



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, February 10, 2021
Approved March 10, 2021

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 shown online and available at
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TWIKs6Ps7rnPqskXrGNeH272oJ_SzpoQ.

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 6:30 p. m. [GWNC Secretary's Note: due to the meeting agenda having erroneously listed the meeting start time as 7:00 p.m., no board business was taken up until after Roll Call at 7:02 p.m.]

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

The Secretary called the roll at 7:02. Eighteen of the 19 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Colette Amin (Alternate for Tucker Carney), Scott Appel, Hayden Ashworth, Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Charles D'Atri, Jennifer DeVore, Brian Donahoe, Philip Farha, Michael Genewick, Karen Gilman, John Gresham, Max Kirkham (Vice-President), Caroline Moser (President), Susan Nickels, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (Secretary) and John Winther. Cathy Roberts arrived later. Bobbie Kumetz and Joseph Suh had resigned. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 13 Members (see the Bylaws link at <https://greaterwilshire.org/bylaws-board-rules>), so the Board could take such votes. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant [Area 4 and Area 12] and eight Alternate Seats were vacant [see Items #VI. D. 2 and 3; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately 25 Stakeholders and guests.

C. Introduction (Caroline Moser)

1. Teleconferencing Instructions

2. 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 2/3 vote.
- a) Time Limits for Multiple Public Comment. Motion: This meeting shall include the following time limit: a member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit their remarks to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting.

D. Motion: Approval of Agenda

No Motion was made or vote taken.

E. Remembrance of Marguerite “Chickie” Byrne (Cindy Chvatal).

Ms. Chvatal noted that Ms. Byrne helped stop a freeway from being built through the middle of Hancock Park; helped start the GWNC and the Hancock Park Homeowners Association (HOA); and recruited and trained a number of GWNC and HOA members. Mr. Smith said “Hancock Park was Chickie . . . she was really great.”

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mid City Neighborhood Greenway Presentation on a greenway project that includes two blocks of Willoughby Ave. from La Brea Ave. and Orange Drive. The presenters will briefly touch on the “Stress Free Streets” project that includes other blocks of GWNC (Babak Dorji and Charlie Ho, LADOT).

Mr. Dorji showed slides regarding the project to slow and calm traffic and make safety improvements. He described the bicycle “modified crossing treatment” at Willoughby and La Brea and the project timeline; he said “it’s still pretty early in the process.” He will email contact information to three different surveys that people can complete; Mr. Starr noted that the information also is in the Board documents [at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TWIKs6Ps7rnPqskXrGNeH272oJ_SzpoQ].

Ms. Moser requested that the GWNC be included in decision-making before decisions are made. Mr. Dorji said “They’re going to keep reaching out to you guys”; Ms. Moser noted that “whatever method [they’re] using is not working . . . this has taken some people by surprise.” Mr. Dorji promised that “I’ll bring it up to the project team . . . David Somers is the Project Manager.” Ms. Chvatal requested that the GWNC hold a Special Board Meeting at which Mr. Somers would present regarding the project; “we have a special concern about the makeup of the survey.” She explained the importance of “engaging the community” and asked “what are you solving for?” Ms. Moser suggested that the GWNC Transportation Committee have a Special Meeting. Mr. Farha, as the GWNC Area Representative, invited Mr. Dorji to communicate with him. Mr. Kirkham encouraged Mr. Dorji to communicate with Mr. Farha and with Mr. Starr, the Transportation Committee Chair.

III. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. US Representative - 34th District (Jimmy Gomez)

Congressman Jimmy Gomez (213-481-1425; <https://gomez.house.gov/contact>; <https://gomez.house.gov>), reported that a representative of President Biden has contacted

him every week for feedback. The Congressman reported on COVID-19 Coronavirus vaccine distribution work. He will “look into” the Dodger Stadium vaccination site having temporarily run out of vaccines; “we are paying attention” to how many vaccines are received and “pushing” to have more; “we need vaccine production to go way up.” He described legislation that he supports.

B. Fourth Council District (Su Lee)

Su Lee, Field Manager for L.A. City District Four Council Nithya Raman (323-957-6415; Su.Lee@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that she received many welcoming emails from GWNC Board Members and looks forward to working with everyone.

C. Fifth Council District (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), reported that the City Department of Sanitation has a \$4 million budget deficit; they made a big reduction of services and staff, including 80% of the budget for cleaning homeless encampments, which now is “one day of service per week”; CD5 is working with the Mayor’s Office and the Department to reinstate “the full range” of services. The Councilman sponsored legislation to give grocery workers and farm workers an additional \$5 per hour “hazard pay.” The CD5 Transportation Deputy is Jay Greenstein; another Deputy Adeena Bleich.

D. Office of the Mayor (Angie Aramayo)

Angie Aramayo, Central Area Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti (213-978-3130; Angie.Aramayo@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), was not present; there was no report.

E. LA County Second Supervisor District (Armine Sargsyan)

Armine Sargsyan, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Two Supervisor Holly Mitchell (213-974-2222; Armine.Sargsyan@bos.LACounty.gov; <https://lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/holly-mitchell>), reported. Ms. Sargsyan said that “we are still building our team . . . please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.” She will bring up the planned conversion of Olympia Medical Center Hospital to a mental health facility.

F. LA County Third Supervisor District (Erin Seinfeld)

Erin Seinfeld, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (310-231-1170; ESeinfeld@bos.LACounty.gov; <http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>), reported that “we do see a decline in [COVID-19] cases,” but “still be safe . . . There are 365 sites in L.A. County” giving vaccines; “the County runs seven of them.” She urged signing up at www.VaccinateLACounty.com to receive the County’s COVID-19 vaccination newsletter, even if you’re not yet eligible, so that “you will be notified when you’re eligible.” Registration phone number 833-540-0473 is open 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. seven days a week. She described work to vaccinate the “hardest-hit communities.”

G. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions

Dave Cordova, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [mobile/text phone 213-793-0650; 31646@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com], reported that “in our

Division, violent crime is up . . . specifically around the Melrose corridor” and “from Wilshire Boulevard north.” Also, “there’ve been a lot of complaints about people sleeping in RVs”; the Mayor’s Safer City Act says that “anybody living or dwelling in an RV, any type of vehicle, they’re pretty much exempt from any type of citation or impound unless they’re doing criminal activity.”

H. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (John Darnell)
John Darnell, a Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], later indicated that there was no report.

I. Other Government Representatives

Jennifer Harbeck, Field Representative for Congressman Ted Lieu (323-651-1040; Jennifer.Harbeck@mail.house.gov; <https://lieu.house.gov>), reported that the Congressman co-signed a letter to President Biden to provide more COVID-19 vaccination supplies to California. She described legislation to provide assistance to veterans facing “hardship,” can for the West L.A. VA campus to provide more veterans housing there. She encouraged contacting her office for help with federal issues such as the IRS, Treasury, stimulus checks, the PPP program and more.

Aditi Shakkarwar, Field Representative for State 50th District Assemblyman Richard Bloom (310-450-0041; Aditi.Shakkarwar@asm.ca.gov; <http://assembly.ca.gov/Bloom>), reported that they are working “to increase awareness of scams targeting seniors”; there will be a February 23rd webinar. They can help people to get unemployment benefits and “are working to make sure everyone gets paid.”

Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer (cell 213-479-7884, RacineN@metro.net; 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt), reported that Wilshire Blvd. weekend closures are expected to continue through April. He described the “pressurized” work environment 100 feet below ground.

Mike Fong, of DONE [L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment; 213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org], for John Darnell [John.Darnell@LACity.org], described upcoming events and work.

Board Member Cathy Roberts arrived around 7:15 and Tucker Carney had arrived by this time, replacing his Alternate Colette Amin, making 19 Board Members present online (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).

IV. DWP, NC BUDGET REPRESENTATIVES & ADVOCATES, LANCC, LADWP

(Discussion and Possible Action).

A. DWP Report (Jack Humphreville).

Mr. Starr noted that the report is in the online GWNC documents folder. No report or Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Budget Advocate Report (Humphreville and/or Julia Moser).

Ms. Moser reported for the Budget Advocates [<http://ncbala.com>] and referred to the report that is in the documents folder. No report or Motion was made or vote taken.

C. LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) Report (Humphreville).

Mr. Starr reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] overwhelmingly voted against the DONE General Manager's proposal to seat all NC Board Members on July 1st. LANCC passed a Motion recommending for DONE to postpone the grievance process and for BONC to review the procedures. LANCC discussed DONE'S Draft Digital Media Policy, including the effects of AB 992 and a Brown Act amendment which added Section 54952.2 of the Government Code effective January 1, 2021. See the GWNC Board documents. No report or Motion was made or vote taken.

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Lily Larsen, a Mid-City NC Board Member, asked if the GWNC would like to partner re: Little Free Libraries. Kelly McVey, of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, 323-939-0506, x415, offered help regarding wage theft cases, unemployment insurance benefits and EDD issues. They are available for community presentations on the unemployment benefits program and how to navigate claims.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Review and Adoption of January 13, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 13, 2021 General Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Committees & Liaisons

1. Ad Hoc Committees

- a) Draft Digital Media Policy Committee - motion to reestablish an Ad Hoc Digital Media Policy Committee to complete and submit the "Feedback Form_ Digital Media Policy for NCs (Jan 2021)" on behalf of the GWNC.

Mr. Starr explained that DONE had not published a revised draft policy; however, they requested feedback to include what NCs like about it.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will reestablish an Ad Hoc Digital Media Policy Committee to complete and submit the "Feedback Form_ Digital Media Policy for NCs (Jan 2021)" on behalf of the GWNC, Committee members to include Conrad Starr, Max Kirkham and Jeffrey Carpenter.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Committee Leadership. Motion: that no election of GWNC Standing Committee leadership – to include currently existing and future committee positions above general committee member – be considered valid unless 1) the person selected is chosen by a majority vote in committee and subsequently affirmed and ratified by a majority vote of the GWNC Board; or, in the absence of a vote by the committee, 2) the person is selected by a two-thirds vote of the GWNC Board.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves that no election of GWNC Standing Committee leadership – to include currently existing and future committee positions above general committee member – be considered valid unless 1) the person selected is chosen by a majority vote in committee and subsequently affirmed and ratified by a majority vote of the GWNC Board; or, in the absence of a vote by the committee, 2) the person is selected by a two-thirds vote of the GWNC Board.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Kirkham, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carney).

3. Ratification of Jeffry Carpenter as Transportation Committee Secretary and Cathy Roberts as Land Use Committee Secretary.

Mr. Kirkham explained the need.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies Jeffry Carpenter as Transportation Committee Secretary and Cathy Roberts as Land Use Committee Secretary.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Kirkham, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Community Impact Statement Filer Update Motion: The GWNC will remove Hayden Ashworth as Community Impact Statement (CIS) filer.

MOTION (by Ms. Moser, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will remove Hayden Ashworth as Community Impact Statement (CIS) filer.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Gresham, Kirkham, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Ashworth).

D. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

1. Resignations: Acceptance of Resignations of Area 4 and Area 12 Representatives.

Ms. Moser noted that the resignations were accepted. No Motion was made or vote taken.

2. Board Member Vacancies: Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates - to be submitted to the Board for approval: Area 4, Fremont Place; Area 12, Western-Wilton.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

3. Alternate Board Member Vacancies: Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates - to be submitted to the Board for approval: Area 2 - Citrus Square, Area 4 - Fremont Place, Area 6 - La Brea-Hancock, Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Area 12 - Western-Wilton, Area 15 - Windsor Village, Education, and Religion.

Ms. Moser noted the above.

4. 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 on <https://empowerla.org/gwnc> as NOT having completed the trainings noted below and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters: Hayden Ashworth - Ethics, Mike Genewick - Funding, Bob Reeves - Ethics & Funding, Angie Szentgyorgyi – Funding.

Ms. Moser noted the above and encouraged contacting GWNC Administrator Shirlee Fuqua if needed.

5. Code of Conduct Policy: Board Members and Alternates are required to read and sign the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy within 30 days of their election or appointment. (<http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct> for online version) The following Board Members or Alternates have not completed their Code of Conduct Policy Statement: none.

VII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report

Ms. Moser indicated that there was no report.

B. Vice President's Report

Mr. Kirkham noted that there are new GWNC Board candidates with new ideas.

C. Secretary's Report

1. Swearing-in date for 2021-23 GWNC Board. Motion: the GWNC will express its support/opposition to any proposal to extend board members 2019-21 terms beyond the April, 2021 general board meeting.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Appel): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will express its opposition to any proposal to extend Board Members' 2019-21 terms beyond the April, 2021 GWNC General Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kirkham noted this "would specifically violate our Bylaws." Mr. Darnell said that "no decision has been made yet" regarding when elected Board Members can be Seated. Ms. Moser noted that the current Board "would be making budget decisions for the incoming Board."

Board Member John Gresham left at this time (8:31), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 15 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, D'Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilman, Kirkham, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith and Starr); two opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Carroll and Winther); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Carney).

2. Retention of Outdated Digital Files. Motion: the GWNC empowers its officers to delete duplicate, non-essential, and draft files from the Dropbox archive.

Mr. Starr is continuing work on this. No motion was made or vote taken.

3. Affidavit of Stakeholder Status Verification.

Mr. Starr explained this. A sample form he created is in the Board documents. No motion was made or vote taken.

4. Digital Handouts Folder Links Should be Included in Approved Minutes.

Mr. Starr requested that Committee Chairs include the links to the documents for their Committee meetings to the corresponding digital documents folder. No motion was made or vote taken.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January, 2021.

Card Expenses

01/03 Public Storage \$160.00

01/19 Lloyd Staffing SF Admin 12/28-1/10 \$568.10

01/19 Lloyd Staffing SF Admin 12/15-12/27 \$524.40

12/15 Larchmont Chronicle Jan \$188.00

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2021.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Gilman, Kirkham, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Genewick was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

B. Motion to Approve Individual Expenses Listed in the January, 2021 MER.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the expenses.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures listed in the January, 2021 MER.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Gilman, Kirkham, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr 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 January, 2020 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the February, 2021 MER.

Lloyd Staffing TBD
Larchmont Buzz
Village Mail Call

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

D. Funding Motion: The GWNC will reallocate \$1,050.00 previously approved for Meeting Space Rentals from April 2021 to June 2021 from the “Board Meeting” budget category to the Outreach/Elections category.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will reallocate \$1,050.00 previously approved for Meeting Space Rentals from April 2021 to June 2021 from the “Board Meeting” budget category to the Outreach/Elections category.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Gilman, Kirkham, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Genewick was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- E. Funding Motion: The GWNC will allocate an additional \$45 from office to Village Mail Call For Services Dec 2020 Through June 2021 from the “Office” budget category.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will allocate an additional \$45 from office to Village Mail Call For Services Dec 2020 Through June 2021 from the “Office” budget category.

Board Member Scott Appel was unavailable to vote at this time, making 16 Board Members present online.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Gilman, Kirkham, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Genewick was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

IX. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Philip Farha).

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

A. Report on January 2021 Land Use Committee Meeting.

Ms. Roberts reported that the 410 N. Larchmont Blvd. project was discussed. Mr. D’Atri reported that the Larchmont community was strongly opposed to that project.

- B. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (VIII.B.1.-2.) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

No Consent Motion was made or vote taken.

1. 349 N. Citrus Ave.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Marinela Peneda) Demolition Pre-Application Number 20019-10000-04410. Zoning R1-1. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the Demolition Pre-inspection Application for the project located at 349 N. Citrus Ave pending their appearance at the LUC meeting and neighborhood outreach.

MOTION (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the Demolition Pre-inspection Application for the project located at 349 N. Citrus Ave pending their appearance at the LUC meeting and neighborhood outreach.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by all 18 Board Members present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. 500 N. Larchmont Blvd.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Matthew Hayden) New construction, use, and maintenance of a 5-story, approximate 56 ft tall, 26,648 sq ft apartment building containing 21 units (7 one-bedroom / 14 two-bedroom), including 8% of the total project units (2 units) set aside as affordable housing for (ELI) households. At grade parking providing 21 on-site vehicular parking spaces and 24

bicycle parking spaces (21 long term with 3 short term). Existing site improvements to be removed / replaced. TOC Affordable Housing Incentives Program pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22 A 31 (e) with three additional incentives requested for a Tier 1 project setting aside 8% of its total project units / 11% of its base units (2 units) for ELI households as follows:

- A base incentive to permit up to a 50% increase in density;
- A base incentive to permit an increase in (FAR) from 1.5:1 up to a maximum of 2.75:1 in a [Q]C2-1VL Zone;
- A base incentive to permit a residential parking minimum requirement for residential units to have a maximum requirement of 0.5 parking spaces per bedroom;
- An additional incentive to permit RAS3 Zone yard setbacks in the C2 Zone;
- An additional incentive to permit a 20% reduction in Open Space to allow 1,960 sq ft in lieu of 2,450 sq ft; and
- An additional incentive to permit an 11 ft increase in building height up to 56 ft in lieu of 45 ft. DIR-2021-559-TOC-HCA. Zoning (Q)C2-1VL. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the project located at 500 N. Larchmont Blvd. pending neighborhood outreach and design revisions.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by all 18 Board Members present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #915 2786 9326.

Ms. Roberts noted the above; “all are welcomed.”

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

A. Report on the January 25, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Mr. Starr reported he was in talks with DOT’s David Somers regarding LADOT’s presenting to the GWNC Board on the Stress Free Connections survey for 4th Street locations.

B. E-Bike Town Hall: The GWNC Transportation Committee appointed a subcommittee of Tucker Carney, Jonah Bliss, and Conrad Starr to develop a virtual town-hall style meeting about E-Bikes for the Greater Wilshire Community, to be held as a standalone committee meeting at a date/time to be determined by the subcommittee sometime during the 2nd half of March 2021.

1. Motion: That the GWNC approve the use of its communications channels to promote the E-Bike Town Hall.

Mr. Starr said “it is an informational session for our Stakeholders to find out more.”

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Kirkham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the use of its communications channels to promote the E-Bike Town Hall.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #921 5993 5555.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

XI. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Colette Amin).

- A. Report on the February 6, 2021 Outreach Committee Meeting.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XIV. A.] Ms. Amin reported and thanked the Board.

- B. Motion: to ratify the election of Max Kirkham as Secretary of the GWNC Outreach Committee.

Ms. Amin read a statement during each of these Outreach Committee Agenda items that said “votes erroneously cast by ineligible or non-ratified committee members are not reflected here.”

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ratifies the election of Max Kirkham as Secretary of the GWNC Outreach Committee.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Kirkham).

- C. Motion: That the GWNC Board, 1) identify from its existing approved budget up to, and as close to as possible, \$2500.00 for reallocation to Neighborhood Purposes Grants, with reallocation of identified funds to be agendaized for discussion and possible approval at the GWNC’s regular board meeting in March 2021; 2) after a reasonable period of public notice, reopen the NPG application window to all eligible applicants for a period of no less than fourteen (14) and no longer than thirty (30) days; and 3) instruct the NPG Ad Hoc Committee (reconstituted: January 13, 2021) to submit to the Board a report containing its award recommendations as well as a summary of all applications received no later than May 1, 2021 for discussion and possible action to approve at the May 2021 Board Meeting.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will: 1) identify from its existing approved budget up to, and as close to as possible, \$2500.00 for reallocation to Neighborhood Purposes Grants, with reallocation of identified funds to be agendaized for discussion and possible approval at the GWNC’s regular board meeting in March 2021; 2) after a reasonable period of public notice, reopen the NPG application window to all eligible applicants for a period of no less than fourteen (14) and no longer than thirty (30) days; and 3) instruct the NPG Ad Hoc Committee (reconstituted: January 13, 2021) to submit to the Board a report containing its award recommendations as well as a summary of all applications received

no later than May 1, 2021 for discussion and possible action to approve at the May 2021 Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr commented that Robert's Rules of Order Section 50:30, provided for the carrying over of the ad hoc committee into the 2021-23 GWNC Board Terms if it was "...appointed expressly to report at a later time." Ms. Moser believed the Motion to be "too complicated and confusing."

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Ashworth, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilman, Kirkham, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Moser). Mr. Genewick was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- D. Motion: That the GWNC request that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) provide clarification on best practices for neighborhood council compliance with the Americans With Disabilities act, to ensure non-verbal and other similarly disabled members of the public reasonable accommodations for full participation at all neighborhood council board meetings as prescribed by The Ralph M. Brown Act of 1953.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) provide clarification on best practices for neighborhood council compliance with the Americans With Disabilities act, to ensure non-verbal and other similarly disabled members of the public reasonable accommodations for full participation at all Neighborhood Council Board meetings as prescribed by The Ralph M. Brown Act of 1953.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr said he had already sent an email to DONE requesting the information.

MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with two in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carney and Kirkham); six opposed ("No" or "Nay") (D'Atri, Gilman, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); eight abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, DeVore, Genewick, Moser and Nickels).

- E. Motion: that the GWNC change the settings on its Google Drive to allow the public to view and inspect all public Board and Committee (including any "Ad Hoc" Committee) agendas, documents, minutes, or other publicly-available and disclosable materials in its possession as soon as possible, within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Ashworth): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will change the settings on its Google Drive to allow the public to view and inspect all public Board and Committee (including any "Ad Hoc" Committee) agendas, documents, minutes, or other publicly-available and disclosable materials in its possession as soon as possible, within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this motion.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr noted that an effort to do this already started in May 2020. Ms. Moser noted that links to all of those documents already are available.

POSTPONE INDEFINITELY to the Motion (Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Smith)

MOTION to POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carney, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Genewick, Gilman, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Ashworth and Kirkham); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Moser).

F. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting. The next regular GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, March 6, 2021, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom ID #982 7679 1581.

Ms. Amin noted the above.

XII. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Dan Kegel).

A. Report on the February 2, 2021 Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting.

Mr. Kegel reported that the Committee discussed the DWP’s 100% Renewable Energy Study (see <http://www.LarchmontBuzz.com/tag/nrel>) and the DWP’s update to its Urban Water Management Plan (see <http://www.ladwp.com/uwmp>). He noted upcoming related public events.

B. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on April 6, 2021 via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Mr. Kegel noted the above.

XIII. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Charles D’Atri).

A. Upcoming Quality of Life Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Quality of Life Regular Meeting will be 7 p.m., Weds, Feb 24, 2021, via Zoom.

Mr. D’Atri noted the above and reported that the Committee will discuss the potential conversion of the Olympia Medical Center.

XIV. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and possible action).

A. Elections Committee (Brian Curran)

1. Election Information Meetings/Webinars for Stakeholders. Motion: The GWNC Elections Committee Chair will host one or more Zoom meetings where stakeholders can ask questions related to the election and voting process.

Mr. Curran reported that there are 44 candidates for the March 16th GWNC election.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves that the GWNC Elections Committee Chair will host one or more Zoom meetings where stakeholders can ask questions related to the election and voting process.

Board Members Brian Donahoe and Philip Farha had left by 9:04, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Curran said there will be an election question-and-answer session on Saturday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Promotional Materials: Note: all board members are requested to confirm whether they will distribute flyers in their areas so that we may order the appropriate number. Funding Motion: the GWNC approves the expenditure of up to \$525.00 for the purchase of up to 4,000 postcards, flyers, and/or door hangers to encourage stakeholder participation, to be drawn from the _____ budget allocation.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$525.00 for the purchase of up to 4,000 postcards, flyers, and/or door hangers to encourage stakeholder participation, to be drawn from the Elections budget allocation.

Board Member Max Kirkham was unavailable to vote at this time, making 15 Board Members present online.

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, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilman, Moser, Nickels, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carney). Mr. Genewick was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

Mr. Curran urged registering to vote. Mr. Starr noted that Election@GreaterWilshire.org has information.

3. Candidates’ Forum(s). Motion: the GWNC will host (a) virtual candidates’ forum(s) on ___(TIME & DATE)___.

Mr. Curran noted that, since there are 44 candidates, so it seemed better to have two forums instead of only one. The forums will be online on Zoom.

MOTION (by Mr. Kirkham, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves that the GWNC will host virtual candidates forums on March 6 at 3 p.m. and March 7 at 1 p.m.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

4. Outreach Coordination with HOA's and other Interest Groups. Elections committee to request neighborhood HOA's, business associations, churches, and other non-profit and interest groups to send emails or include in their newsletters information about voter registration, with appropriate links and dates. Elections Committee to coordinate with the GWNC Outreach Committee in this effort.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

5. Candidate Campaign Guidance. Candidates will be requested to provide stakeholders with voter registration information and links in their campaigning, including on social media or in any materials distributed for the purposes of the individual campaigns.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Governance Committee

Ms. Moser reported that the Committee will "continue to work on the Board Rules."

C. Neighborhood Purpose Grants Committee

Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no report.

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS.

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

1. Resilience Liaison (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Starr reported that there is a lot going on; he will make a Motion for there to be a Resilience standing committee. Ms. Moser asked Maria Sulprizio to speak at a future Board meeting about homelessness

B. Board Member Announcements

Mr. Smith and Mr. Kirkham cautioned about new Board Members possibly having unrealistic expectations of what the GWNC can do.

XVI. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

No requests were made.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

Ms. Moser noted the next General Board Meeting date and **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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