by Mr. Gresham): **PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

ii. Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$350.00 for expenses related to the joint candidate forum.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

F. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, January 11, 2020, 9:30 a.m. at Bricks and Scones Coffee Shop, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

#### **IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Discussion) (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, seconded by 50 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 & Julie Stromberg)

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

A. Report on Sustainability Committee 01-07-20 Meeting. Update on GWNC-LASAN Biodiversity Project and other Committee projects.

Mr. Kegel reported on the above. Ms. Stromberg reported that there were “over 30 attendees” at the iNaturalist training. She urged downloading the iNaturalist app, for which 200 people have signed up; the goal is 1,000 people.

B. Discussion, Action and Motion on New Building Decarbonization (Dan Kegel).

Mr. Kegel reported that the Committee will get more information. No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. Discussion, Action and Motion on City of Los Angeles Clean Cars and Trucks for City Fleets (Dan Kegel). Submit Community Impact Statement on Council File No. 19-1527.

Copies had been distributed of a “Council File 19-1527 Fact Sheet.” Mr. Kegel explained that the Committee recommends supporting the City converting vehicles to electric or hybrid.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports City Council File No. 19-1527.

**CALL for the QUESTION** (by Ms. Moser): **PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Discussion, Action and Motion on City of Los Angeles Electric Vehicle Study on LAX Rental Cars (Dan Kegel). Submit Community Impact Statement on Council File No. 19-1586.

Copies had been distributed of a “Council File 19-1586 Fact Sheet.” DK explained. [C E & S minutes re: LAX 18,000 spaces, only 200 for EVs].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File No. 19-1586.

Motion passed by a hand vote with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (D’Atri).

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes (D’Atri).



E. Discussion, Action and Motion on City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Safe Sidewalks LA (Sidewalk Repair Program) Draft Environmental Impact Report (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>.

Copies had been distributed of “Safe Sidewalk LA Environmental Review Process” information. Ms. Stromberg noted the above and that there will be community meetings around the City; she encouraged reviewing and commenting. The Committee discussed this and will draft comments at its February meeting for the Board’s consideration. No Motion was made or vote taken.

F. Discussion, Action and Motion on City of Los Angeles Notification Period for Tree Removals (Julie Stromberg).

Ms. Stromberg requested and it was agreed to Table this Item.

G. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at Marlborough School, Large Conference Room - Munger Hall, seconded by 50 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).

**A. POSSIBLE FUTURE LUC AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- 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.

B. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at Marlborough School, seconded by 50 S. Rossmore Ave, Collins Room, D-200, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Mr. Farha noted that the next Committee meeting will be January 28th, at which they will discuss Senate Bill 50 and having a special joint meeting regarding ReCodeLA. Ms.

Moser noted that the recently passed SB 330 can affect government agencies' ability to discuss land use projects.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

## **XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

(Discussion and Possible Action).

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

Ms. Rosato reported that LAHSA (the LA Homeless Services Authority) will hire a new leader. Also, the first Measure HHH housing project opened, three years after funding was approved; more will be built.

### B. Resilience Liaison Report (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Starr reported.

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

Mr. Ashworth reported regarding Public Works that they are forming an anti-theft team regarding copper wire theft.

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

No other requests were made.

## **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at The Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Ms. Moser noted the above and **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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<http://greaterwilshire.org/Board-agendas-minutes>.