



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Continued Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 19, 2020  
This Board Meeting is a continuation of the August 12, 2020 Board Meeting  
Approved September 9, 2020

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

Document copies were available at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NLRJ6Xz8fBbbM7h7spIR05ufgnb70t3o>.

Agenda Item #s II. – V. A.; V. C. – E.; VII. A. – D.; VIII.; IX. B., C. and F.; and X. C. already were addressed at the August 12, 2020 Board Meeting that one week earlier preceded this Meeting and are not included in this Minutes. Please see the August 12 Minutes for those Items.

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

A. Call to Order (Caroline Moser)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held online. President Moser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

B. Roll Call of Board Members and/or Alternates (Conrad Starr).

The Secretary called the roll. Thirteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Hayden Ashworth, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal (Alternate for Jennifer DeVore), Vincent Cox (Alternate for Charles D’Atri), Brian Donahoe, Philip Farha, Caroline Moser (President), Susan Nickels, Cathy Roberts, Conrad Starr (Secretary), Joseph Suh and John Winther. Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman, Bobbie Kumetz and Owen Smith arrived later. Scott Appel, Tucker Carney, John Gresham and Max Kirkham were absent and not represented by an Alternate. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 3/5 of the 21 filled Seats, or 13 Members (see the Bylaws at

<https://LACity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. All 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Also attended: at least 13 Stakeholders and guests.

Ms. Moser noted that this meeting is a continuation of the August 12th Board meeting.

*Board Member Karen Gilman arrived at this time (7:05), making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was allowed at this time. Resident John Welborne thanked Board Members for volunteering. Mr. Suh suggested a Bylaws Motion to Agendize; it was explained that DONE [L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 213-978-1551; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)] will not allow Bylaws revisions at this time.

### C. Introduction (Caroline Moser)

#### i. Teleconferencing Instructions

This was not addressed.

#### ii. Standing Rules on Speaker Time

- Board members may speak for two minutes; and for another minute after everyone who wishes has spoken
- Public may speak for 2 minutes
- Invited speakers and government may speak for 5 minutes; and an additional 3 minutes with Board approval.
- As per Board Rules, Chair may add time or the Board may add time with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

This was not addressed.

### D. MOTION: Approval of Agenda

This was not addressed.

## V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

### B. Revisions to Previously Adopted Minutes

There were no revisions.

## VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

### A. President's Report

Ms. Moser indicated that there was no report.

### B. Vice President's Report

Mr. Kirkham was not present; there was no report.

### C. Secretary's Report

Mr. Starr said the City Attorney's office had provided guidance and a new system would need to be developed for protecting stakeholders' privacy in their posted written comments.

*Board Members Mike Genewick and Owen Smith arrived at this time (7:11), making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

## VII. TREASURER'S REPORT (Discussion and Possible Action).

### E. Ad Hoc Budget Committee (Discussion and Possible Action).

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ad hoc Budget Committee will be reformed to revise the budget to reflect the carryover amount.

**MOTION to AMEND** (by Mr. Suh): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ad hoc Budget Committee deletes the phrase “ad hoc” from the Motion.

**MOTION to AMEND FAILED** for lack of a second.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Carroll reminded that “nothing’s set in stone.”

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carroll, Chvatal, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Roberts, Starr and Winther); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Cox and Smith); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carpenter, Moser and Suh). Board Member Ms. Nickels was ineligible to vote due to not yet having signed the Code of Conduct.

**IX. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT: OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Max Kirkham/Hayden Conner Ashworth).

A. Citizen Recognition Award. The GWNC awards community members for their service, dedication, and/or commitment to enhancing and/or improving the Greater Wilshire neighborhood. Let us know who we can honor at <http://greaterwilshire.org/citizen-recognition-program/>. The Committee accepts nominations year-round.

Mr. Ashworth reminded that nominations are sought.

D. Improving Outreach to our Korean and Spanish Speaking Neighbors.

b. Motion: that the GWNC Board allocate up to \$200 for translation services.

Mr. Ashworth noted that DONE provides free translation services, so no allocation was needed.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Suh): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$200 for translation services.

**MOTION FAILED** for lack of a second.

E. Resolution on Automated Litter Bins in High-Density Residential Areas (Joseph Lee Suh). Motion: that the GWNC board approve a resolution calling on LA Sanitation and The City Council to provision and maintain automated litter bins in high-density residential areas for health and hygiene promotion and disease prevention as presented.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Suh, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council resolves to call on LA Sanitation and The City Council to provision and maintain

sidewalk containers in high-density residential areas that opt-in for health and hygiene promotion and disease prevention.

*Board Member Bobbie Kumetz arrived at this time (7:29), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).*

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Suh spoke in support of the Motion. Mr. Welborne clarified that the Larchmont Village Automated Litter Bins (sidewalk containers) were paid for by the Business Improvement District. Mr. Smith believed that residential private property owners should pay to keep their own properties clean. Ms. Moser was concerned that not enough outreach may have been done. Mr. Suh said that he documented outreach he did in his area.

**MOTION FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Gilman, Starr and Suh); seven opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Chvatal, Cox, Farha, Genewick, Moser, Smith and Winther); six abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Donahoe, Kumetz and Roberts). Board Member Ms. Nickels was ineligible to vote due to not yet having signed the Code of Conduct.

**X. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Conrad Starr).

A. Report on the July 27, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Starr reported that all nine Committee Members attended and discussed the below proposed Motion.

B. Transportation Committee Protocols. Motion: That the GWNC Board approve the Transportation Committee Protocols as presented and corrected. Note: the Board will be asked to determine the prerequisite membership term for a chair to be elected by a simple majority of the Committee: six months or one year. (See Page 3. “Leadership Structure.”)

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Transportation Committee Protocols as presented and corrected and that the prerequisite term for Committee Chair be six months.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Starr elaborated on the Committee discussion.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Cox and Suh). Board Member Ms. Nickels was ineligible to vote due to not yet having signed the Code of Conduct.

D. 4th Street Greenway. Motion: That the GWNC support the 4th Street Greenway as presented at its October 21, 2019 meeting and that the GWNC communicate its support to the appropriate agencies and request the City support and fund the 4th Street Greenway project, with the condition that the signals will never be opened up to east-west car traffic.

Mr. Starr explained that this motion would not be taken up since it would require the Board to rescind a previous motion, which did not happen.

E. Support for Crosswalk on Melrose at Orange. Motion: That the GWNC Board support having a crosswalk on Melrose around Orange Dr.

Mr. Starr reported that no Motion needed to be made.

F. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #921 5993 5555. Motion: To reschedule the 9-28-2020 Transportation Committee Regular Meeting to October 5, 2020 so as to not conflict with the Yom Kippur holiday.

Mr. Starr noted the need to reschedule the meeting and asked if there were any opposition. There was none.

**XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT: SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Dan Kegel).

A. Report on the August 4 Sustainability Committee Meeting.

Mr. Kegel reported that the Committee approved a series of training webinars on the Biodiversity Project and authorized Committee Member Julie Stromberg to work with the GWNC's Social Media Coordinator to promote the Project, and that the National Wildlife Federation published an article in its June magazine issue about the Project featuring an interview with Committee Member Julie Stromberg.

B. CF 20-0492 - City Insurance Policies / ... Underwriting / Fossil Fuel. Motion: That the GWNC file a Community Impact Statement SUPPORTING Council File 20-0492, with text "The City should not be supporting investments in fossil fuel companies, and residents shouldn't have to worry about the City's insurance vendors failing due to investments in or issuing risky insurance to a declining industry."

**MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement SUPPORTING Council File 20-0492, with text "The City should not be supporting investments in fossil fuel companies, and residents shouldn't have to worry about the City's insurance vendors failing due to investments in or issuing risky insurance to a declining industry."

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kegel noted the increasing heat, many fires. and real estate in flood zones. It was clarified that the Motion is "just asking for an inventory."

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Donahoe, Farha, Gilman, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Starr and Suh); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Cox and Genewick); four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carroll, Chvatal, Smith and Winther) Board Member Ms. Nickels was ineligible to vote due to not yet having signed the Code of Conduct.

- C. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Mr. Kegel noted the above.

## **XII. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### A. Neighborhood Purposes Grants (Max Kirkham).

- i. Motion: that the GWNC award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$500 to KYCC for their application for field staff personal protective equipment as presented.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Donahoe): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$500 to KYCC for their application for field staff personal protective equipment as presented.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Smith, Starr, Suh and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Board Member Ms. Nickels was ineligible to vote due to not yet having signed the Code of Conduct.

*Board Member Patti Carroll recused (self-declared as ineligible to vote on this Motion due to a possible or known conflict of interest; recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no”) herself and left the meeting, making 16 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).*

- ii. Motion: that the GWNC award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$500 to the YMCA for their application toward their food distribution efforts as presented.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Donahoe): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will award a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$500 to the YMCA for their application toward their food distribution efforts as presented.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Chvatal, Cox, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Smith, Starr, Suh and Winther);

zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Carroll recused. Board Member Ms. Nickels was ineligible to vote due to not yet having signed the Code of Conduct.

- iii. Motion: that the GWNC approve the minutes from the July 1, 2020 Neighborhood Purposes Grants ad-hoc committee meeting as presented.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the minutes from the July 1, 2020 Neighborhood Purposes Grants ad-hoc committee meeting as presented.

*Board Member Patti Carroll returned to the meeting by this time, making 17 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kumetz, Moser, Roberts, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Ashworth, Cox, Smith and Suh). Board Member Ms. Nickels was ineligible to vote due to not yet having signed the Code of Conduct.

### **XIII. LIAISONS & BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

(Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Public Works Liaison Report (Hayden Conner Ashworth)

Mr. Ashworth reported that rolling blackouts have occurred outside of the GWNC.

B. Homelessness Liaison

Ms. Moser reported for Joy McManus that Ms. McManus reached out to other NC Homelessness Committees, as well as City offices; she will have more to report.

C. Other Liaison Reports (<https://empowerla.org/liaison/>)

There were no other reports at this time.

D. Board Member Announcements

There were no other reports at this time.

### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

Ms. Chvatal reported that “wear a mask” signs are available.

### **XV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Suh again requested Agendizing a Bylaws Motion. It again was explained that DONE will not allow Bylaws revisions at this time.

John Darnell, a DONE Neighborhood Council Advocate, [[John.Darnell@LACity.org](mailto:John.Darnell@LACity.org)], reported that the City Committee to which DONE reports wants feedback regarding vote-by-mail; the City recommended to the City Clerk to do 2021’s NC elections only using vote-by-mail. He requested for the GWNC to Agendize this. He noted that DONE’s elections

outreach budget will be much smaller than for the previous election. Ms. Moser noted that vote-by-mail “conflicts with our Bylaws.”

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

Ms. Moser declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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