



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Approved July 10, 2019

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order (Caroline Labiner Moser - President)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. President Moser called the meeting to order at 7:05 p. m.

B. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

C. Roll Call (Julie Stromberg - Secretary)

The Secretary called the roll. Sixteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Colette Amin (Alternate for Tucker Carney), Scott Appel, Hayden Ashworth, Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Brian Curran (Alternate for Karen Gilman), Brian Donahoe, Max Kirkham (Vice-President), Bobbie Kumetz, Caroline Moser (President), Kim Nortman (Alternate for John Gresham), Tammy Rosato, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr, Julie Stromberg (Secretary) and John Winther. Philip Farha, Jennifer DeVore and Michael Genewick arrived later. Charles D’Atri and Steven Senigram 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) is 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 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Ten Alternate Seats were vacant; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org. Also attended: approximately 22 Stakeholders and guests.

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Representatives from Government offices and community-based organizations).

A. Mayor’s Office (Angie Aramayo)

Angie Aramayo, Central Area Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti (213-978-3130; Angie.Aramayo@LACity.org; AngieAramayo@yahoo.com; <http://LAMayor.org>), reminded to look for emailed monthly updates, and brought information about the Mayor’s emergency alert bracelet and the Green Program.

B. CD4 Update (Rob Fisher)

Rob Fisher, Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; Rob.Fisher@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), announced upcoming events.

Board Member Mike Genewick arrived at this time (7:15), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

C. CD5 Update

Robert Oliver, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; Robert.Oliver@LACity.org; www.lacity.org/council/cd5), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. F.*] Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer (office 213-473-0476; mobile/text phone 213-793-0715; 35738@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com), reported that there was a “20% decrease in crime . . . burglaries were down . . . car break-ins are up . . . six out of 13 [recent such break-ins] were smashed windows.” He reminded not to leave valuables in vehicles and, to help deter crime, encouraged telling neighbors if you see valuables in vehicles.

Board Member John Gresham left and was replaced by his Alternate Kim Nortman at this time (7:27), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) still present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

Officer Rodriguez announced the Wilshire Division May 19th Open House.

E. Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell)

John Darnell, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), announced that Budget Day will be June 29th, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at City Hall. Bylaws amendment requests are being accepted until March or April 2020. He will work to ensure that Board Members are sent monthly Profiles.

F. Other Local and State Government Representatives

Debbie Dyer Harris, District Director for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; Debbie.DyerHarris@LACity.org; <http://CD5.LACity.org>), reported that the Councilman is opposed to Senate Bill 50 and also opposed to the bar Bill in which people would be leaving bars at 4:00 a.m. She introduced new Field Deputy Kevin Nahai, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (Kevin.Nahai@LACity.org).

Board Member Jennifer DeVore arrived at this time (7:22), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

Ms. Dyer Harris encouraged calling legislators to help oppose SB50 and the bar Bill.

III. CITY BUDGET & NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET ADVOCATES

(discussion and possible action) (Jack Humphreville)

- A. Re-Appointment Jack Humphreville as GWNC's Budget Advocate, DWP Representative, and LANCC Representative.

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Winther): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council re-appoints Jack Humphreville as GWNC's Budget Advocate, DWP Representative, and LANCC Representative.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. LADWP Report

Mr. Humphreville updated about the DWP and said Dan Kegel does very good research.

- C. Budget Advocate Report

Copies were distributed of the first six pages of the Advocates' annual White Paper of City budget recommendations, and of "Structural Deficit" statistics. Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [www.ncbala.com] that the City's annual budget was released April 18th. No deficit is expected, but it does not reflect future pay increases, which would result in a more than \$200 million deficit. Pensions will cost more than \$500 million. Approximately \$250 in infrastructure maintenance is needed. All of the above would result in a \$1 billion deficit. The Advocates' annual White Paper of recommendations was presented to the Mayor.

- D. LANCC (LA Neighborhood Council Commission) Report

Mr. Humphreville reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] passed Motions, including regarding SB 50.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the LANCC Motion opposed to SB 50.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about the Motion, legislation and issue.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Ms. Moser will Agendize this for the next meeting and encouraged contacting elected officials.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

- A. Megan Jensen, JUMP Bikes.

Ms. Jensen explained Jump's (owned by Uber) their business model. They were Permitted by the City this month and have the red scooters that say "JUMP." She listed regulations on their business. Resident Maria Saprizio was concerned about getting ticketed for parking on her block though she has a Preferential Parking Permit.

Board Member Philip Farha arrived at this time (7:56), making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

Board Members encouraged Ms. Saprizio to attend the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association (LVNA) meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and possible action)

A. Review and Adoption of the April 10, 2019 minutes

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Carroll): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #V. A.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Review and Adoption of the February 16, 2019 Special Meeting minutes

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its February 16, 2019 General Meeting as written.

MOTION to PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Appointment of Alternate Board Members to Vacant Seats. Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the Board before possible vote to appoint the following individuals as Alternate Board Members to indicated respective seats:

i. Robert Reeves to Area 10 -- Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrew's Square Alternate Board Seat.

Mr. Reeves introduced himself and requested that the LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer report to the Board.

MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Donahoe): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Robert Reeves to the Area 10 -- Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrew's Square Alternate Board Seat.

MOTION to PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

ii. Angie Szentgyorgyi to Area 14 – Windsor Square Alternate Board Seat.

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Ms. Stromberg): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Angie Szentgyorgyi to the Area 14 – Windsor Square Alternate Board Seat.

MOTION to PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

iii. William Weinberger to Area 1 -- Brookside Alternate Board Seat.

Mr. Weinberger was not present; no Motion was made or vote taken.

D. Administer the Neighborhood Council Oath of Office to all applicable GWNC Board and Alternate Members.

Mr. Reeves, Ms. Szentgyorgyi, Kim Nortman (previously Seated) and Brian Curran (previously Seated) read aloud the Oath of Office. Mr. Kirkham encouraged Board Members to complete needed Ethics and Funding Trainings.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Board Member Vacancy. Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the board for approval

Ms. Moser noted the above.

B. Alternate Board Member Vacancies. Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the board for approval: Area 2 - Citrus Square; Area 3 - Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 8 – Melrose; Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Area 12 - Western-Wilton; Area 15 - Windsor Village; Religion; and Renter.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

C. GWNC Budget Representative Vacancy. Jack Humpreville is the GWNC Budget Advocate, but there is a position available for GWNC Budget Representative.

Budget Representative Ms. Stromberg encouraged volunteering.

D. Board Member and Alternate Training Requirements. All board members and alternates must complete ethics and funding training in order to vote on funding motions before the board. The training courses and instructions can be found at <http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/>. The following Board Members and Alternates are shown, by DONE, as NOT having completed the trainings noted below and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters: Bridget Bones – Ethics & Funding; Cindy Chvatal Keane – Ethics & Funding; Vincent Cox – Ethics; Brian Curran – Ethics & Funding; Brian Donahoe – Ethics & Funding; Erica Gutierrez – Ethics & Funding; Joshua Kirchner – Ethics & Funding; Cathy Roberts – Ethics & Funding; Charlie Rosenberg – Ethics & Funding; and John Winther – Ethics.

Ms. Moser noted the above. GWNC Administrator Shirlee Fuqua noted that Mr. Donahoe, Ms. Gutierrez and Mr. Rosenberg completed their Trainings.

E. Code of Conduct Policy - All Board Members and Alternates are required to read and sign the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>) within 30 days of their election or appointment.

The following Board Members and Alternates must complete the Code of Conduct Policy: Bridget Bones; Cindy Chvatal Keane; Brian Curran; Brian Donahoe; Erica Gutierrez; Cathy Roberts; and Charlie Rosenberg.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

F. Committee Leadership Process. At this time, the process for electing committee leadership (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, etc.) is for the committee members to vote on their leadership. In addition, there is no current requirement for community leadership to be currently serving GWNC Board members or alternates. Consider revising these processes.

Mr. Kirkham and Ms. Moser explained the leadership process.

- i. Motion: Committee members shall elect their community leadership and present their recommendation(s) to the GWNC Board for ratification at the Board Meeting following said election.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Committee members shall elect their community leadership and present their recommendation(s) to the GWNC Board for ratification at the Board Meeting following said election.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Starr, accepted by Mr. Farha and Mr. Kirkham): replace the word “community” with “Committee” in the above Motion.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- ii. Motion: Committee leadership must be currently serving GWNC Board members or Alternates.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Committee leadership must be currently serving GWNC Board members or Alternates.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- G. Committee Stakeholder Members Ethics Requirement. On August July 8, 2016, the GWNC Board established a new policy and procedure whereby GWNC stakeholders serving on GWNC standing committees are required to take the same Ethics training GWNC Board Members and Alternates are required to take (Item IV(c)). Discussion of process of reporting ethics training completion and deadline for completion.

Ms. Stromberg explained this, noting that the policy and procedure was established on July 1, 2015, not “August July 8, 2016.” The Board agreed to implement that policy.

- H. Appointment of Governance Committee. Appointment of Committee, to also include Executive Officers, to analyze and consider any necessary revisions and/or additions to GWNC governing documents.

Ms. Moser announced the Committee to be herself, Ms. Carroll, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kirkham and Ms. Stromberg.

VII. TREASURER’S REPORT

- A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2019 (Discussion and Action)
- 4/1 Lloyd Staffing SF - WE 2/3, 2/10, 2/17 \$970
 - 4/1 Lloyd Staffing SF - WE 12/21, 12/28, 1/4 \$960
 - 4/1 Lloyd Staffing SF - WE 1/11, 1/18, 1/25 \$960
 - 4/2 Public Storage \$146
 - 4/5 Larchmont Buzz Election Ads \$250
 - 4/5 Larchmont Buzz Election Ads \$725
 - 4/10 San Wilshire Board Print outs \$57.33

4/10 Ebell Board Meeting. \$350
4/23 San Wilshire LUC Print outs \$31.94
4/29 DNH Media Temple \$240
4/30 Larchmont Chronicle March/April. \$716

Copies were distributed of and Ms. Carroll reviewed the GWNC April “Monthly Expenditure Report.”

Board Member Conrad Starr stepped out at this time, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2019.

[Note: during this Meeting, votes were made that later were determined to be ineligible; those ineligibilities are shown in these Minutes.]

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, DeVore, Farha, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained. Curran, Donahoe, Genewick, Nortman and Winther were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

B. Approval of Individual Expenses Listed in the April 2019 MER (Discussion and Action)

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in April 2019.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, DeVore, Farha, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained. Curran, Donahoe, Genewick, Nortman and Winther were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

C. Review of April 2019 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the May 2019 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion Only, No Action Necessary): Lloyd Staffing \$3,125.05, plus additional Lloyd Staffing TBD.

Ms. Carroll noted the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Green Islands (Wilton Islands) Maintenance. Confirm budget of \$500. Discussion regarding additional budget for said maintenance.

Ms. Carroll explained the above

Board Member Conrad Starr returned at this time, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves Green Islands (Wilton Islands) Maintenance funding in the amount of \$500.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, DeVore, Farha, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Stromberg); zero opposed; one abstained (Amin). Curran, Donahoe, Genewick, Nortman and Winther were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- E. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Funds to be Allocated for Congress of Neighborhoods and Budget Advocates. GWNC Board allocated \$500 for the Congress of Neighborhoods and \$500 for the Budget Advocates. Discussion regarding decreasing, increasing, or maintaining these contribution amounts.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves funds to be allocated for the Congress of Neighborhoods in the amount of \$500.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ashworth requested increasing the funding to \$1,000. The free Congress is expected to have around 900 attendees and cost around \$34,000-\$35,000. Mr. Darnell indicated that more funding could be allocated in July. Ms. Moser will Agendize that.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, DeVore, Farha, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith, Starr and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained. Curran, Donahoe, Genewick, Nortman and Winther were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

Board Member Conrad Starr stepped out at this time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves funds to be allocated for the Budget Advocates in the amount of \$500.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, DeVore, Farha, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Smith and Stromberg); zero opposed; zero abstained. Curran, Donahoe, Genewick, Nortman and Winther were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- F. Discussion and Possible Action to Increase Budget Line Items. Discussion and possible action to increase line items, including, but not limited to, GWNC Admin and Minutes Writer.

Ms. Carroll explained the above. Ms. Moser will Agendize that.

G. Review and Update of General Treasury Information and Roll Over Options.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 20, 2019 - Final date to request an event approval for the current fiscal year.

June 1, 2019 - Final date to submit a check payment request using current fiscal year funds.

June 20, 2019 - Final date for any bank card transactions using current fiscal year funds.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

Board Member Conrad Starr returned at this time, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Tess Paige/Max Kirkham)

A. Report on May 4, 2019 Outreach Committee Meeting

B. Invitation to Join Outreach Committee

C. Outreach Committee Update. Looking for a new Chair for the GWNC Outreach Committee.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above; June 1st the Committee will discuss a new Chair.

D. Citizen Recognition Program. An award given to a GWNC stakeholder(s) that honors a wide range of service, dedication or commitment to enhancing and/or improving the Greater Wilshire neighborhood. Committee accepts nominations year-round. More information can be found at <http://greaterwilshire.org/citizen-recognition-program/>.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

E. 2020 Census. Ways the GWNC can recruit and bring awareness to the 2020 U.S. Census. Mr. Kirkham noted that the Committee will discuss this.

F. Upcoming Outreach Committee meeting. The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held at 9:00am on June 1, 2019 at Bricks & Scones, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Conrad Starr)

A. Report from April 15, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting.

i. Follow-up Surveys and Information: The Committee voted to allow chairperson(s) to send simple feedback surveys and information and links discussed at meetings to meeting attendees.

Mr. Starr reported that the Committee met and residents spoke about density and traffic signals; and that Mr. Farha was appointed to the Committee.

i. Field Trip with the Sustainability Committee: The Committee voted to explore the idea of a shared community field trip utilizing our local transit system.

[*This was the second Item #IX. A. i. on the Agenda.*] Mr. Starr reported on this.

ii. Motions (as recommended by a vote of the Transportation Committee at its 4-15-19 meeting):

- a. Motion: The GWNC will approve up to \$250 for outreach-related and operational expenses for the June 2, 2019 “Halfway to La Cienega” event being sponsored by Metro. (Fiscal impact: One-time expense of up to \$250.)

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$250 for outreach-related and operational expenses for the June 2, 2019 “Halfway to La Cienega” event being sponsored by Metro.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Amin, Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, DeVore, Farha, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Starr and Stromberg); zero opposed; one abstained (Smith) (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes). Curran, Donahoe, Genewick, Nortman and Winther were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- b. Motion: The GWNC Board will [see the below Motion]. (Fiscal impact: none.)

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council empowers its Transportation Committee to conduct outreach, which may include a questionnaire or survey, to collect stakeholder input regarding topics and questions addressed by the Crenshaw Northern Extension Advanced Alternatives Screening Study.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr explained; this is about which alignment(s) to include in the project’s Environmental Impact Report. Ms. Moser requested and it was agreed that the Committee will first bring such work to the Board.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

- c. Motion: The GWNC shall [see the below Motion]. (Fiscal impact: none.)

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the policy of providing information describing the availability or unavailability of designated bicycle parking for all meeting and event announcements which refer to parking.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr explained the Motion.

CALL for the QUESTION (by Ms. Moser): **PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Report on 4-25-19 Metro Crenshaw Line Northern Extension Community Forum with Mid City West Community Council. Motion: The GWNC opposes an aerial configuration of a La Brea alignment of the Crenshaw Rail Northern Extension and will express its opposition to Metro and to the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Starr reported on the Forum held at Pan Pacific Park, where approximately 85 people attended, including at least four other NCs' representative and City officials. Also, Ms. DeVore volunteered to be on the Committee.

- C. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Monday, July 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004. Parking (cars, bikes) available via 3rd Street Driveway, Rideshare drop-off on Rossmore Driveway.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Julie Stromberg)

- A. Update and Report on May 7, 2019 Sustainability Committee Meeting. Report of current Sustainability Committee action items and third Water Wise Garden Tour scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Committee met May 7th and discussed the above. Gardens can be nominated for the Tour.

- B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Supporting the City of Los Angeles' 100% Renewable Energy Study. (Dan Kegel) Motion initially introduced in 2016, Council File No. 16-0243:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-0243>. GWNC Sustainability Committee recommends for the GWNC Board to support the motion with two additional provisions. Motion (as recommended by a vote of the Sustainability Committee at its 05-07-19 meeting): The GWNC Board supports the City of Los Angeles' 100% renewable energy study set forth in Council File No. 16-0243, but urges the study to consider the following two possible scenarios: (1) 80% emissions-free electricity by 2036 (consistent with Mayor Garcetti's LA Green New Deal); and (2) 80% emissions-free electricity by 2030.

Ms. Stromberg requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

- C. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2018, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Ms. Stromberg noted the next meeting.

XI. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Max Kirkham)

[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

- A. TOC/TNP: At a duly noticed meeting of its Board, on March 13, 2019, the GWNC passed the following motion: "That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support holding a joint special meeting with adjacent Neighborhood Councils to discuss proposed Transit Neighborhood Plans." Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends its March 13th motion to include "and neighborhood associations as appropriate" after "...neighborhood councils."

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends its March 13, 2019 Motion to “support holding a joint special meeting with adjacent Neighborhood Councils to discuss proposed Transit Neighborhood Plans” to include “and neighborhood associations as appropriate” after “... Neighborhood Councils”; and to revise the word “meeting” to “meetings.”

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

- B. 5212 Melrose Blvd.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Dana Sayles, Olivia Joncich) Pursuant to LAMC 12.24.W.24, Conditional Use Permit to allow a hotel within 500 feet of any A or RE zone. Pursuant to LAMC 12.27, Zone Variance to allow the maintenance of the existing driveway width of 8' 9' feet to serve the hotel use in lieu of the required 10 feet in lieu of 12.21A5(E). Pursuant to LAMC 12.28, a Zoning Administrator Adjustment to allow parking stackers within the required rear yard setback in lieu of 12.14.C.2. ZA-2017-3165-CU-ZV-ZAA; ENV-2017-3166-EAF. Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project at 5212 Melrose Blvd as presented.

Copies were distributed of project documents. Owner’s representative Emily presented. Susan Hunter reported that the hotel is being sold and units are being listed as having “hot tubs” and available for “extended stay.” She reached out to the developer to explore alternatives to demolition. She indicated that the project is not supported by City Councilman Ryu. Ms. Hunter requested that the Board not yet vote on this.

Board Member Owen Smith left at this time (8:57), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was thirteen).

Emily said the Hearing would be May 14th and the project “will be in compliance” with City laws regarding hotels. Rooms will have a small refrigerator and “kitchenette . . . it’s not supposed to be a dwelling unit.” Ms. Hunter reported that the Housing Dept. issued 400 pages regarding violations by the owner, which have not been addressed and “they have not done repairs”; seven families still live there.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project at 5212 Melrose Blvd as presented.

MOTION FAILED with six in favor; seven opposed; four abstained.

- C. 180 S. La Brea Ave.: (Eddie Navarrette, Dafane Gokcen) A request to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine only for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 2469 sq. ft. restaurant [note: Sweetgreen] with 32 indoor and 6 outdoor seats. Hours of operation are 9:00 am to 11:00 pm daily. ZA-2019-1554-CUB, ENV-2019-1555-CE Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

Copies were distributed of project documents including letters and signatures of support.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Donahoe): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the CUB for Sweetgreen at 180 S. La Brea Ave.

conditioned upon supporting neighborhood outreach being presented to the May 8, 2019 GWNC Board Meeting as requested.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- D. 5786 ½ Melrose Ave.: (Adan Madrid) A 2039 sq. ft. tenant improvement project for a 7-Eleven convenience store within an existing mini-mall with 24-hour operation. No alcohol sales. Applicant has the support of Christ the King Catholic Church and the Hancock Park Neighborhood Association. Applicant has met with the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association and discussed the project with Senior Lead Officer Cordova.

Copies were distributed of project documents. Mr. Madrid explained the project. Ms. Moser requested and it was agreed to not yet vote on this project.

E. Future LUC Agenda Items

Ms. Moser and Mr. Kirkham noted that the following items were presented for information only. No action was requested or required at this time.

- i. TOC/TNP/SB50: General continued discussion on Transit Oriented Communities, Transit Neighborhood Plans, and Senate Bill 50.
Copies were distributed of information opposing and a proposed Motion regarding SB50.
- ii. 607 N. Manhattan Pl.: (Matthew Hayden) Demolition of SFD with the construction, use and maintenance of a new 6-story, 67 ft 10-unit apartment building (1 ELI DU and 9 MKT rate DU) with at grade parking for 17 vehicle and 12 bicycle spaces. Landscaping to be retained or removed/replaced. DIR-2019-553-TOC, ENV-2019-554-EAF.
- iii. 611 N. Manhattan Pl.: (Matthew Hayden) Proposed Construction use and maintenance of a new 14-unit 5-story -56' height apartment building with 2-ELI units and with parking for 12 Vehicles and 16 bicycles.
- iv. 517 - 525 ½ N. Gramercy Pl.: (Matthew Hayden) Proposed construction, use and maintenance of a new 4-story (max 56' height) 32-unit apt. bldg. including 3 ELI and 2 moderate units over 1 level of subterranean 32 vehicle parking and 33 bicycle parking. DIR-2019-1971-TOC, ENV-2019-1972-EAF.
- v. 742 N. Highland Ave.: (Ashlee Gardner) The Cat and Fiddle - Pre-application for renewal of a CUB with possible extended hours of operation. No hearing date or case number as of yet. LUC has received a letter of support with conditions from the South Hollywood Neighborhood Association. Applicant is continuing outreach.
- vi. 206- 226 N. Larchmont Blvd.: (Ronald Simms, Jake Lappert) A proposed parcel map to merge and re-subdivide 5 lots into two air space parcels. The existing site is improved and there will be two resulting commercial condominiums. AA-2019-657-PMLA-CC, ENV-2019-658-CE.
- vii. 822 S. Plymouth Blvd.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Jeff Tsalyuk) Proposed Parcel Map for the construction of a new 4-unit condo. AA-2019-1582-PMLA, ENV-2019-1583-CE. Project is under construction at this time.
- viii. 117 N. Manhattan Pl.: Project was built with the original plans that were presented to LUC, not the plans that LUC supported and the Board voted to approve. Emma Howard - CD4 is researching and will report back to LUC

Ms. Moser indicated there were no other potential Items at this time.

F. Upcoming Land Use Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on May 28, 2019 at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, the Collins Room, 200-D, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

The above was noted.

XII. NEW BUSINESS. Matters not identified above for future consideration and action. There was no new business at this time.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORT
(Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Homelessness Liaison Report (Tammy Rosato)

i. If stakeholders have questions or would like information on ways to engage or identify resources in the area, please reach out to Tammy after the meeting, or email labreahancock@greaterwilshire.org.

Ms. Rosato noted the above.

B. Resilience Liaison Report (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Starr reported that Fire Service Day would be May 11th.

C. Discussion on Council File No. 14-0268, Tenant Harassment Ordinance. (Hayden Conner Ashworth) Motion introduced in 2017. Council File available at:
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0268-S13>

Copies were distributed of the City Housing and Community Investment Development Dept. recommendation. Mr. Ashworth noted that the Motion is being considered and he will ask the GWNC to issue a Community Impact Statement.

Mr. Kirkham encouraged contacting him if a Board Member needs a GWNC email address or business cards. Ms. Stromberg noted that Google Drive has GWNC information.

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

No other requests were made.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Moser declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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