



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
Approved December 11, 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, October 9, 2018, at the Marlborough School, Board Room, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Three of the four Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Kegel, Cathy Roberts and Julie Stromberg. William Funderburk arrived later. New Committee Member Mary Proteau was appointed to the Committee during below Item #3 C. 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.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attending: three Stakeholders and Guests.

C. Welcome

Ms. Stromberg welcomed everyone.

**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 August 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was noted that Mary Proteau’s name is that, not Mary “Porto.”

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its August 14, 2018 Meeting as corrected.

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

B. Appointment of GWNC Sustainability Committee Secretary.

Ms. Proteau will consider the position.

C. Discussion and Motion on Approval/Seating of New Committee Member Mary Proteau.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee appoints Mary Proteau as a Committee Member.

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

*New Committee Member Mary Proteau was Seated at this time, making four Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is three).*

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

A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Environmental Impacts of Leaf Blowers. (Dan Kegel) Discussion and possible motion on the environmental impacts of leaf blowers and recommended more sustainable alternatives.

Mr. Kegel reported that “the Parks Department is doing a little trial . . . Recreation and Parks is using” election blowers. No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Rain Barrel/Rain Harvesting Education Program with Rain Barrels, Intl. (Julie Stromberg) Rain Barrels, Intl. distributed rain barrels at the GWNC’s Second Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour. GWNC to host an educational program on rain barrels, including their use and maintenance, with Rain Barrels, Intl. on Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., LA High Memorial Library, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019

Ms. Stromberg described planned event outreach. There was discussion of protecting against mosquitoes. Fountains, flower pots and rain barrels may have larvae. An Inspector said “one person on the entire block” can cause mosquitoes for those neighbors.

C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Sustainability Committee Newsletter. (Julie Stromberg) Update on status of and further strategize GWNC Sustainability Committee newsletter.

There was discussion that this will be done in the future.

*Committee Member Bill Funderburk arrived at this time (7:38), making five Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is three).*

Mr. Kegel clarified that the Newsletter “will be all email.” Ms. Stromberg indicated that Nationbuilder may be used.

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

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

Ms. Stromberg encouraged submitting ideas.

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Sustainability Committee Measure W, The Safe Clean Water Program. (William Funderburk, Jr.) Recommend to GWNC Board to support Measure W, the Safe Clean Water Program, write a letter of support for Measure W, and adopt resolution of Measure W.

Ms. Stromberg distributed copies of related documents. Mr. Funderburk explained that “this is a product of 15 or 20 years of negotiation” between various groups and interests; he described the Program, saying “for a ¼-acre lot, that’s \$250 per year . . . it’s the best way of risk spreading . . . the [federal] mandate has to be met . . . this is not a ‘rain tax’ . . . there’s built-in accountability.” He cautioned that, in a major disaster such as an earthquake, we may not have clean water for three months. Mr. Kegel noted City Council File #18-0384, and recommended and it was agreed to recommend writing a Community Impact Statement.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends to the GWNC Board to support Measure W, the Safe Clean Water Program, and write a Community Impact Statement of support of Measure W for Council File 18-0384,

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

C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on EV Readiness Requirements for New Construction. (Dan Kegel). Recommend to GWNC Board to call on City Council to enact cost-effective measures to ensure that 90% of parking spots in multifamily buildings constructed after January 1st, 2020, be ready for future installation of EV chargers.

**MOTION:** As the LA Times recently wrote, LA just saw its longest streak of bad air in decades -- putting our childrens' health in jeopardy. It's increasingly clear that we need to do more to fight smog. West Hollywood and other cities are taking action by making sure new multifamily buildings are ready for zero-emission cars. The GWNC calls on the City Council to enact cost-effective measures to ensure that 90% of parking spots in multifamily buildings constructed after January 1st, 2020 be ready for future installation of EV chargers.

Mr. Kegel noted that this is about City Council File #17-0309 and explained benefits, the issue and growth of electric vehicle (EV) sales and mandates, saying “it’s cost-effective.” The City currently mandates that only 20% of parking spots in multifamily buildings be ready for future installation of EV chargers; West Hollywood mandates that 90% be ready.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kegel, seconded by Ms. Proteau): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends to its Board to file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File #17-0309 with a recommended amendment to raise the target for electric vehicle capability in new multi-family dwellings Citywide to 90% of available parking spots.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kegel described the need to establish a higher goal, especially with the City emphasis on building new housing.

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

D. 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.  
No Motion was made or vote taken.

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

Ms. Proteau described a “huge” fallen tree limb and nearby dangerous “dying or dead” trees with no hazard notices on any of them. Ms. Stromberg suggested submitting a list of such trees and a “comprehensive reforestation plan” and to “reach out to your CD5 CFAC [Community Forest Advisory Committee] rep” and hear and “engage” the local “community.” No Motion was made or vote taken.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Next GWNC Sustainability Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at Marlborough School, Board Room, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA.  
Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

**8. 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.  
E. Devising Action Measures to Help of Los Angeles’ Urban Forest.  
F. GWNC Sustainability Parkway Design Brochure.  
G. Community Tree Planting Program.  
No requests or Motions were made.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Ms. Stromberg).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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