



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Special Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, July 29, 2020  
Approved August 12, 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.

Document copies were available at <https://greaterwilshire.org/SpecialDocs>.

**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 online. President Moser called the meeting to order at 7:02 p. m.

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

The Secretary called the roll. Sixteen of the 20 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Hayden Ashworth, Tucker Carney, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal (Alternate for Jennifer DeVore), Charles D'Atri, Philip Farha, Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman, Max Kirkham (Vice President), Bobbie Kumetz, Caroline Moser (President), Cathy Roberts, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (Secretary) and John Winther. Brian Donahoe arrived later. Scott Appel, John Gresham and Joseph Suh 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) was 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 15 – Windsor Village; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Six Alternate Seats were vacant. Also attended: approximately 10 Stakeholders and guests.

C. Introduction (Caroline Moser)

i. Teleconferencing Instructions

Ms. Moser explained the above.

ii. Standing rules on speaker time:

- Board members may speak for two minutes; and for another minute after everyone who wishes has spoken
- Public may speak for 2 minutes
- Invited speakers and government may speak for 5 minutes; and an additional 3 minutes with Board approval.
- (NOTE: As per Robert's Rules, the Board may add time with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.)

Ms. Moser explained the above.

*Board Member Brian Donahoe arrived at this time (7:17), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

D. MOTION: Approval of Agenda

No Agenda changes were requested.

**II. DWP & CITY BUDGET Representatives, NC BUDGET ADVOCATES** (discussion and possible action) (Jack Humphreville).

A. DWP Report

Mr. Humphreville reported.

B. Budget Advocate Report

Mr. Humphreville reported.

*Ms. Moser recused from voting (self-declared as/was declared ineligible to participate in or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest [because Julia Moser is her daughter]) and was muted and put on hold at this time, making 16 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was twelve). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”*

*Mr. Kirkham took over as Meeting Chair.*

i. Julia Moser as possible second Budget Representative.

Mr. Humphreville explained the difference between Budget Advocates, who are elected regionally by the Budget Representatives, and Budget Representatives, who represent individual NCs.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council retroactively approves Jack Humphreville and Julia Moser as of June 1, 2020 as the GWNC’s Budget Representatives.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Chvatal, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained; one recused (Moser).

C. Budget 101 and Civics 101 Town Halls

Mr. Humphreville reported.

*Ms. Moser’s recusal ended and she was unmuted and taken off hold at this time, making 17 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was twelve). Ms. Moser took over as Meeting Chair.*

D. LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Report.

Mr. Humphreville reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; [LANCC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:LANCC@EmpowerLA.org); [www.LANCC.org](http://www.LANCC.org)] would meet the next Saturday.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

**IV. COMMITTEES**

- A. Amend Motion Previously Adopted for Standing Committees June 10, V, item C: “The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council recognizes its Standing Committees: Land Use; Environmental & Sustainability, Executive, Quality of Life and Transportation”  
MOTION: “The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council recognizes its Standing Committees: Outreach, Land Use, Environmental & Sustainability, and Transportation.”

Ms. Moser explained that the Quality of Life Committee has not met.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Amends the Motion Previously Adopted for Standing Committees June 10, Section V, item C, and recognizes its Standing Committees: Outreach, Land Use, Environmental & Sustainability, and Transportation.

**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, Chvatal, D’Atri, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Smith, Starr, and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

- i. Nomination and Possible Vote for Board Alternate for Area 12 - Fremont Place:  
Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the board before board motion and vote.

- Sam Randazzo

Ms. Moser requested and Ms. Kumetz agreed to invite Mr. Randazzo to attend the August meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- 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.

There was no need at this time to read the Oath.

**V. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Report on Governance Ad Hoc Committee status (Moser).  
i. Motion: to approve Board Rules

Slides were shown of draft Board Rules. Ms. Moser explained the draft and that attorneys reviewed it. She noted that the Bylaws refer to Board Rules but no Rules exist. A 2/3 vote would be needed to approve it.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Board Rules as presented.

**MOTION to POSTPONE** (by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will postpone Agenda Item #V. A. to its August meeting.

*Board Member Mike Genewick was unavailable to vote by this time, making 16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was twelve).*

**MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Farha, Kirkham and Kumetz); ten opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, Donahoe, Gilman, Moser, Roberts, Smith, Starr, and Winther); zero abstained.

*Board Member Mike Genewick was again available to vote by this time, making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was twelve).*

**MAIN MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Smith, Starr, and Winther); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carney); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carpenter).

Ms. Moser noted that the Governance Committee will continue its work; she encouraged suggestions.

ii. Motion: to adopt Code of Conduct for Committee Members (Moser)

Slides were shown of the Code. Ms. Moser explained revisions, including that they relate to Committee Memberships. 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)], clarified that, to remove a Board Member, they first must be censured; Committee Members simply can be removed by the Board.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts its Committee Member Code of Conduct as written, subject to review by the City Attorney.

*Board Member Mike Genewick had left by this time, making 16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was twelve).*

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, Donahoe, Farha, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Smith, Starr, and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

## **VI. LIAISONS & BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

(Discussion and Possible Action).

### A. Public Works Liaison Report (Hayden Conner Ashworth).

- i. DWP Free Trees Program: <https://www.cityplants.org/street-trees/>

Mr. Ashworth reported that CityPlants is partnering with the City to assess what would be good trees to plant. No Motion was made or vote taken.

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

Ms. Moser encouraged for someone to replace Tammy Rosato, who resigned as the Homelessness Liaison. Alternate Board Member Joy McManus volunteered and will follow up with Mr. Kirkham.

### C. Board Member Announcements

- i. Motion (continued from June 10, 2020): That the Board adopt the Resolution Amending the Bylaws of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council to Expand Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by Adding a Disability Representative and Disability Committee and a Youth Representative and Youth Committee and to Promote Youth and Lifelong Civic Engagement by Lowering the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Voting Age (Joseph Lee Suh). Please note: This matter has been placed on this agenda per the motion adopted at last month's meeting. However, D.O.N.E. has placed a moratorium on bylaw amendments until after the next election cycle. Therefore it will not be taken up and will be returned to a committee to be reintroduced after the moratorium is lifted.

Ms. Moser explained the history of the above, and procedures, noting that, at this time, the City is not allowing Bylaws changes. Mr. Darnell confirmed that DONE won't "accept any Bylaws changes until after elections next year." Ms. Moser indicated, therefore, that no Motion would be made or vote taken at this time. There was extensive discussion of how to proceed.

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

No other requests were made.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Smith).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:45 p.m.

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/board-agendas-minutes>.