



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 7, 2020  
Approved February 4, 2020

**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, January 7, 2020, at Bricks & Scones Restaurant, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Presiding Officer Dan Kegel called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Three of the five Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Dan Kegel, Mary Proteau and Julie Stromberg. William Funderburk and Cathy Roberts 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)]. Also attending: four Stakeholders and Guests.

C. Self-Introduction of Guests

Guests Alison Higgins, Kayla and Shelia introduced themselves.

**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 November 5, 2019 Minutes.

Copies were available of the draft Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kegel, seconded by Ms. Proteau): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee accepts the Minutes of its November 5, 2019 Meeting as written.

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

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

A. Update on GWNC Biodiversity Project.

Ms. Stromberg explained the Project, and demonstrated and showed information about how to use the iNaturalist smartphone app. All life, including squirrels, can be entered.

- B. New building decarbonization - Council File TBD - Community Impact Statement.  
Mr. Kegel will report on this when more information is available.

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

- A. City fleet - clean cars & trucks - Council File 19-1527 - Community Impact Statement.

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #V. B.]* Mr. Kegel distributed copies of the City Council File, which would require the City to have “hybrid and electric” vehicles when possible.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kegel, seconded by Ms. Proteau): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the Board file a Community Impact Statement to favor of Council File 19-1527.

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

- B. LAX rental cars - EV study - Council File 19-1586 - Community Impact Statement.

Mr. Kegel distributed copies of the City Council File and a “Fact Sheet on Council File 19-1586.” He explained the issue and that the Council File “asks for a study.” Electric vehicles would benefit the GWNC area with “cleaner air.”

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kegel, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the Board file a Community Impact Statement to support Council File 19-1586.

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

- C. Safe Sidewalks LA Draft EIR - Public comments for Sidewalk Repair Program, <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-review-process>.

Mr. Kegel explained the issue. Public comment will be accepted to February 24<sup>th</sup>. At the next Committee meeting, public comments will be developed for the Board to consider approving. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- D. Notification Period for Tree Removals in the City of Los Angeles.

Ms. Stromberg explained the procedure and issue, saying “the unofficial rule is 72 hours . . . until the trees are removed.” She explained “the clock starts” when the City’s Urban Forestry Division issues a tree removal Permit. It was agreed that 45 days is reasonable. The L.A. City Board of Public Works wants Neighborhood Council input about a possible policy. No Motion was made or vote taken.

VI. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**. Next Committee meeting date: Tuesday, February 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Marlborough School, Collins Room D-200, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA

Mr. Kegel reported that a decarbonization group meets monthly, developing policies “to be a bridge to the building community.” The NC Sustainability Alliance will discuss Green New Deal implementation regarding decarbonization and sustainability.

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

Ms. Stromberg requested Agendizing the next Garden Tour.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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