



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Approved November 5, 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, October 1, 2019, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Mr. Kegel called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Three of the five Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Kegel, Mary Proteau and Julie Stromberg. Cathy Roberts arrived later. William Funderburk was 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]. Also attending: four Stakeholders and Guests including Meg Paskal, Patti Lombard and Julie Grist.

C. Self-Introduction of Guests

Self-introductions were made.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments at this time.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)

A. Review and Adoption of the August 6 and September 3, 2019 Minutes

MOTION (by Ms. Proteau, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its August 6, 2019 Meeting as written.

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

MOTION (by Ms. Proteau, seconded by Mr. Kegel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its September 3, 2019 Meeting as written.

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Possible CIS on Eland Solar Project - LADWP approved Sept 10, will go to council soon. Mr. Kegel noted the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- B. Clean Building Code. Status of decarbonization motion for GWNC, report on what Los Angeles, other cities and organizations, and fossil fuel industry are doing. Mr. Kegel reported that the City is “talking about creating a Stakeholders group.” No Motion was made or vote taken.

- C. Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council File 17-0447, Establishing Human Health and Safety Buffer Zones Between Oil Drilling Sites and Sensitive Land Use. Update on city action. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- D. Possible Outreach Events
 - i. Induction stove cooking demo? Santa Monica Alt Car Expo will have one...

Committee Member Cathy Roberts arrived at this time (7:17), making four Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is three).

There was discussion that induction cooking is slower but moister; it currently costs more than a regular stove, but the difference should narrow as more induction stoves are bought. No Motion was made or vote taken.

V. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion for timeline for GWNC Biodiversity Project, including scheduling iNaturalist training sessions and bioblitzes. Ms. Stromberg explained that iNaturalist training to train the trainers will be done by a Natural History Museum representative on November 16th. There was discussion of outreach work and possibilities, including creation of an “Instagrammable” location. The project name could be “Critter Count,” “Where are the Wild Things?” or something similar. The first bioblitz would be on Saturday, December 7th.

MOTION (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Kegel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends to the Board to host the first iNaturalist training session conducted by the Natural History Museum to be held on November 16, 9 am to 12 pm, at a location to be determined followed by the first bioblitz on December 7, time and location to be determined.

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

There was extensive discussion of possible outreach and Count content. It was agreed to use the wording “Count the Wild Things: join the bioblitz in our neighborhood for the ___ count.”

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

There were no reports at this time.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was discussion of the tree stump removal issue.

VIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

There were no requests at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kegel declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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