



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Approved May 7, 2019

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, April 9, 2019, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Four of the five Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Kegel, Mary Proteau, Cathy Roberts and Julie Stromberg. William Funderburk arrived later. 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 five filled Committee Seats, or three, so the Committee could take such votes. Five Committee Seats were filled [to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attending: two Stakeholders and Guests.

C. Welcome

Ms. Stromberg welcomed everyone.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Conrad Starr reported about resiliency work. There was discussion about the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance and other groups’ work on sustainability and environmental issues. Ms. Proteau is helping Resident Jeffrey Carpenter and City Council Districts Four and Five keep a list for the Tree Stump Removal Program. Ms. Stromberg relayed that the City said they do not have funding, staff or equipment to remove stumps. She said the City is supposed to replace two trees for every one removed.

Committee Member Bill Funderburk arrived at this time (7:47), making five Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is three).

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)

A. Review and adoption of December 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections and amendment were requested: page one, Item #1. B.: Cathy Roberts was absent, not present; the second “Mary” should be “Marilee Kuhlmann”; and guest Barbara Hensleigh also was present.

MOTION (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its December 11, 2018 Meeting as corrected and amended.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Review and adoption of February 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

The following amendment was requested: page two, Item #5 A.: add that “Ethan Senser, of Stand LA, was not present.”

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its February 12, 2019 Meeting as amended.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Review and adoption of March 05, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Stromberg indicated that the March 5th Minutes were not available at this time.

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Update and Discussion on GWNC Board Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Establishing Human Health and Safety Buffer Zones Between Oil Drilling Sites and Sensitive Land Use. (Dan Kegel). The GWNC Sustainability Committee recommended that the GWNC Board adopt a CIS on establishing Human Health and safety buffer zones between oil drilling sites and sensitive land use.

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Board requested revisions to the draft CIS. The GWNC Land Use Committee recommended that the Board file a CIS; the Board would consider that at its April 10th Meeting.

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC Sustainability Committee Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour 2019. (Cathy Roberts & Julie Stromberg) Planning for the GWNC Sustainability Committee’s third Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour. GWNC Board approved the GWNC Sustainability Committee’s third Water Wise Garden Tour at the GWNC Board’s March 2019 Board meeting.

Ms. Roberts reported. Ms. Stromberg noted that the Tour was advertised in the Larchmont Chronicle and that the Board approved up to \$500 for supplies; she will reach out to the Larchmont Buzz and the Press. There was discussion about outreach. No Motion was made or vote taken.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Recommending the GWNC board file a CIS supporting Council File 18-0247. (Dan Kegel) Motion for the GWNC Board to file the following community impact statement: "The GWNCs supports the motion in Council File 18-0247, and calls on the DWP to include a 100% renewable energy case in all future annual Power Integrated Resource Plans, to switch its Green Power offering from biomass to solar and wind power, and to enter into no further contracts for power derived from combustion, or that generates nuclear waste.”

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

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Scheduling GWNC Sustainability Committee Meeting's Schedule. (Julie Stromberg) GWNC Sustainability Committee currently meets every two months. Motion for GWNC Sustainability Committee to meet monthly and/or on a different day.

Ms. Stromberg explained that the Committee has been meeting on second Tuesdays every two months; she recommended meeting on first Tuesdays, possibly monthly.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee will meet on monthly first Tuesdays.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

There were no reports at this time.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next GWNC Sustainability Committee meeting will be held on June 11, 2019 at Marlborough School, Collins Room D-200, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA. Ms. Stromberg noted the above and that it may change.

8. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

- A. Review and make recommendations on Dudek's "First Steps: Developing an Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of Los Angeles."
- B. Student Sustainability Art Exhibit.
- C. The Sustainable City plan and Tracking the City of Los Angeles' Progress Toward Reaching pLAn Goals.
- D. Community Clean-Up Days.
- E. Green Business Award.
- F. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Green Power Program.
- G. Devising Action Measures to Help of Los Angeles' Urban Forest.
- H. GWNC Sustainability Parkway Design Brochure.
- I. Community Tree Planting Program.

There were no requests or Motions at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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