



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 12, 2019  
Approved July 10, 2019  
**Amended November 18, 2020**

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

**A. Call to Order**

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. President Moser called the meeting to order at 7:03 p. m.

**B. Flag Salute**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Conrad Starr.

**C. Roll Call of Board Members and/or Alternates**

The Secretary called the roll. Twelve of the 21 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Hayden Ashworth, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Jennifer DeVore, Brian Donahoe, Max Kirkham (Vice-President), Bobbie Kumetz, Caroline Moser (President), Tammy Rosato, Conrad Starr, Julie Stromberg (Secretary) and John Winther. Charles D’Atri, Karen Gilman and Michael Genewick arrived later. Six Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Scott Appel, Tucker Carney, Philip Farha, John Gresham, Erica Gutierrez and Owen Smith. Quorum was declared to be 12 of the 21 Board 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(s) were vacant. Eight Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #s V. C. and E., and VI. B.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: approximately 15 Stakeholders and guests.

*Board Member Karen Gilman arrived at this time (7:07), making 13 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

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

**A. CD4 Update (Rob Fisher)**

Rob Fisher, Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (323-957-6415; [Rob.Fisher@LACity.org](mailto:Rob.Fisher@LACity.org); <http://CD4.LACity.org>), noted homelessness statistics.

*Board Member Mike Genewick arrived at this time (7:09), making 14 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

Mr. Fisher explained and encouraged input about the proposed Larchmont Playground Pilot Project. Copies were distributed of information.

*Board Member Charles D'Atri arrived at this time (7:15), making 15 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

B. CD5 Update (Kevin Nahai)

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

C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers

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 on a 7.3% annual decrease in property crime, though vehicle break-ins are way up. Cameras are very helpful. If you see suspicious activity, contact the Police. "It is illegal to set off fireworks in the City of L.A."

D. Department 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), could not attend and there was no report at this time.

E. Other Government Representatives

Aditi Shakkwar, Field Representative for State 50th District Assemblyman Richard Bloom (310-450-0041; Aditi.Shakkwar@asm.ca.gov; http://assembly.ca.gov/Bloom), reported that volunteers are needed to help give out backpacks with school supplies in the Hollywood area.

**III. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES** (discussion and possible action) (Jack Humphreville)

A. DWP Report

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

B. Budget Advocate Report

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

C. LANCC (LA Neighborhood Council Coalition) Report

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

**IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.**

Ms. Carroll announced a July 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1:00 event at Alexandria House (AlexandriaHouse.org). Resident Allison Schallert was concerned about lack of affordable housing and replacement of single-family homes with luxury apartments, while all the street parking "has parking restrictions." Windsor Square resident John Welborne spoke about Senate Bill 330 and other legislation replacing SB 50; he was concerned that such legislation could build luxury housing without enough affordable housing.

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

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

It was agreed to Table this Item.

B. Review and Adoption of the May 8, 2019 Meeting minutes

It was agreed to Table this Item.

C. Appointment of William Weinberger to Area 1 - Brookside Alternate Board seat (vacant)

Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the board before board motion and vote.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints William Weinberger to the Area 1 - Brookside Alternate Board Seat.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kirkham and Mr. Donahoe were concerned that they have never seen the Candidate at a Board meeting.

**MOTION FAILED** by a hand vote with four in favor; zero opposed; 10 abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes).

Ms. Moser will request Mr. Weinberger to attend a Board meeting.

D. Appointment of Kiersten Stanley to Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews Alternate Board seat (vacant). Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the board before board motion and vote.

This Item was skipped.

E. Appointment of Matt Cheesebro to Area 4 - Fremont Place Alternate Board seat (vacant).

Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the board before board motion and vote.

Ms. Kumetz described Mr. Cheesebro’s background; he is a Board Member of the Fremont Place HOA. He introduced himself.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Kumetz, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Matt Cheesebro to the Area 4 - Fremont Place Alternate Board Seat.

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

Mr. Cheesebro read aloud the Oath of Office.

F. Appointment of Mary Proteau to Area 2 - Citrus Square Alternate Board seat (vacant).

Discussion on qualifications to verify eligibility to the board before board motion and vote.

It was agreed to Table this Item.

G. Discussion and Possible Action to appoint Alternate Board Members to vacant alternate board seats. The board can select up to 21 alternate board members. Each member of the Board shall have an Alternate who is authorized to vote in that board member’s absence.

Alternates are also required to take the three mandated trainings as are board members if

they are to vote on funding items. Alternates shall have the same qualifications and shall be selected by the same method and at the same time as voting members.

- i. The vacant Alternate seats available are listed under VI. B., "President's Report"
- ii. Board members and Alternates shall serve two (2) year renewable terms, commencing and ending at the first board meeting convened after certification of the results of the election of Directors.

There were no more candidates at this time.

- H. Administer Neighborhood Council Oath of Office to new Alternate Board Members. "I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone's opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability."
- It was agreed that this already had been done.

- I. Sign-up for Committees: Land Use, Outreach, Transportation, Environmental and Sustainability.

Ms. Gilman reported that Brian Curran is interested in joining the Land use Committee. Mr. Starr noted that Transportation Committee Members are himself, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Farha and Mr. Carney. Ms. DeVore also expressed interest.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies Conrad Starr, Jeffry Carpenter, Jennifer DeVore, Philip Farha and Tucker Carney as Transportation Committee Members.

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

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies Julie Stromberg, Dan Kegel, Mary Proteau and Cathy Roberts as Environmental and Sustainability Committee Members.

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

- J. Committee Leadership, Membership: Committees report on Officers, Membership.
- K. Discussion and Possible Action by the Board: Outreach, Sustainability, Transportation, Governance, Land Use.
- Ms. Moser noted above Item #'s V. J. and K.

## **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 1 – Brookside; 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; Renter; and Religion.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

- C. 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: John Winther – Ethics; Mike Genewick – Ethics; Angie Szentgyorgyi – Ethics  
Ms. Stromberg noted that Mr. Winther completed Ethics Training “three weeks ago . . . on the website” and forwarded it to GWNC Administrator Shirlee Fuqua. Mr. Darnell reminded to send updates to [Rosters@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:Rosters@EmpowerLA.org).
- D. 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.  
Ms. Moser noted the above.

## **VII. TREASURER’S REPORT**

- A. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for May 2019 (Discussion and Possible Action)
- 5/3 Public Storage \$159
  - 5/8 San Wilshire Board Print outs \$232.44
  - 5/9 Ebell Board Meeting \$350
  - 5/17 Lloyd Staffing SF – WE -4/21 & 4/28 - \$710.13
  - 5/17 Lloyd Staffing SF – WE 4/7 & 4/14- \$699.20
  - 5/17 Lloyd Staffing SF – WE 3/17, 3/24,3/31 -\$989.60
  - 5/17 Lloyd Staffing DL – WE 5/12 - \$203.73
  - 5/17 Lloyd Staffing DL – WE 4/14 - \$288.03
  - 5/17 Lloyd Staffing DL – WE 3/17 - \$186.62
  - 5/17 Lloyd Staffing SF – WE 2/24, 3/3 -, 3/10 -\$960
  - 5/17 Lloyd Staffing SF – WE \$989.60 (double charge credited below)
  - 5/22 Lloyd Staffing SF – Credit -\$989.60 (We were double charged by Lloyd)
  - 5/28 San Wilshire LUC meeting Print outs \$24.80
  - 5/31 Lloyd Staffing SF – WE 5/5, 5/12 - \$699.20

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above and the May “Monthly Expenditure Report.”

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2019.

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

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

Ms. Carroll reviewed this.

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

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Moser, Rosato, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Genewick was 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 June 2019 Monthly Expense Report (Discussion Only, No Action Necessary). Larchmont Chronicle May \$358 & June \$358 (\$716).

Ms. Carroll reviewed this.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action on Green Islands (Wilton Islands) Maintenance (Discussion and Possible Action). Transfer of \$500 from Community Improvement Projects to General and Operational.

Ms. Carroll explained this.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will transfer \$500 from Community Improvement Projects for Green Islands back to General and Operational Expenses.

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

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

Ms. Carroll explained that no vote was needed.

- F. Review, Update and Possible Action of General Treasury Information, Roll Over Options and Second Card Holder.

Ms. Carroll explained that no vote was needed.

- G. Review and Possible Board Action of GWNC Inventory Certification.

Ms. Carroll requested and it was agreed to Table this Item.

- H. Review and Approval of 2019-2020 Budget Package (Discussion and Board Action).

\*\*\*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 this. Copies were distributed of the GWNC “Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.”

*Board Member Caroline Moser recused himself and left the room at this time (8:22), making 14 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum was 12). Mr. Kirkham became the Presiding Officer.*

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Budget as stated for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Gilman, Kirkham, Kumetz, Rosato, Starr, Stromberg and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained; one recused (Moser). Mr. Genewick was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

*Board Member Caroline Moser returned to the room at this time, making 15 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum was 12) and again became the Presiding Officer.*

**VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Max Kirkham)

A. Report on the June 1, 2019 Outreach Committee Meeting.

Mr. Kirkham reported on and thanked volunteers for the June 2nd “Halfway to La Cienega” event.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to ratify committee selection of Max Kirkham as the new Chair of the GWNC Outreach Committee.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies the Members of the Outreach Committee as Tammy Rosato, Max Kirkham, Tucker Carney, Colette Amin, Hayden Ashworth, Patti Carroll and Kiersten Stanley.

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

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies Max Kirkham as Outreach Committee Chair.

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

C. Citizen Recognition Award. The GWNC awards community members for their service, dedication and/or commitment to enhancing and/or improving the Greater Wilshire neighborhood. The Outreach Committee welcomes nominations from the community year-round. More information can be found at <http://greaterwilshire.org/citizen-recognition-program/>.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

D. Report on Metro Event “Halfway to La Cienega”

Mr. Kirkham had noted the above.

- E. Future Outreach Agenda Items
  - i. Yoga in the Park
  - ii. Possible GWNC rebranding
  - iii. Advertising Budget AllocationMr. Kirkham noted the above.

- F. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, July 6, 2019, at 9 a.m., at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90005  
Mr. Kirkham noted the above.

**IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Conrad Starr)

- A. Report on Special Meeting of GWNC Transportation Committee on June 10, 2019.  
Motion: The GWNC supports all Alignments under review by LA Metro for its Crenshaw Line Northern extension (Vermont Ave., La Brea Ave., Fairfax Ave., La Cienega Blvd., and San Vicente Blvd.); and it supports all proposed configurations (below grade, at grade, and aerial); and it will express its position to LA Metro and to the City of Los Angeles. \* please note the above is placeholder language to be amended.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports all Alignments under review by LA Metro for its Crenshaw Line Northern extension (Vermont Ave., La Brea Ave., Fairfax Ave., La Cienega Blvd., and San Vicente Blvd.); and it supports all proposed configurations (below grade, at grade, and aerial); and it will express its position to LA Metro and to the City of Los Angeles.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends the above Motion to the following:

“Whereas the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council’s board members and stakeholders actively participated in the information sessions sponsored by Metro on the alternative routes for the Northern Extension of the Crenshaw line; and, together with the Mid City West Community Council, the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council, the City of West Hollywood and other organizations, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council sponsored a community forum on the alternative routes proposed for the Crenshaw Line’s Northern Extension on April 25;

And whereas the GWNC understands that Metro’s studies for the Crenshaw Line’s Northern Extension are understandably still at a very preliminary stage with many details and options yet to be defined and evaluated;

Although it strongly supports the integration of a north-south extension as a concept and need, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council takes the position that, with respect to any potential rail route along La Brea, any configuration at or above grade within the corridor would be totally unacceptable and impractical as well as contradictory to the realization of the vision for livable transit-oriented communities in this corridor.

La Brea Avenue is already today operating at and above capacity during significant portions of the day, even with the removal of curb parking for local businesses during morning and evening peak periods and is likely to be experiencing even greater levels of



gridlock in the future with the limitations of the City's arterial grid. The intrusion of an aerial structure in the median would impinge on traffic operations, left turn movements and general safety and visibility.

La Brea is one of the primary corridors for emergency vehicle access, both from the LAPD Wilshire Division and LAFD Fire Station 61, and the use of the median lane is crucial for emergency responders during peak traffic hours. If the present-day median lane were to be eliminated, police cars, fire trucks and paramedic ambulances could be forced to race through narrow neighborhood streets, creating grave safety risks as well as serious delays in critical services.

An aerial rail viaduct in the middle of La Brea would have trains directly impacting the new upper story development for new housing and other uses that are envisioned to be fostered by pending Transit Oriented Communities. Even more adverse, however, the aerial structure would over-shadow and obstruct the street, sidewalks and building frontages below, virtually assuring that La Brea Avenue would become a blighted and hostile place for pedestrians, residents and businesses, as well as sensitive land uses such as schools and religious institutions.

For reasons such as these, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council would strongly urge Metro to remove consideration of an aerial or any at-grade rail configurations for a La Brea route alternative.”

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

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

*Board Member Brian Donahoe left at this time (8:48), making 14 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum at this Meeting was twelve).*

B. Crenshaw Northern Extension Community Survey. Presentation to the Board for comment and approval.

No motion was made or vote taken.

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. Report on June 2019 Sustainability Committee Meeting and GWNC Sustainability Third Water Wise Garden Tour. The Sustainability Committee's June 2019 meeting was cancelled. The GWNC Sustainability's third Water Wise Garden Tour will be on Saturday, June 22, 2019, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., meeting point LA High Memorial Library, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

- B. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at Marlborough School, Collins Room – D200, 250 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004. Please enter via 3rd Street Driveway. Security will direct to parking. Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

**XI. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Caroline Moser/Philip Farha)

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

- A. Report on the May 28, 2019 Land Use Committee Meeting
- i. The committee voted (10-0-0) to have, as its leadership, a chairperson, a secretary, and an assistant secretary.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Moser): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies the Members of the Land Use Committee as Patricia Carroll, Rory Cunningham, Jennifer DeVore, Philip Farha, Mike Genewick, Karen Gilman, John Gresham, Dick Herman, Max Kirkham, Caroline Moser, Susan O’Connell and Cathy Roberts.

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

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to ratify committee selection of Philip Farha as the new Chair of the GWNC Land Use Committee.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies Philip Farha as Land Use Committee Chair.

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

- C. 5784 Melrose Ave: (Discussion and Possible Action) (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. ZA-2019-422-CU. Motion: that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board support the project at 5786 ½ Melrose Ave as presented.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project at 5786 ½ Melrose Ave as presented.

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

- D. 607 N. Manhattan Place: (Discussion and Possible Action) (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. Motion: that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board oppose the project at 607 N. Manhattan Pl. as presented.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Moser): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 607 N. Manhattan Pl. as presented.

**DISCUSSION:** Resident Joy McManus spoke. Mr. Kirkham explained the Committee's opposition. Ms. Schallert supported the project.

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

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 11 in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes.

- E. 611 N. Manhattan Pl.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (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. Motion: that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board oppose the project at 611 N. Manhattan Pl. as presented.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 611 N. Manhattan Pl. as presented.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 11 in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes.

- F. 547 N. Cahuenga Blvd: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Sergio Schwark) Enclose an existing carport that is 7' from the corner of the existing residence. Remodel and add 11.5 SF to the existing pool house. ZA-2019-2502-ZAA, ENV-2019-2501-CE. This is a non-contributing home in an HPOZ. Motion: that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Ms. Moser): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the letter of recommendation from the Hancock Park HPOZ, dated October 30, 2018, regarding the project at 547 N. Cahuenga Blvd.

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

- G. Upcoming Land Use Committee meeting. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 25, 2019 at Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, the Collins Room, 200-D, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Mr. Kirkham noted the above and invited everyone to attend.

#### H. FUTURE LUC AGENDA ITEMS

- i. TOC/TNP/ SB-50: (Discussion and Possible Action) General continued discussion of Transit Oriented Communities, Transit Neighborhood Plans, and Senate Bill 50.
- a. Councilmember Ryu's Initial Comments on the Purple Line Transit Neighborhood Plan: (Conrad Starr) Councilmember Ryu (CD4) has released two letters, both dated April 22, 2019, on the proposed Purple Line Transit Neighborhood Plan.

- ii. 742 N. Highland Ave.: The Cat and Fiddle (Ashlee Gardner) Seeking support for a CUB. No Case Number yet.
  - iii. 607 N. Manhattan Place: (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.
  - iv. 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.
  - v. 645 N. Rossmore Ave: (Daniel Ahadian) New 6-story, multi-family project consisting of 25 units (with 8% or 2 units set aside for ELI) over one subterranean parking garage containing 18 auto stalls and 18 bike stalls. TOC incentive to allow for 25% reduction in both side yards and 20% reduction in required open space. DIR-2019-1693-TOC; ENV-2019-1694-EAF
  - vi. 5750 – 5756 W. Melrose Ave & 657 Lucerne Blvd:(Matthew Nichols, Michael Flannigan) To allow an existing patio to encroach at the property line along Melrose Ave and to waive any dedication and improvements being requested by the Bureau of Engineering.
  - vii. 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.
  - viii. 6535 W. Melrose Ave: (Daniel Ahadian) A new variable height 3-4 story mixed use building ranging from 35' to 56' with 33 units (3ELI) with 4,895 SF of commercial space. DIR-2019-647-TOC, ENV-2019-648-EAF
- Mr. Kirkham encouraged reviewing the above.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion 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>  
 Mr. Ashworth explained that the Ordinance supports tenants' rights.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Ashworth, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports and will submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File No. 14-0268, Tenant Harassment Ordinance.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kirkham noted that the Outreach Committee discussed this.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with nine in favor; one opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes.

Mr. Ashworth will draft the CIS and send it to an appropriate CIS filer(s).

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Council File No. 19-0002-S6 Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act. (Hayden Conner Ashworth) Discussion and possible action, including filing a Community Impact Statement, on Council File No. 19-0002-S6.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Ashworth, seconded by Ms. Rosato): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will submit a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File No. 19-0002-S6 Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with nine in favor; zero opposed; five abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes.

### **XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LIAISON REPORT**

(Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Homelessness Liaison Report. (Tammy Rosato) 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](mailto:labreahancock@greaterwilshire.org). Ms. Rosato noted the increases in homelessness of 12% in L.A. County and 16% in the City, many for the first time, including 17,000 women, a 14% increase. She said 80% of foster children are being displaced after support checks stop to foster parents. Mr. Kirkham requested and Ms. Moser agreed to create a Homeless Committee.

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

No other requests were made.

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. Next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at The Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Ms. Moser declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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