



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Approved May 5, 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, March 3, 2020, at Marlborough School, Board Room, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Interim Chair Dan Kegel called the meeting to order at 7:12 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 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 Halle and Scott Goldstein, and Patty Lombard.

C. Self-Introduction of Guests

Ms. Stromberg welcomed everyone. Ms. Goldstein described her background.

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 February 4, 2020 Minutes.

Copies were distributed of the draft Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee approves the Minutes of its February 4, 2020 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED with three in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Stromberg).

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion, Planning and Possible Action)

- A. Discussion, Action and Motion on City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Safe Sidewalks LA (Sidewalk Repair Program) Draft Environmental Impact Report (Julie Stromberg) See <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report>.

There was discussion of how to reply. Mr. Kegel explained that “there’s supposed to be a one-year moratorium on cutting a sidewalk after repaving,” but the City often gives exemptions. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- B. Discussion and possible vote on CF 19-1577 , “ Los Angeles City Employee Retirement System (LACERS) Investments / Climate Transition Risk Framework” (Dan Kegel) Our CIS was bumped from the GWNC agenda last month, we need to remember to get it back on.

Mr. Kegel will re-Agendize the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- C. Discussion, Planning, and possible motion re the 2020 GWNC Garden Tour (Cathy Roberts) Neighborhood, budget, planning for other logistical issues, etc.

Ms. Roberts recommended, as a starting point, Marlborough School or The Barking Lot. The Tour will be May 31st, probably from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There was discussion regarding organizing and promoting the event. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- D. Discussion, Planning, and possible motions re the GWNC Biodiversity Project
i. Bioblitz at Robert Burns Park on Saturday, April 11 (Julie Stromberg).

Ms. Stromberg noted that the event will be from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. She described outreach and that “over 200 are participating in the iNaturalist . . . project . . . We have almost a thousand observations.” An “Instruction sheet” was distributed and is available about how to observe and record observations. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- ii. Becoming a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat (Stromberg).

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Board approved applying “to certify the whole GWNC area”; she is “working with two different [City] Council Offices.” Now it is needed to “form a team . . . and do outreach.” Ms. Goldstein showed slides and presented. Copies were distributed of and she explained “Certification Requirements.” There was extensive discussion of “inputs . . . activities . . . outputs . . . outcomes . . . impacts” and how the Committee can participate. Ms. Proteau noted “this is a long-term thing.” Mr. Kegel and Ms. Stromberg recommended giving examples of how homes, schools, parks and other entities attained certification. They encouraged greatly simplifying the presentation; Mr. Goldstein volunteered to help. No Motion was made or vote taken.

E. Discussion on city electric leafblower pilots, CF 18-0131 and 19-0128 (Dan Kegel).

Mr. Kegel reported that the City Council and DWP have been asked to try a pilot; he still is getting information. Mr. Goldstein reported that “Gold Zero” electric leafblowers are “significantly more quiet” than gasoline leafblowers. No Motion was made or vote taken.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

There were no reports at this time.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS. Next Committee meeting date: Tuesday, April 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Marlborough School, Board Room, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA.

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

VII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

There were requests at this time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kegel declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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