



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, August 6, 2019  
Approved October 1, 2019

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

A. Call to Order (Dan Kegel)

A duly noticed meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Mr. Kegel called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Three of the five Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Kegel, Mary Proteau and Cathy Roberts. William Funderburk and Julie Stromberg were absent. 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](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)].

C. Self-Introduction of Guests

There were no new Members at this time.

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

There were no comments at this time.

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

A. Review and Adoption of the Tuesday, July 2, 2019 Minutes

**MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Proteau): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its July 2, 2019 Meeting as written.

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

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

A. LASAN Presentation on Biodiversity Project. As part of the launch of the GWNC-LASAN Biodiversity Pilot Program with LASAN, LASAN will make a one-hour presentation on their biodiversity project at our September meeting. All logistics have been confirmed and presentation will be from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **MOTION:** Approve the LASAN Biodiversity Project presentation to take place before GWNC September Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. **MOTION:** Approve outreach expenditures not to exceed \$500 to promote the GWNC-LASAN Biodiversity Pilot Project and the September 11, 2019 LASAN Biodiversity Project Presentation.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Proteau): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the LASAN Biodiversity Project presentation to take place before the GWNC September Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kegel, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves outreach expenditures not to exceed \$500 to promote the GWNC-LASAN Biodiversity Pilot Project and the September 11, 2019 LASAN Biodiversity Project Presentation.

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and possible action)

A. Clean Building Code update. Short presentation by Dan Kegel on the current natural gas supply and air quality problems, followed by discussion of and possible vote to recommend that the board pass the following motion: In order to save ratepayers money, reduce health problems caused by ozone pollution, reduce the chance of natural gas shortages, and remain a leader in climate action, while still giving builders flexibility, we urge the city to update its building code to require all new low-rise residential buildings approved on or after January 1, 2020 to either a) be zero emission buildings (i.e. use only high efficiency, zero-emissions water heaters, space heating, and appliances, and have no gas line, gas plumbing, or gas meter); or b) conform to Calgreen 2019 Tier 1.

Mr. Kegel explained the issue and Motion, which would support the Mayor's plan and give developers flexibility. There was discussion of the best wording for the Board to agendize. No Motion was made or vote taken.

**VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

There were no reports at this time.

**VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Committee meeting date: Tuesday, September 2, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Marlborough School, Large Conference Room – Munger Hall, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA  
Mr. Kegel noted the above.

**VIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

There were no requests at this time.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Mr. Kegel, seconded by Ms. Roberts).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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