



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Approved May 13, 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, February 12, 2020, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. President Moser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

B. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Julie Stromberg.

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

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. A.*] The Secretary called the roll. Sixteen of the 20 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Hayden Ashworth, Tucker Carney, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Brian Curran (Alternate for Karen Gilman), Jennifer DeVore, Brian Donahoe, John Gresham, Max Kirkham (Vice President), Joy McManus (Alternate for Philip Farha), Caroline Moser (President), Tammy Rosato, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr, Julie Stromberg (Secretary), and John Winther. Charles D’Atri arrived later. Scott Appel, Michael Genewick and Bobbie Kumetz 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 20 filled Seats, or 12 Members (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [Area 12 - Western-Wilton; see below Item #VI. B.]. Six Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. C.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: 25 Stakeholders and guests.

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

A. 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>), reported that the Councilman introduced legislation to increase affordable housing in Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) properties. A Safe Parking lot may be established near Sepulveda and Oxnard. Mr. Fisher encouraged input regarding Highland and 4th traffic safety ideas; a pedestrian stoplight is being considered.

B. CD5 Update (Kevin Nahai)

Mr. Nahai was not present. No report was made.

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; www.LAPDWilshire.com), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

D. Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #V. F.*] John Darnell, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported on a February 29th RYLAN [ReadyYourLANeighborhood; <http://www.emergency.lacity.org/rylan>] workshop and that the LGBTQ+ Alliance started meeting.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VI. A.

E. Other Government Representatives

Joan Lee, a Field Deputy for US Representative Jimmy Gomez (California's 34th District) (213-481-1425; Joan.Lee@mail.house.gov; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), introduced herself.

Aditi Shakkarwar, Field Representative for State 50th District Assemblyman Richard Bloom (310-450-0041; Aditi.Shakkarwar@asm.ca.gov; <http://assembly.ca.gov/Bloom>), reported on AB5 and AB229 (ADU's), for which information is in "How to Transform Your Back Yard." She noted legislation sponsored by the Assemblyman. Ms. Moser requested and Ms. Shakkarwar agreed to report to the Land Use Committee regarding SB 330.

Board Member John Gresham left the room at this time (7:27), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).

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

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

C. LANCC (LA Neighborhood Council Coalition) Report

Mr. Humphreville was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Ciglia Halprin of the Windsor Square Historical Society introduced herself and passed around information about an L.A. Department of Aging program.

City Stage's Michael Burbank described the Sunday, May 17th L.A. Triathlon, 5K Race and Bike Tour, and street closures.

State Assembly 53rd District Candidate Godfrey Plata described his background.

Board Member John Gresham returned at this time (7:30), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).

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

A. Review and Adoption of the January 8, 2020 Meeting minutes.

Copies had been distributed of the draft Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 8, 2020 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 15 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes (Carpenter).

B. Revisions to Previously Adopted Minutes.

There were no revisions.

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 $\frac{2}{3}$ Board vote.

Mr. Kirkham explained the Motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allow only current or former Board Members or Alternates to serve in a Committee leadership capacity unless otherwise provided by a $\frac{2}{3}$ Board vote.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

ii. Quality of Life Committee.

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

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council creates a Quality of Life Committee.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Moser explained the intended focus of the Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Smith).

iii. Purposeful Aging Liaison

There was no volunteer.

iv. Emergency Preparedness Liaison

Mr. Starr explained the position and offered to serve.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Conrad Starr as its Emergency Preparedness Liaison.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Member Charles D'Atri arrived at this time (7:42), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).

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>.

There were no sign-ups at this time.

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

Ms. Moser agreed to share a Code of Conduct for Committee Members for board approval at a future meeting.

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

Copies were distributed of a "Hancock Park Overview" and Ms. DeVore reported. A tree survey was done to focus maintenance. The email database includes Block Captains.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. D.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Remarks

See below Item #VI. E.

- B. Board Member Vacancy. Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates - to be submitted to the board for approval: Area 12 - Western-Wilton.

Resident Joe Suh described his background. Ms. Moser will Agendize voting on his candidacy.

- 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.

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, Bob Reeves - Ethics & Funding.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

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

Ms. Moser reminded that Board Members do not need and it may be better not to answer emails sent to the entire Board, and that it is better to use their official public GWNC email accounts than private accounts.

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:

[none].

Ms. Moser noted the above.

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

Copies had been distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC January "Monthly Expenditure Report."

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2020.

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, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Gresham, Kirkham, McManus, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in January 2020.

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, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Gresham, Kirkham, McManus, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 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

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

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

Ms. Carroll noted that funding training is available and encouraged all Board Members to complete it.

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

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

Mr. Kirkham reported that the Committee met and discussed the Homeless Count.

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

Mr. Kirkham reported.

- 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.

Mr. Kirkham explained the above.

- 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.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

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.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocates one of two sponsored articles previously approved from the Larchmont Buzz, to the 2020 CD4 Joint Candidate Forum.

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, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Gresham, Kirkham, McManus, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained
Mr. Kirkham explained the forum format and requested Board Members to submit questions.

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 [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will acquire Neighborhood Council ID badges for all elected Board Members automatically and for alternates upon request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kirkham explained the usefulness, especially for outreach.

[This motion was combined with E.iii. as below.]

- ii. MOTION: that the GWNC [see the below Motion].

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. E. iii.]

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council directs 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.”

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kirkham explained that the Motion was in response to a request to discuss the addition of an expiration date.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Curran, DeVore, Donahoe, Kirkham, McManus, Moser, Rosato, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); two opposed (D’Atri and Gresham); one abstained (Smith).

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

It was agreed to combine the wording of the Agendized Motions in Items VIII. E. i. and iii.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Winther): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will acquire Neighborhood Council ID badges for all elected Board Members automatically and for alternates upon request and allocate up to \$450 to that need.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stromberg believed this to be an “unnecessary expense.”

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Carney, accepted by Mr. Kirkham and Mr. Winther): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will acquire Neighborhood Council ID badges for Board Members and alternates upon request.

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

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 12 in favor; one opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Kirkham, McManus, Moser, Rosato, Starr and Winther); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Gresham and Stromberg); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Smith).

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.

No motion was made or vote taken.

ii. MOTION: that the GWNC add to its existing social media presence by approving the creation of an official Instagram account.

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

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.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion) (Conrad Starr)

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

Mr. Starr reported that the Committee met and meets bi-monthly. He explained that the outreach meeting “was properly noticed.”

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 MOTION PASSED February 2020.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that CD4 reject LA Metro’s application to extend the term of the Sycamore Center Opening Enclosure MOTION PASSED February 2020.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr explained the issue and that the Committee worked with Metro on traffic mitigations. The Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association (SSNA) opposed the extension. The actual Metro use “has deviated from the stated use.” Jeff Lee, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf representative, expressed concern regarding the Metro request. Jennifer Hengst, SSNA Vice-President, reported on SSNA opposition, Metro’s intention to request more extensions, and Metro’s inconsistent reporting and previously unknown uses. She read aloud an SSNA letter to Councilman Ryu.

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

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.

Mr. Starr characterized the proposal.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Carney): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports 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.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr explained the need. Ms. DeVore noted that this has been an issue since 2011. She noted that no survey was done and was concerned that the Greenway would slow and cause cut-through traffic. She reported that 110 of 150 emails opposed it and read aloud a long-term resident's email opposing the Greenway. Mr. Gresham "never had a problem walking or biking" there. Mr. Ashworth said "that is a very unsafe intersection" for pedestrians and cyclists. Hunter Baoengstrum, Jennifer Hengst, Adriane Hoff; Alan Meier, Danila Oder; Michael Schneider, as a "private citizen"; Justin Ursis, Ryan Snyder, and Dan Kegel supported the Greenway. Ms. Roberts, of the La Brea-Hancock Neighborhood Association, reported that the Association unanimously supported the Greenway. Cliff Lord opposed it. Mr. Kirkham preferred to refer this item to a Committee. Mr. Smith believed that a traffic study was needed.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council TABLES this Item.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a hand vote with 13 in favor; three opposed (Ashworth, Carney and Starr); one abstained (Carpenter).

Board Members John Gresham and Brian Curran left the room at this time (9:16), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).

- 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.

MOTION (by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in opposition to Council File 19-1273-S1.

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote with three in favor; five opposed; seven abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes).

- 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.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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.

MOTION (by Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will hold its 4th Water Wise Garden tour on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$600 for the Water Wise Garden Tour advertising and printed materials.

Board Member Jeff Carpenter left the room at this time (9:23), making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Kirkham, McManus, Rosato, Smith, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Moser); zero abstained.

- 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.

Mr. Kegel explained the Project.

MOTION (by Mr. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will host a GWNC Biodiversity Bioblitz at Robert Burns Park on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

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

MOTION (by Mr. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the GWNC Biodiversity Project iNaturalist handout.

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

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will register to become a National Wildlife Federation Certified Community Wildlife Habitat which requires a registration fee of \$99.

Board Member Jeff Carpenter returned to the room at this time, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Kirkham, McManus, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstained.

- 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 [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will write a letter to the Bureau of Engineering requesting a 60-day extension of the DEIR comment period.

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

Board Members Patti Carroll and Conrad Starr left the room at this time, making 13 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).

- 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."

Ms. Moser requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

- 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.

The above was noted.

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

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

- 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 [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

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

- 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).

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Donahoe): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

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

- 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.

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project located at 506 N Sycamore Ave as presented.

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

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 [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the demolition project located at 334 S Orange Dr. as presented

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

Board Members Patti Carroll and Conrad Starr returned to room at this time, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).

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 [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the renewal of the CUB for the project located at 4653-1/2 W Beverly Blvd as presented pending neighborhood outreach.

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

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 [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the renewal of the CUB for the project located at 4001 W 6th St as presented pending neighborhood outreach.

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

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 Mr. KirkhamT 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

Long-time resident Gary Gilbert wanted construction of the mini-park off Larchmont “temporarily halted” until it is ensured that the Farmers Market will stay. Ms. Moser recommended that the Land Use Committee discuss that.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

(Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Homelessness Liaison Report (Tammy Rosato)

Ms. Rosato reported on this.

B. Resilience Liaison Report (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Starr indicated that there was no report.

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

There were no other reports.

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.

Mr. Starr reported that the City offered to meet regarding street light outages. Mr. Ashworth, Mr. Carpenter, and Ms. Rosato said they would be interested in meeting with Ms. Isahakian and Mr. Starr agreed to put them in touch.

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, March 11, 2020 at The Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Ms. Moser declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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