



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”)  
Land Use Committee Special Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, June 23, 2020  
Minutes Approved July 28, 2020

In conformity with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

A. Call to Order (Philip Farha)

A duly noticed Special Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Land Use Committee was held online. Chair Philip Farha called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

B. Roll Call (Cathy Roberts)

Five of the nine Committee Members were present online at the Roll Call: Patricia Carroll, Jennifer DeVore, Philip Farha (Chair), Karen Gilman and Cathy Roberts (Secretary). Rory Cunningham arrived later. John Gresham, Dick Herman and Susan O’Connell were absent. The GWNC Land Use Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of the nine filled Committee Seats, or five Members, so the Committee could take such votes. [To apply to become a Member, see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: at least 39 Stakeholders and guests.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

**III. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

Mr. Farha indicated that there was no report.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action).

Document copies were available at  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18Amce\\_dX8vLbqcm31x86QU-BGfxU5v60](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18Amce_dX8vLbqcm31x86QU-BGfxU5v60).  
Mr. Farha explained the Motion.

*Committee Member Rory Cunningham arrived at this time (6:29), making six Committee Members present online (the Committee quorum was five).*

Mr. Farha noted that the GWNC Land Use Tracker, created by former Board Member Joe Hoffman, is on the GWNC’s server, though the GWNC does not own the Tracker. Keith Nakata reported that Mr. Hoffman was favorable to the Tracker being used by the Mid City West Community Council [another Neighborhood Council]. [The following text is copied from the Agenda. The motion was made during the meeting.]

Whereas, Joe Hoffman served as a board member of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council from April 9, 2014 till September 12, 2018

Whereas, during that time - while serving as Secretary of the Land Use Committee and Secretary of the Board with distinction and honor - he created a program now referred to as the GWNC Land Use Tracker (The Tracker)

Whereas, The Tracker has proven to be an invaluable tool in the daily work of the GWNC Land Use Committee; whose job of advising the GWNC Board on any number of land use topics is made easier by quick access to a robust and user-friendly database of pertinent information

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles does not currently provide access to - or support for - such a database, or similar, for all Neighborhood Councils

Whereas, the office of Councilman David Ryu (CD4) has expressed interest in working with its partners and the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, to develop The Tracker toward such a purpose for both the City and County of Los Angeles

Whereas, Joe Hoffman's next of kin have agreed - and would be "delighted" - for Joe's work to be shared with the city he loved

Therefore, The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council authorizes its Vice President to work with the office of Councilman David Ryu, and any other relevant parties, toward the development of its Land Use Tracker into a system that may be shared as a public resource for both the city and county of Los Angeles upon the following conditions:

1. That the final product be made available to all Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils free of charge;
2. That, if ever made commercially available, all profits shall be permanently encumbered toward solving – and then further preventing – the existential crisis of homelessness within the City of Los Angeles;
3. That it be renamed in his honor using both his abbreviated first name and full last name - The Joe Hoffman Project Tracker.

Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee [see the below Motion.]

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee recommends that the GWNC Board authorize GWNC Vice President Max Kirkham to facilitate development of the Land Use Committee's proprietary software by constituents in the City and County of Los Angeles while retaining the committee's continued free and clear usage of said software.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present online with all six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carroll, Cunningham, DeVore, Farha, Gilman and Roberts); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Farha declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 6:48 p.m.

[This Special Meeting was immediately followed by a Regular Meeting; see the separate Minutes.]

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin  
Minutes Writer

*The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda.* Edited by GWNC. The GWNC Minutes page is <http://greaterwilshire.org/land-use-committee-agendas-minutes>.