



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, March 11, 2020  
Approved June 10, 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, March 11, 2020, at the Ebelle 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 Owen Smith

C. Roll Call of Board Members and/or Alternates (Conrad Starr).

The Secretary called the roll. Thirteen of the 19 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Colette Amin (Alternate for Tucker Carney), Scott Appel, Hayden Ashworth, Jeffry Carpenter, Philip Farha, Michael Genewick, John Gresham, Max Kirkham (Vice-President), Caroline Moser (President), Tammy Rosato, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (Acting Secretary) and John Winther. Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Tucker Carney (replacing Colette Amin) and Brian Curran (Alternate for Karen Gilman) arrived later. Charles D’Atri, Jennifer DeVore, Brian Donahoe and Bobbie Kumetz were absent and not represented by an Alternate. Julie Stromberg had resigned. New Area 12 - Western-Wilton Board Seat Board Member Joseph Lee Suh was appointed to the Board during below Item #V. I. 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 19 filled Seats, or 12 Members (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant [see below Item #VI. B.]. Six Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. C.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: 20 Stakeholders and guests.

*Board Member Patti Carroll arrived at this time (7:05), making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

**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 #II. E.*] 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>), encouraged to “follow measures” regarding the Coronavirus. He noted that the Councilman still is “pushing” campaign finance reform and “we broke ground” on additional homeless housing. “Councilman Ryu is very supportive” of the Larchmont Farmers Market.

B. CD5 Update (Kevin Nahai)

Debbie Dyer Harris, District Director for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; [Debbie.DynerHarris@LACity.org](mailto:Debbie.DynerHarris@LACity.org); <http://CD5.LACity.org>), encouraged completing the Census.

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)), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

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 Emergency Preparedness Dept. is helping plan for “pandemics.” He confirmed that Board-approved Bylaws changes would be accepted by DONE if submitted by the night of April 15th.

E. Other Government Representatives

Erin Seinfeld (formerly Schneider), a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (310-231-1170; [ESeinfeld@bos.LACounty.gov](mailto:ESeinfeld@bos.LACounty.gov); <http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>), described legislation providing inmate health care. The Dept. of Public Health declared a public health emergency due to the Coronavirus. She urged only to get information from trusted sources.

*Board Member Tucker Carney arrived at this time (7:11), replacing Colette Amin and keeping 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

Ms. Seinfeld continued, urging to “avoid non-essential travel . . . places where people congregate . . . stop shaking hands and hugging . . . if you are sick, call your doctor . . . wash your hands; if you cough, cough into a tissue and throw it away.”

Ms. Moser thanked resigned Board Member Julie Stromberg for her four years of service.

*Brian Curran (Alternate for Karen Gilman) arrived at this time (7:15), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer (cell 213-479-7884, [RacineN@metro.net](mailto:RacineN@metro.net); 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; [PurpleLineExt@metro.net](mailto:PurpleLineExt@metro.net); [www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt](http://www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt](http://www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt](http://www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt)), and Scott Donohue,

STS Consultant, described construction activities, including significant lane closures on Wilshire Blvd. from Detroit to Highland reducing it, at times, to one lane in each direction.

Ms. Amin, as the FilmLA Liaison, introduced Jason Gonette [FilmLA.com], who showed slides, and their Outreach & Education's Arturo Pina [213-977-8642; 24-7 213-977-8600], who reviewed how to request a film Permit. Services include neighborhood notification; community relations; and on-location monitoring. He said "we work hand-in-hand with the LAPD Film Unit." Mr. Gonette said FilmLA's usual notification time is 24-72 hours in advance. LAPD Sgt. Vincent Aguirre [Office of Operations, Film Unit; office 213-486-0410; mobile/text phone 909-268-3254; 25460@LAPD.online; lasgtVince@gmail.com] urged to complete a survey "to mitigate issues" when filming is planned. He stated that "any time we have a problem with a production company, we shut them down." Board Members noted long-term repeated problems with filming, and FilmLA Permit issuances and communication with residents.

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

#### A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that he attended a "100% Renewables" presentation.

#### B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com] that the City budget did not include new Police and Fire union contracts.

#### i. CF: 20-0600 (Discussion and Possible Action). Proposed Motion to [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

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

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 10 in favor; two opposed (Farha and Gresham); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes (Appel, Carney and Rosato).

C. LANCC (LA Neighborhood Council Coalition) Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] did not meet due to not having a quorum.

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

World Harvest’s [213-746-2277; WorldHarvestLA.org] Glen Curado explained the organization and its services. In this zip code, 8,000 people were served. He invited everyone to visit them at 3100 Venice at Arlington “and see what we do.”

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

A. Review and Adoption of the February 12, 2020 Meeting minutes.

Copies had been distributed of the draft Minutes. Mr. Kirkham requested the following correction: page seven, Item #VIII. D. i.: to reflect a roll call vote with all 17 eligible voting in favor of the motion.

**MOTION to TABLE** (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council TABLES this Item.

**MOTION to TABLE PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Revisions to Previously Adopted Minutes.

There were no revisions.

C. Nomination and Vote on GWNC Secretary due to the resignation of Julie Stromberg.

Ms. Moser encouraged nominations.

D. Questionnaire for filing of Community Impact Statements and CIS motions (Conrad Starr).

Copies had been distributed of a GWNC "CIS Questionnaire." Ms. Moser explained CIS processing.

E. Recommendation of a new Environmental and Sustainability Committee Chair due to the resignation of Julie Stromberg.

Interim Committee Chair Dan Kegel indicated his willingness to continue.

*John Gresham left at this time (8:47), making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

F. Existing Committee Administration; New Committee Establishment; Liaison Appointments.

There were no appointments at this time. Mr. Starr had spoken with the Ebell and Marlborough School regarding the Coronavirus issue.

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>.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

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

Ms. Moser noted the above.

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.

Mr. Suh introduced himself.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Joseph Lee Suh to the Area 12 - Western-Wilton Board Seat.

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

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."

*Mr. Suh read aloud the Oath of Office and was Seated at this time, making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

Mr. Kirkham reminded Mr. Suh that Ethics and Funding Trainings need to be completed within 30 days.

**EMERGENCY MOTIONS (made as one motion)** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham):

Whereas the World Health Organization has on this day, March 11, 2020, declared the COVID-19 a global pandemic, and whereas the City of Los Angeles and the State of California have declared states of emergency;

And whereas the holding of Committee and General Board meetings that meet quorum and which remain in compliance with the Brown Act will be difficult or impossible in the coming days and weeks.

Emergency Motion 1:

Therefore the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will ask the City of Los Angeles to temporarily pause any applications for Construction, Demolitions, CUPs and CUBs, Zoning Amendments, Tree Removals, and other matters on which the Council, in its course of normal business, would seek to provide advice to the City, where such site locations fall within the boundaries of the GWNC; and that this request will expire at such time as the emergency declaration in the City has been lifted and the Council is able to resume legally-noticed meetings according to the Brown Act.

Emergency Motion 2:

Therefore the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will empower its Executive Board to communicate a position of opposition to any applications for demolition, construction, CUP, CUB, Zoning Amendments, Tree Removals, or other matters the Council, in the course of its normal business, would take up in its Committees and at its General Board meeting; and that such communication will convey the reason for opposition as being due to the Council's inability to discuss the matters in a legal meeting due to the COVID-19 emergency and safety mitigations; and these temporary powers will be revoked when the emergency declaration has been lifted, and the Council is able to resume legally-noticed meetings according to the Brown Act.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Farha believed the Motion would "make ourselves irrelevant." Mr. Kirkham explained that "the Motions are telling [the City] to pause [land use] applications." Ms. Moser said "if we have no meetings, I would still write an Agenda"; she explained that it would show that the GWNC would have addressed issues if it had been allowed to meet, if the City had prohibited meeting due to Coronavirus concerns. Mr. Darnell stated that "I doubt the City Attorney is going to allow this to go forward . . . make sure to contact the City Attorney." Mr. Kegel believed the Motion to be "unwise." Mr. Starr noted that the Brown Act does not allow remote meetings.

Ms. Moser declared the Motion **OUT OF ORDER**.

K. Board Area Reports - Area 8 - Melrose (Philip Farha)

There was no report at this time.

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

A. Remarks

Ms. Moser indicated that there were no 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.

Ms. Moser noted the above. The Area 12 - Western-Wilton Seat was filled in above Item #V. I.

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. 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. It was confirmed that all Board Members and Alternates are current.

## **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  
11/11-11/17

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

Copies had been distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the Report.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Moser): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2020.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Curran, Kirkham, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Suh was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

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

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Curran, Kirkham, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Suh was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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  
Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

D. Website and Email Hosting Renewal - greaterwilshire.org on Media Temple Grid Service.  
i. Funding Motion: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves 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).

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kirkham explained that Temple Grid Service is where GWNC website information is stored; SSL Certificate protects it from being hacked.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Curran, Kirkham, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Suh was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

E. Domain Renewal - Greaterwilshire.org and Greaterwilshire.com.



- i. Budget Allocation: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocates \$150 from the unallocated Office/Operational Expenses budget (from rollover funds) toward the greaterwilshire.org and greaterwilshire.com domains.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Curran, Kirkham, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Suh was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Moser): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves 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.)

**MOTION to AMEND** (by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council deletes the above reference to greaterwilshire.com.

**MOTION to AMEND FAILED** for lack of a second.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Curran, Kirkham, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Suh was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

F. Domain Renewal - gwnc.info

- i. Budget Allocation: That the GWNC [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate \$241.70 from the unallocated Office/Operational Expenses budget (from rollover funds) toward the gwnc.info domain registration.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kirkham explained the need; this was an “accidental automatic renewal” from 2018. Ms. Carroll clarified that “this is a 10-year renewal.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Curran, Kirkham, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr

and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Suh was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

Mr. Darnell reminded that a Neighborhood Council can dispute a charge; contact the City Clerk.

- 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.

It was agreed to revise the phrase “credit card” to “debit card.”

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council resolves that, whereas GoDaddy.com provides domain registration for the gwnc.info domain; and whereas a 2008 configuration triggered a 10-year auto-renewal by debit 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.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Curran, Kirkham, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Suh was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

G. Discussion and Review on any other Treasurer Matters.

Ms. Carroll reported that “the City is basically reviewing all contracts.”

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

A. Report on the March 7, 2020 Outreach Committee Meeting.

Mr. Kirkham reported that the Committee discussed social media.

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 displayed a new Certificate that will be issued and encouraged nominations.

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.]

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council partner with the Wilshire Rotarians and Food Forward to recover end-of-day produce from the Farmers Market on Larchmont Blvd., for distribution to a local space for stakeholders in need.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kirkham explained that Food Forward “is an established organization . . . they’ve been doing this for a while at the Farmers Market . . . all we’d have to do is clean up afterwards.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Farha, Genewick, Curran, Kirkham, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Suh was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- 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.

Julie Moser, Caroline Moser’s daughter and new GWNC Social Media Coordinator, introduced herself, and described her background, experience and goals for the GWNC. She requested that photos be sent to Social@GreaterWilshire.org.

- 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.  
Mr. Kirkham reported that the February 16 CD4 Town Hall Candidates Forum “was a great success; we had about 300 people attend.” He noted the next meeting.

**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.  
Mr. Starr reported that the Committee postponed its March 23 meeting “until a future date”; it would have discussed the 4th Street Greenway.

**X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Dan Kegel & Julie Stromberg).

- A. Report on the March 3, 2020 Sustainability Committee Meeting.  
Mr. Kegel reported that the Sidewalk Replacement Program comment period was extended. The Committee and others will have a Biodiversity Bioblitz “to count wildlife.”
- 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".

Copies had been distributed of “GWNC SC notes for Council File 19-1577.” Mr. Kegel explained the below Motion and there was discussion.

- 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."

**MOTION** (by Mr Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Donohue): That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council submit a Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT of CF 19-1577, with text "City employees and residents need to know that the city pension fund is not making investments that harm the climate, and or are likely to lose value, as coal, oil, and gas stocks have done."

**MOTION to AMEND** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Starr): to replace “and or are likely to lose value, as coal, oil, and gas stocks have done” with “and that the fund divest from all fossil fuels and related stocks as soon as feasible.”

**MOTION to AMEND PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**AMENDED MOTION FAILED** with seven in favor; four opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes.

- 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. Mr. Kegel noted the above.

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

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

- 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 [see the below Motion]. Mr. Farha described the project.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project located at 371-377 N St. Andrews Pl with the changes presented on January 28, 2020.

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

- 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 [see the below Motion].  
Copies had been distributed of project documents. Mr. Farha described the project.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the CUB for the project located at 4001 W. 6th St. as presented on February 25, 2020.

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

- 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 [see the below Motion].  
Mr. Farha described the project.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project located at 100 S. La Brea Ave as presented pending further traffic and pick-up & drop-off studies.

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

- 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 [see the below Motion].  
Copies had been distributed of project documents. Mr. Farha described the project.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project located at 606 N Manhattan Pl and its additional incentives.

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

- 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 [see the below Motion].  
Copies had been distributed of project documents. Mr. Farha described the project.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the CUB for the project located at 706 N Citrus Ave as presented pending further outreach.

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

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.

Copies had been distributed of project documents. Mr. Farha described the project. It was agreed to replace the proposed Motion word “McMansion” with the phrase “single-family home.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes 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) single-family home.

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

*Board Member Philip Farha recused himself and left the room at this time (9:32), making 15 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum was 12) because 726 N. Sycamore Ave. is his residence.*

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 [see the below Motion].

Copies had been distributed of project documents.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the demolition project located at 726 N Sycamore Ave as presented.

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

*Board Members Philip Farha returned to the room and Owen Smith left at this time, making 15 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum was 12).*

#### H. POSSIBLE FUTURE LUC AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were for information only. No action was requested or required at this time.

- 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.

Mr. Farha indicated there were no other Items at this time.

- 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.

Mr. Farha noted the above.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no Board Member comments or 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 and was concerned that “homeless individuals don’t have access” to personal hygiene resources.

### B. Resilience/Emergency Preparedness Liaison Report (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Starr noted that earthquake home bracing information is at EarthquakeBraceBolt.com. A State grants lottery is available. Ms. Moser related a successful experience with it. Mr. Starr encouraged offering to do errands for elderly neighbors.

### C. LGBTQ+ Neighborhood Council Alliance (Hayden Conner Ashworth)

Mr. Kirkham reported earlier.

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

Mr. Kirkham reported that Board Member badges are available.

## **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.

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, April 15, 2020 (Special Date) at The Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Ms. Moser noted the above and declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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