



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee
February 13, 2018
Approved April 10, 2018

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

A. Call to order

A duly noticed meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at Marlborough School, Board Room, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

B. Roll Call

All four of the four Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: William Funderburk, Dan Kegel, Cathy Roberts and Julie Stromberg. No Committee Members were absent. Barbara Savage had resigned. The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of the four filled Committee Seats, or three, so the Committee could take such votes. Four Committee Seats were filled. [To apply see www.GWNC.org.] Also attending: four Stakeholders and Guests.

C. Welcome and Approval/Seating of New Committee Members

There were no new Members at this time.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments at this time.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)

A. Review and adoption of December 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes

In page one, Item #1, “Collins Room – D200” should be “Board Room.”

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kegel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its December 12, 2017 Meeting as corrected.

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

4. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation by Anna Van and Kristina von Hoffman, Climate Resolve. Mses. Van and von Hoffman will present on local climate change impacts, and energy and water-related solutions for homeowners and businesses in Los Angeles.

Ms. von Hoffman (KVonHoffman@ClimateResolve.com; 213-634-3790) and Ms. Van (AVan@ClimateResolve.org) presented and showed slides. Climate Resolve, a non-governmental organization based in Los Angeles since 2010, is “in partnership with LADWP.” Ms. von Hoffman described Climate Resolve’s work to bring sustainable resources to underserved communities. They supported “the Cool Roof Ordinance” [#KeepLACool]; Cool Roofs reflect four times more light than other roofs, “lessening the impact on the power grid.” Roof shingles are available in a variety of colors, not only white. She noted that “heat is the leading weather-related cause of death and illness.” They reviewed statistics and challenges of water provision and use. Eighty percent of Los Angeles’ water is from elsewhere; 12% is from stormwater capture. The California snowpack is expected by 2070 to be 40% of the average from 1961-1990.

Ms. Van reported that “LADWP has already reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 40% below 1990 levels, 13 years ahead of schedule.” She described the “Cool Streets” program; those streets are five to 40 degrees cooler than other streets. More information is at Plan.LAMayor.org; ClimateResolve.org/rebates; and PathToPositive.LA/join. Ms. von Hoffman said they are working to expand Cool Roofs to the County level and want to take it to the State level. Ms. Stromberg said the Committee can “partner” with Climate Resolve.

5. **OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee-California Green works, Inc. Parkway Challenge. (Julie Stromberg). Update on program and discussion of launch of Parkway Challenge program and key features in the program’s pilot program.

There was discussion of logistics. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC’s Environmental & Sustainability Committee’s Second Annual Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour. (Julie Stromberg and Cathy Roberts) Update and discussion on hosting a second GWNC Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour.

Copies were distributed of a list of “Southern California Garden Tours.” The GWNC Tour probably would be Sunday, June 3rd or tenth.

Committee Member Dan Kegel stepped out at this time, making three Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is three).

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee will host its Second Annual Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour on Sunday, June 3rd or June 10th, 2018.

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

- C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Green Fair/Festival. (Julie Stromberg) GWNC Sustainability Committee and GWNC Board approved the GWNC’s first Green Fair at Los Angeles High Memorial

Library Park in conjunction with LA High Memorial Library and co-sponsored by Koreatown Youth and Community Center and Council District Four. The Green Fair was initially planned for October 2017 and then changed to March 17, 2018. However, the Green Fair must now be held on March 24, 2018. MOTION: GWNC to host its first Green Fair on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will host its first Green Fair on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Committee Member Dan Kegel returned at this time, making four Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is three).

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of possible family-friendly interactive and other activities; the goal would be outreach and education regarding green practices and the GWNC.

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

- D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Electric Vehicles Only Parking Spot(s) on Larchmont Boulevard. (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel) Update, discussion, and report on setting up electric vehicle charging stations and parking spot(s) for electric vehicles on Larchmont Boulevard and in the Greater Wilshire area.

Ms. Stromberg reported that she and Mr. Kegel met a few months ago with the DWP regarding chargers; there has been no progress. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- E. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Community a Tree Planting Program. (Julie Stromberg) Update on status of and further strategize GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee community tree planting program in partnership with Koreatown Youth and Community Center in the Spring.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Funderburk): The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee to partner with KYCC on a tree planting program in the Greater Wilshire area in April 2018.

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

- F. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Encouraging the City of Los Angeles to Prioritize and Increase Its Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure. (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel) Discussion and possible motion on drafting a proposed motion to encourage the City of Los Angeles to prioritize and increase its electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Mr. Kegel described electric vehicle charger (EVC) logistics. He believed that the City should require all new housing parking spaces to be EVC-compatible.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board adopt the following resolution: The AQMD says plug-in cars are essential if clean air standards are to be realized. Plug-ins now make up 5% of new vehicle sales in California, and are increasingly popular in GWNC, but adoption is hindered by lack of easy home and workplace charging. Several California cities have already adopted sensible building code changes to make adding electric vehicle chargers much less expensive. For instance, the study in the City of Oakland's Council File 16-0359 says preparing for EV chargers ahead of time adds about \$140 per parking space, and makes later EV charger installation \$500 to \$5000 cheaper. Therefore, the GWNC requests that the Los Angeles City Council follow the example of these cities, and pass sensible, cost-effective building code changes to require most new parking spaces in the city to be ready for future installation of EV chargers.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Outreach and Action Measures. (Julie Stromberg) Discussion on ways to grow the committee and action items to support and/or organize.

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

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Submitting Community Impact Statements on Future Council Motions. (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel) Discussion and possible motion on GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee policy for submitting community impact statements.

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

C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Drafting a Resolution Urging LA City Council to Act on Climate Change. (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel) Many cities across the country are proactively addressing the issue of climate change. Draft a resolution urging city council to act on climate change by adopting key parts of the new state energy code early.

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

D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Drafting a Community Impact Statement on Council File No. 18-0002-S7. (Dan Kegel) On January 26, 2018, Councilmembers Blumenfeld and Huizar passed a Resolution that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2017-18 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to California Public Utilities Commission Resolution G-3536, and any other similar legislative or administrative provisions that would impose an unplanned moratorium on new gas service connections to customers in the City of Los Angeles.

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

E. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Drafting a Community Impact Statement on Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfeld's Motion 18-0054. (Julie Stromberg and Dan Kegel) Motion requests that the City of Los Angeles explore the establishment of a Climate Energy Mobilization Department, direct the Planning Department to report back on opportunities for radical greenhouse gas emissions reductions and carbon drawdown and removal opportunities through the City's General Plan and Community Plan updates, etc. Motion referred to the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board draft a Community Impact Statement supporting City Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfeld's Motion 18-0054 requesting that the City of Los Angeles explore the establishment of a Climate Energy Mobilization Department, and direct the Planning Department to report back on opportunities for radical greenhouse gas emissions reductions and carbon drawdown and removal opportunities through the City's General Plan and Community Plan updates, etc.

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

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** (Including Discussion and Possible Action)

There were no reports at this time.

8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Next GWNC Sustainability Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

9. **REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A. The Sustainable City plan and Tracking the City of Los Angeles' Progress Toward Reaching pLAn Goals.

B. Community Clean-Up Days.

C. Green Business Award.

D. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Green Power Program.

This Item #9 was TABLED.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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