



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
Approved July 24, 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.

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## **I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

### A. Call to Order (Conrad Starr)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ("GWNC") Board of Directors was held online. President Starr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m. and explained procedures.

### B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

The Secretary called the roll. Seventeen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Raphie Cantor (Alternate for John Winther), Jeffrey Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Brian Curran, Charles D'Atri, Jennifer DeVore, Brian Donahoe, Michael Duggan, Gary Gilbert, Christopher Hauck, Stephanie Lee, Juan Portillo Jr., Kelly Rielly (Alternate for Scott Appel), Cathy Roberts, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr and Bindhu Varghese. Bailey Benningfield, Patricia Carroll, Mike Genewick and Stephanie Shim arrived later. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 13 (see the Bylaws link at <https://greaterwilshire.org/bylaws-board-rules>), 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. Seven Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. D. 2.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: at least 26 Stakeholders and guests.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III. D. 1.*

## **II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### A. Fourth Council District (Su Lee)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III. D. 1.*] Su Lee, Field Manager for L.A. City District Four Council Nithya Raman (323-957-6415; [Su.Lee@LACity.org](mailto:Su.Lee@LACity.org); <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported on restored services such as tree trimming. In "the first week of June" there will be a community meeting regarding homelessness issues; then, at a date to be determined, there will be a community meeting for homeowners. She will get back to the Board about restoring NC funding. Resident Jane Usher was concerned about CD4 "dividing" the GWNC area. Ms. Lee explained how CD4 plans to address community issues.

B. Fifth Council District (Debbie Dyner Harris)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III. E.*] Debbie Dyner Harris, District Director for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; [Debbie.DynerHarris@LACity.org](mailto:Debbie.DynerHarris@LACity.org); <http://CD5.LACity.org>), reported that Kevin Nahai “is no longer with our Office . . . we are interviewing . . . I am always available.” Ms. Dyner Harris noted the Councilmember’s proposed maternal mental health legislation. Due to federal funding, “a lot of programs that were cut will be restored.”

*Board Members Mike Genewick and John Winther (replacing Alternate Raphie Cantor) arrived online at this time (6:44), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

Ms. Dyner Harris will “get back to the Board” regarding the status of City funding of Neighborhood Councils.

C. Office of the Mayor (Angie Aramayo)

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

*Board Member Patti Carroll arrived online at this time (6:46), making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

D. 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](mailto:Armine.Sargsyan@bos.LACounty.gov); <https://LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/holly-mitchell>), was not present; there was no report.

E. 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](mailto:ESeinfeld@bos.LACounty.gov); <http://www.LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>], reported on legislation to “change the military discharge designation” of veterans who identified as transgender, and about a veterans suicide prevention program. She noted that lower COVID-19 numbers “allowed for expanded openings” and other changes.

F. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions

Dave Cordova, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [mobile/text phone 213-793-0650; [31646@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:31646@LAPD.LACity.org); [www.LAPDWilshire.com](http://www.LAPDWilshire.com)], reported that all recent local “protests were peaceful.” Lately there is an overall Wilshire Division 2% reduction in crime from last year, though there’s an “increase in violent crime”; including high-end robberies on Melrose Ave. Auto vehicle theft also is a problem, citywide. He encouraged not leaving valuables in vehicles, including electronics, purses, bags, backpacks or loose change. He indicated that “there are no identifiable” gangs in the GWNC jurisdiction. He described “a career property crimes individual” recently arrested for auto theft. Mr. Starr noted next Thursday’s CPAB [<http://www.lapdwilshire.com/community-police-advisory-board.html>] meeting.

*Board Members Bailey Benningfield and Stephanie Shim arrived online at this time (7:03), making all 21 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

G. 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](mailto:John.Darnell@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)], was not present; there was no report.

H. Other Government Representatives  
There were no other reports at this time.

### **III. GWNC LIAISON REPORTS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

#### A. LADWP

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

#### B. Budget Representatives

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

#### C. LANNC

Mr. Starr noted that the acronym should be “LANCC,” not “LANNC.” Mr. Humphreville was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

#### D. Public Works Liaison

##### 1. Sidewalk Repair Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Hayden Ashworth reported about “how the City is going to respond about sidewalk repairs”; he will send information to the Board.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. A.*

#### E. Homelessness Liaison

There was no report.

#### F. Other Liaisons

There were no other reports.

#### G. Alliances

There was no report.

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

Resident John Gresham echoed Ms. Usher’s comment about not “dividing” the GWNC, emphasizing that the GWNC is “one community.” Joe Suh “strongly believes” that GWNC “committees should never be closed to the public” and that GWNC documents are not “prominently posted” on the GWNC’s website. Benjamin Rosenberg expressed interest in the Board’s Religion Seat; Mr. Starr indicated that that will be Agendized for the June Board Meeting. Ms. Usher said that she and others want to have a “Town Hall: TOC 101” that

would be “advocacy only”; TOC means “Transit-Oriented Community.” She noted that some properties may be eligible to have many units built on them. Resident Max Kirkham said that the GWNC Bylaws don’t say that a President can’t serve on a committee; he cautioned about preventing any Officer “from serving on a Committee.” Mr. Gilbert wanted Officer reports to be given earlier in this meeting.

**MOTION to TAKE UP officer reports AT THIS TIME** (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Ms. DeVore).

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Usher believed that the Board shouldn’t wait until the end of this meeting to get a Parliamentarian’s input. Mr. Starr reminded that a 2/3 vote would be required to pass this Motion.

*Board Member Mike Genewick was unavailable to vote by this time (7:40), making 20 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

**MOTION to TAKE UP officer reports AT THIS TIME PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 20 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Duggan, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee and Smith); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Varghese); seven abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Benningfield, Portillo, Rielly, Roberts, Shim, Starr and Winther).

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VI.*

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

A. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (V.A.1.-5.) without Board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

1. Adoption of March 10, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes.  
See below.
2. Adoption of March 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its March 10, 2021 General Meeting and March 29, 2021 Special Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 20 eligible voters present with 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Duggan, Gilbert, Hauck, Portillo, Roberts, Rielly, Shim, Smith, Starr, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Lee).

3. Adoption of April 14, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Starr reported that the April Minutes were recently completed; Officers are working on them.

4. Adoption of April 21, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

See above.

5. Adoption of April 21, 2021 Continuation of April 14 General Board Meeting Minutes. See above.

B. Standing Committee Chair/Acting Chair Appointments. Description from GWNC Board Rules Section 3: “No election of GWNC Standing Committee leadership – to include currently existing and future committee positions above general committee member – shall 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.” Two-thirds vote is required for below appointments.

Mr. Starr explained the above. Mr. Gilbert wanted to postpone all the below appointments; Mr. Starr read from Roberts Rules of Order that “entire classes” of the Agenda cannot be postponed.

1. Motion: to appoint Stakeholder Colette Amin as Chair and Member of the Outreach Committee. ( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote)

Mr. Portillo nominated Colette Amin; Ms. Roberts seconded.

*Board Member Mike Genewick was again available to vote by this time (8:14, making all 21 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

Mr. Smith nominated Gary Gilbert; Ms. Chvatal seconded.

**MOTION to POSTPONE** Item #V. B. 1. to the next Board Meeting (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Duggan).

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Usher claimed that this is the first time that the GWNC has used Roberts Rules of Order; Mr. Kirkham pointed out that previous Boards “had constant conversations about Robert’s Rules.” Mr. Suh said “we shouldn’t ban our neighbors from serving.”

**MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, DeVore, Duggan, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Rielly, Smith and Winther); eight opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benningfield, Curran, Donahoe, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Starr and Varghese); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri).

Mr. Starr said he will agendize this Item for the next Board meeting, including the two nominees.

2. Motion: to appoint Stakeholder Julie Stromberg as Acting Chair and Member of the Environmental & Sustainability Committee. ( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote)

Mr. Starr reported that Mr. Suh emailed that he (Mr. Suh) was “no longer able to accept that.” Ms. Roberts encouraged joining the Committee. No Motion was made or vote taken.

3. Motion: to appoint (Board Director/Alternate/Stakeholder) \_\_\_\_\_ as Chair and Member of the Quality of Life Committee. ( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote)

Ms. Carroll nominated Charles D’Atri; Ms. DeVore seconded. Mr. D’Atri accepted the nomination.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Charles D’Atri as Chair and Member of the Quality of Life Committee.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kirkham believed that, since the last nomination Item was postponed, that this nomination also should be postponed.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Genewick, Gilbert, Lee, Rielly, Shim, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; seven abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carpenter, Donahoe, Hauck, Portillo, Roberts, Starr and Varghese).

4. Motion: to appoint (Board Director/Alternate/Stakeholder) \_\_\_\_\_ as Chair and Member of the Land Use Committee. ( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote)

Juan Portillo nominated himself; Mr. Donahoe seconded. Ms. DeVore nominated Philip Farha; Ms. Carroll seconded. Mr. Farha accepted the nomination. Ms. Usher supported Mr. Farha’s nomination. Mr. Farha noted the importance of “institutional knowledge” and “highly recommended” that Mr. Portillo attend Land Use Committee meetings.

**MOTION to POSTPONE** Item #V. B. 4. to the next Board Meeting (by Mr. Donahoe, seconded by Mr. Portillo).

**MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with two in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Donahoe and Portillo); 17 opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Rielly, Shim, Smith, Starr and Winther); two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Roberts and Varghese).

Mr. Gresham supported Mr. Farha, noting Mr. Farha’s land use expertise, and

encouraged Mr. Portillo to join the Committee. Resident Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo supported Mr. Farha, noting his leadership. Ms. Usher supported Mr. Farha, noting his “masterful” knowledge. Mr. Kirkham supported Mr. Farha.

Juan Portillo received two votes (Donahoe and Portillo). Philip Farha received 17 votes (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Rielly, Roberts, Smith, Varghese and Winther). Two abstained from voting (Shim and Starr).

**MOTION** (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Philip Farha as Chair and Member of the Land Use Committee.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**MOTION to TAKE UP the Treasurer’s report (Item #VII.) AT THIS TIME** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. D’Atri).

**MOTION to TAKE UP the Treasurer’s report (Item #VII.) AT THIS TIME PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VII.*

5. Motion: to appoint (Board Director/Alternate/Stakeholder) \_\_\_\_\_ as Chair and Member of the Transportation Committee. ( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. B. 2.*] Postponed to June Board meeting.

**MOTION to TAKE UP Item #VIII. B. AT THIS TIME** (by Mr. Portillo, seconded by Ms. Roberts).

**MOTION to TAKE UP Item #VIII. B. AT THIS TIME PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

6. Motion: to appoint (Board Director/Alternate/Stakeholder) \_\_\_\_\_ as Chair and Member of the Resilience Committee. ( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote)

Mr. Kirkham supported Mr. Starr to continue as Chair, noting that Mr. Starr started that Committee. There were no nominations.

C. Formation of Ad-Hoc Staffing Committee.

1. Proposed Motion: The GWNC forms an ad hoc Staffing Committee, to be chaired by Board Director \_\_\_\_\_, with Board Directors \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ as members; whose purpose will be to review staff and/or vendor candidate resumes, applications, and/or other supporting materials and conduct candidate interviews for the following roles: 1) Board

Administrator, 2) Webmaster, 3) Parliamentarian\* (\*parliamentarian may be a short term or ongoing role depending on various factors); and to report its recommendations in full or in part, to the Board by the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting.

Mr. Starr explained the above. Ms. Chvatal (as Chair), and Ms. Carroll, Ms. DeVore, Mr. D’Atri, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Portillo volunteered to be on the Committee.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council forms an ad hoc Staffing Committee, to be chaired by Board Director Cindy Chvatal, with Board Directors Patti Carroll, Jen DeVore, Charles D’Atri, Gary Gilbert and Juan Portillo as members; whose purpose will be to review staff and/or vendor candidate resumes, applications, and/or other supporting materials and conduct candidate interviews for the following roles: 1) Board Administrator, 2) Webmaster, 3) Parliamentarian\* (\*parliamentarian may be a short-term or ongoing role depending on various factors); and to report its recommendations in full or in part, to the Board by the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Suh suggested creating various Vice-Presidency positions. Mr. Kirkham asked that the Parliamentarian be non-partisan. Mr. Gresham supported the nominees.

*Board Members Brian Donahoe, Mike Genewick and Stephanie Lee were unavailable to vote at this time (10:38), making 18 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Gilbert, Hauck, Portillo, Rielly, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

#### D. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

1. Board Member Vacancies. DESCRIPTION\* (GWNC Bylaws Article V. Section 6): Any qualified Stakeholder interested in serving as such a replacement Director or Alternate shall submit a written application to the Secretary within forty-five (45) days after the date a replacement seat becomes open. After the lapse of forty-five (45) days, the Secretary shall forward the names of all applicants to the Board. The Board shall have discretion to appoint the replacement from the applicants or among any other qualified Stakeholders.

Mr. D’Atri indicated that this would be addressed at the next Board meeting.

2. Alternate Board Member Vacancies (\*see above description): 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 10 - Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrews



Square, Area 12 - Western-Wilton, Religion.

3. 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>.

a) Training needed:

- (1) New board members: Stephanie Lee Leonard (all), Christopher Hauck (Ethics), Binghu Barghese (all), Juan Portillo (all), Michael Duggan (Ethics), Gary Gilbert (all), Stephanie Shim (all), Bailey Benningfield (all), Joe Suh (?), Raphie Cantor (all), Kelly Rielly (all), Joane Pickett (all), Jose Tamayo (all), David Trainer (all), Kathryn Burke (all), William Schneider (all), Beau Lloyd (all), Helen Eigenberg (all)

(2) Existing board members: None

b) Upcoming training needed:

- (1) Cathy Roberts (expires end July)

4. 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.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above and encouraged contacting the Secretary and President if the Code was completed but not shown on the website.

E. Liaison and Alliance Appointments. For more information, please visit <https://empowerla.org/liaison>.

1. Reappointment of Existing Liaisons or Alliance Members. Motion: The GWNC reappoints as follows: Jack Humphreville as Budget Representative\*; Caroline Moser, Conrad Starr, and John Winther as Data Liaisons; Jack Humphreville as LADWP Representative; Joy McManus as Homelessness Liaison\*; Hayden Conner Ashworth as LGBTQ+ Alliance Representative\*; Dan Kegel as Representative to the NC Sustainability Alliance\*; Hayden Conner Ashworth as Public Works Liaison; and Conrad Starr as Resilience Liaison\*. [Roles marked with asterisks (\*) may have one or more additional stakeholders or board members appointed.]

Mr. Starr explained the above.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council reappoints as follows: Jack Humphreville as Budget Representative\*; Caroline Moser, Conrad Starr, and John Winther as Data Liaisons; Jack Humphreville as LADWP Representative; Joy McManus as Homelessness Liaison\*; Hayden Conner Ashworth as LGBTQ+ Alliance Representative\*; Dan Kegel as Representative to the NC Sustainability Alliance\*; Hayden Conner Ashworth as Public Works Liaison; and Conrad Starr as Resilience Liaison\*.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Usher believed that the President is not allowed to serve as a

Liaison or Alliance Member.

*Five more Board Members were unavailable to vote at this time, making 13 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Appointment of New Liaisons or Alliance Members. Board Directors, Board Alternates, and Board Stakeholders may contact the GWNC Secretary for more information.
  - a) Animal Services Liaisons  
There was no volunteer at this time.
  - b) Budget Representative  
See the above Item #V. E. 1.
  - c) Emergency Preparedness Liaisons  
There was no volunteer at this time.
  - d) Film Liaisons  
There was no volunteer at this time.
  - e) LGBTQ+ Alliance Representative  
See the above Item #V. E. 1.
  - g) Homelessness Liaison  
See the above Item #V. E. 1.
  - h) NC Sustainability Alliance  
See the above Item #V. E. 1.
  - i) Public Works Liaison  
See the above Item #V. E. 1.
  - f) NC Region 5 Grievance Panel Representative  
There was no volunteer at this time.
  - j) Purposeful Aging Liaisons  
There was no volunteer at this time.
  - k) Resilience Liaison  
See the above Item #V. E. 1.
- F. Authorization of Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers: Recommendation is to take this item up after the selection of Committee Chairs. MOTION: Whereas, a Community Impact Statement is an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues

pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions; Whereas, up to five board members can be authorized through a board resolution to write and submit Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk's online web system at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis>; Therefore, be it resolved, that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board: ●  
Filer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

- Filer #2: \_\_\_\_\_
- Filer #3: \_\_\_\_\_
- Filer #4: \_\_\_\_\_
- Filer #5: \_\_\_\_\_

Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

Mr. Starr reported that the City Attorney said that Alternate Board Members can be CIS filers. It was agreed to skip this Item.

#### G. Assistant and Administrative Appointments.

1. Zoom Moderator(s): see <https://empowerla.org/evg>
2. Assistant Secretary. DESCRIPTION (GWNC Bylaws Article VI. Section 2.C.): “An Assistant Secretary may be appointed by the President, with concurrence from the Secretary.”
3. Assistant Treasurer. DESCRIPTION (GWNC Bylaws Article VI. Section 2.D.): “An Assistant Treasurer may be appointed by the President, with concurrence from the Treasurer”
4. Webmaster. DESCRIPTION: Manages all aspects of domain registrations; website hosting; updates to web content at board’s instruction; website security, backups, and updates; email account and alias creation, maintenance, oversight, and support; G Drive oversight, maintenance, and support; password maintenance and security; digital file storage; works with Officers to ensure all subscription renewals are placed on board agendas prior to service or domain expirations, etc.

It was agreed to skip this Item.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VIII.*

## **VI. OFFICER REPORTS**

### A. President’s Report

Mr. Starr reported that a report by a privately financed Parliamentarian, Jim Stewart, which recommended Bylaws changes, was received by the Officers. Mr. Starr reminded that Grievances only can be filed against the entire Board, not against any individual. He noted that long-time GWNC Administrator Shirlee Fuqua was resigning after this meeting; he showed a Certificate of Appreciation for her issued by City Councilmembers Koretz and Ramen. Ms. Usher believed that Mr. Stewart’s report said that “your President cannot serve on any Committee . . . Committees and their Chairs end with the new election . . . [and] turn over” and the “Board Rules are out of order.” Mr. Kirkham

read from Mr. Stewart's report that a President "cannot serve as a Committee Chair," noting that it does not rule out a President being a Committee Member. Mr. Suh believed that the Bylaws can be opened to changes.

B. Vice President's Report

Mr. D'Atri asked if any Board Members would like for there to be a GWNC Homelessness Committee. Resident April Hannon supported such a Committee.

C. Secretary's Report

Ms. DeVore asked Board Members to "please use" their GWNC email accounts. She believed that all Committees need "to be dissolved and reconfirmed" and that parliamentary rules need to be discussed.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #V. A.*

**VII. TREASURER'S REPORT** (Patricia Carroll) (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2021. Card Expenses

4/03 Public Storage \$160.00  
4/13 Larchmont Chronicle-April \$188.00  
4/14 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes 3/8-4/4 \$421/51  
4/19 DNH Media Temple renewal \$240.00

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2021.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ten Board Members were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Benningfield, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Rielly, Shim and Varghese).

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

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Individual Expenses Listed in the April 2021 MER.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ten Board Members were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Benningfield, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Rielly, Shim and Varghese).

- C. Review of April 2021 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the May 2021 MER  
Lloyd Staffing TBD  
Village Mail Call Dec/June 2021 \$245.00

Ms. Carroll noted the above, adding that the Lloyd Staffing expense was \$1,835.40.

- D. L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods. See <https://www.nccongressla.com/>. Motion: That the GWNC allocate up to \$500 for L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods – Event.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$500 for L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods – Event.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Starr noted that Congress information is in the “Board Docs.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Roberts, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Ten Board Members were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Benningfield, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Rielly, Shim and Varghese).

- E. Motion: the GWNC approves up to \$1,500 of current budget for NPGs (leaving \$10,000 for rollover funds for FY 21/22) only if there are leftover funds.

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

- F. Dropbox Professional. GWNC uses Dropbox for digital file storage. The current subscription ends on 6-02-2021. Motion: That the GWNC allocate up to \$199 for Dropbox Professional Individual yearly subscription from 6-02-2021 to 6-02-2022 from Office Expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$199 for Dropbox Professional Individual yearly subscription from 6-02-2021 to 6-02-2022 from Office Expenses.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Starr noted that the GWNC uses both GoogleDrive and Dropbox Professional.

*Board Member Cindy Chvatal was unavailable to vote at this time, making 20 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Roberts, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Ten Board Members were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Benningfield,

Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Rielly, Shim and Varghese).

- G. FY 2021/22 Administrative Packet and Budget Allocation Package. Proposed Motion: The GWNC adopts the FY 2021/22 Administrative Packet and Budget Allocation Package as presented.

The Packet was shown on screen. Ms. Carroll explained the importance of rollover funds; in August the amount should be known. She reviewed allocations. Mr. Starr reminded that “this budget can be changed at any Board Meeting” if Agendized. Ms. Carroll said “this is like a safety budget”; Mr. Starr referred to it as “a placeholder budget.”

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Administrative Packet and Budget Allocation Package as presented for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. D’Atri pointed out that expenditures will be reviewed “as the year goes on.” Mr. Gresham reported that the Budget Committee “met earlier this week and approved this . . . it’s very important to pass this.” Mr. Suh believed that some funding should be reallocated at this time. Ms. Carroll noted that, last fiscal year, funds were reallocated over time as the Board directed.

*Board Member Cindy Chvatal was again available to vote by this time (9:49, making all 21 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ten Board Members were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Benningfield, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Rielly, Shim and Varghese).

- H. Adobe Acrobat Pro DC. Motion: That the GWNC allocate up to \$205 for one-year subscription to Adobe Acrobat Pro DC from Office Expenses.

**MOTION to POSTPONE** Item VII. H. (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri).

**MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- I. Deadlines:

- May 20th, 2021 - Final date to submit an event request for approval using the current Fiscal year funds
- June 1st, 2021 - Final date to submit a check payment request through the NC Funding system portal (including Neighborhood Purpose Grants)
- June 20th, 2021 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #V. B. 5.*

**VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEES** (Discussion and possible action)

A. Budget Committee (Patricia Carroll)

1. Report

Ms. Carroll reported.

2. Recommendations

- a) FY 21/22 Budget
- b) FY 21/22 Administrative Packet
- c) FY 20/21 Rollover Funds
- d) FY 20/21 Remaining Budget

B. Neighborhood Purposes Grants Committee (Raphie Cantor)

1. Report of the Chair (Raphie Cantor)

Mr. Cantor reported that the Committee met last week and “considered four worthy organizations.” Grant criteria were: 1) does the organization serve the GWNC area?; and 2) need. There was \$2,000 in funding available.

2. MOTIONS

- a) That the NPG Ad Hoc committee recommend that the GWNC board award an NPG in the amount of \$1000.00 to Our Big Kitchen LA to fund the cost of a chef and assistant to supervise volunteers & distribution of meals at 3 sessions within the GWNC and half the cost of ingredients/packaging for fresh meals and cookies for one session within the GWNC as outlined in their NPG Application.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council awards an NPG in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Our Big Kitchen LA to fund the cost of a chef and assistant to supervise volunteers & distribution of meals at 3 sessions within the GWNC and half the cost of ingredients/packaging for fresh meals and cookies for one session within the GWNC as outlined in their NPG Application.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ten Board Members were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Benningfield, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Rielly, Shim and Varghese).

*Ms. Carroll recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to participate in or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest [because she serves on the YMCA Board and was muted and left the meeting at this time, making 20 Board Members present and eligible to vote on non-funding Motions (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

*Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”*

- b) That the NPG Ad Hoc committee recommend that the GWNC board award an NPG in the amount of \$500 to Enrich LA for materials for maintenance of a garden at Wilshire Park Elementary school and associated online learning program as outlined in their NPG Application.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council awards an NPG in the amount of \$500 to Enrich LA for materials for maintenance of a garden at Wilshire Park Elementary school and associated online learning program as outlined in their NPG Application.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Suh supported it. Mr. Gresham believed the funding would not be “forthcoming for a good nine months.”

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One recused (Carroll). Ten Board Members were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Benningfield, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Rielly, Shim and Varghese).

- c) That the NPG Ad Hoc committee recommend that the GWNC board award an NPG in the amount of \$500 to the Anderson Munger YMCA for training materials to be used as part of their teens and government program as outlined in their NPG Application. Furthermore, that the GWNC Board recommend to Council Districts 4 and 10 the use of discretionary funds to cover the outstanding balance of requested funding in the NPG Application.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council awards an NPG in the amount of \$500 to the Anderson Munger YMCA for training materials to be used as part of their teens and government program as outlined in their NPG Application. Furthermore, that the GWNC Board recommend to Council Districts 4 and 10 the use of discretionary funds to cover the outstanding balance of requested funding in the NPG Application.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Cantor clarified that no letter had yet been drafted. Ms. DeVore will draft a letter to CD 4 and CD 10 regarding the above.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Duggan, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One recused (Carroll). Ten Board Members were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training (Benningfield, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Rielly, Shim and Varghese).

*Ms. Carroll’s recusal had ended; she returned online and was unmuted at this time, making all 21 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*



C. Elections Committee

1. Report on Status of Final Report (Brian Curran)

Postponed to future meeting.

**IX. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Colette Amin).

A. Report on the May 1, 2021 Outreach Committee Meeting.

Ms. Amin reported that “we had a very productive Outreach Committee meeting” that also was attended by Ms. Chvatal and Mr. D’Atri.

B. Committee Membership: anyone wishing to join the Committee should contact the Outreach Chair and the GWNC Secretary with a letter of interest and qualifications. The committee address is [outreach@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:outreach@greaterwilshire.org).

Ms. Amin noted the above.

1. Motion: That the GWNC appoint stakeholders Colette Amin, Tucker Carney, and Julia Moser; and appoint GWNC Board Directors and Alternates Patricia Carroll, Juan Portillo, Jr., Brian Curran, Caroline Labiner Moser, Joe Suh, and Raphie Cantor to be the Members of the GWNC Outreach Committee.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Portillo, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints stakeholders Colette Amin, Tucker Carney, and Julia Moser; and appoint GWNC Board Directors and Alternates Patricia Carroll, Juan Portillo, Jr., Brian Curran, Caroline Labiner Moser, Joe Suh, and Raphie Cantor to be the Members of the GWNC Outreach Committee.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. D’Atri recommended adding Mr. Gilbert as a Member.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Smith): add “Gary Gilbert” before “Caroline Labiner Moser” as a Member to the Motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gilbert explained his interest in being a Committee Member.

*Alternate Board Member John Gresham replaced Michael Duggan at 10:51, keeping 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Portillo, Rielly, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (Starr).

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kirkham reminded that “there is no cap on the number of Board Members or Stakeholders who can attend these meetings.”

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (Rielly and Starr).

C. Appointment of Secretary of the Outreach Committee. At its April 3, 2021 meeting, Brian Curran was elected Secretary.

1. Motion: The GWNC appoints Brian Curran as Outreach Secretary.

Ms. Amin reported that the Committee voted for Brian Curran as Secretary.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Portillo, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Brian Curran as Outreach Secretary.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Portillo, Rielly, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (Starr).

Ms. Amin reported that the Committee requested that its report at Board meetings be moved to “higher on the Agenda.” Later, Mr. Portillo supported this.

D. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting. The next regular GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, June 5, 2021, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom ID #982 7679 1581.

Ms. Amin noted the above.

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

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

Report on the April 27, 2021 Land Use Committee Meeting.

Ms. Roberts reported that “we had a good meeting.”

B. Committee Membership: anyone wishing to join the Committee should contact the Land Use Chair and the GWNC Secretary with a letter of interest and qualifications. The committee address is [landuse@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:landuse@greaterwilshire.org).

The above was noted.

C. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (X.C.1.-3.) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

**CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar Motion for Item numbers X. C. 1. and X. C. 3.

**CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Portillo, Rielly, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (Starr).

Ms. Roberts noted that Item numbers 1 and 2 “will be coming back to the Committee.”

1. 930 S. Mansfield Ave.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Edward Solis, Christopher Pak). Nela Homes plans to build a new 4-story multifamily residential building with a subterranean level on a site where the previous structure has already been demolished. Zoning R3-1 - Area 11 Sycamore Square. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the new construction project located at 930 S. Mansfield Ave pending their appearance at the LUC meeting and neighborhood outreach.

See the above Consent Calendar Motion.

2. 505-509 N. St. Andrews Pl.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Sue Steinberg) Proposed 22-unit 4-story apartment building utilizing two additional side setback reduction incentives. DIR-2021-1926-TOC-WDI-HCA, ENV-2021-1927-EAF. Zoning R3-1 - Area 9 Oakwood/Maplewood/St Andrews. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the new construction project located at 505-509 N. St. Andrews Pl. Ave as presented on April 27, 2021 pending design revisions to stucco colors and balcony materials.

*Ms. Varghese recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to participate in or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest and was muted and left the meeting at this time, making 17 Board Members present and eligible to vote on non-funding Motions (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”*

**MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the new construction project located at 505-509 N. St. Andrews Pl. Ave as presented on April 27, 2021 pending design revisions to stucco colors and balcony materials.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Portillo, Rielly, Roberts, Shim, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (Starr); one recused (Varghese).

3. 933 S. Gramercy Pl.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Oren Dothan) Demolition Pre inspection Application No. 21019-10000-00964 Zoning R3-1 - Area 3 Country Club Park. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the Demolition Pre-inspection Application for the project located at 933 S. Gramercy Pl. pending their appearance at the LUC meeting and neighborhood outreach.

See the above Consent Calendar Motion.

D. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #915 2786 9326.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

*Ms. Varghese's recusal ended and she logged back in, making 18 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

**XI. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE** (Information only)

A. Report on the April 19, 2021 Resilience Committee Meeting.

Mr. Starr reported that [*CS CLARIFY: WHAT?*] \_\_

B. Committee Membership: anyone wishing to join the Committee should contact the Chair and the GWNC Secretary with a letter of interest and qualifications. The committee address is [resilience@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:resilience@greaterwilshire.org).

Mr. Starr encouraged contacting him regarding joining the Committee.

C. Upcoming Resilience Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Resilience Committee Regular Meeting will be rescheduled to 7:00 p.m. on June 2, 2021, via Zoom ID #889 6098 2957.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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

A. Report on the April 6, 2021 Sustainability Committee Meeting

Ms. Roberts reported for Mr. Kegel that the next Committee meeting will be June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

B. Committee Membership

1. Anyone wishing to join the Committee should contact the Chair and the GWNC Secretary with a letter of interest and qualifications. The committee address is [sustainability@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:sustainability@greaterwilshire.org).

Ms. Roberts encouraged joining the Committee.

C. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on June 1, 2021 via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

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

A. Committee Membership

1. Anyone wishing to join the Committee should contact the Chair with a letter of interest and qualifications. The committee address is [qualityoflife@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:qualityoflife@greaterwilshire.org).

Mr. D'Atri encouraged joining the Committee.

- B. Upcoming Quality of Life Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Quality of Life Regular Meeting will be 7 p.m., Weds, May 26, 2021, via Zoom ID #849 7793 0618.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above. Mr. Starr said "there are vacancies on all these Committees."

#### **XIV. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Information only) (Conrad Starr).

##### A. Committee Membership

1. Anyone wishing to join the Committee should contact the Chair and the GWNC Secretary with a letter of interest and qualifications. The committee address is [transportation@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:transportation@greaterwilshire.org).

Mr. Starr noted the above,

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

Mr. Starr announced that the meeting will be May 24th, not May 22nd. Crenshaw Scoping Meetings were held; the GWNC opposed above-ground service and Metro indicated that service will be below-ground.

#### **XV. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS), PROCLAMATIONS.** A. Consent

Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (XV.A.1.-3.) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

1. Council File 21-0352 (Krekorian & O'Farrell / Martinez) "LA100 / Strategic Long Term Resource Plan / 2035 100% Carbon-Free Energy / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power."
  - a) Motion (as recommended by the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee by a vote of 3/0/0): the GWNC will file a CIS in support of CF 21-0352, with text "the GWNC SUPPORTS Councilmember Krekorian's March 31st motion. NREL's 100% renewable energy study found that achieving 90-100% carbon free energy by 2035 is practical, and identified a set of "no regrets" investments LADWP should make regardless of which path it takes going forward. LADWP should move quickly to get these projects ready for funding from the President's proposed infrastructure stimulus bill."
  - b) Reference: Councilmember Krekorian' March 31st motion re LADWP 100% renewable energy projects (<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20536634/la-city-council-resolution.pdf>) with text.

See the above Item.

2. Council File 21-0407 (Rodriguez / Cedillo) “Neighborhood Council / Standardize Election Rules / Stakeholder Participation.”
  - a) Motion (as discussed at the May 2021 meeting of LANCC): the GWNC will file a CIS in opposition to CF 21-0407.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in opposition to Council File 21-0407.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Curran referenced a CityWatch article. Mr. Gresham wanted more “time to study this before making a decision.” Ms. Usher offered to report about this to the Board.

**MOTION to POSTPONE to the NEXT MEETING** (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council POSTPONES Item #XV. A. 2. a. to the next meeting.

**MOTION to POSTPONE to the NEXT MEETING PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, D’Atri, Gresham, Hauck, Portillo, Rielly, Shim, Varghese and Winther); six opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Roberts and Smith); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carpenter, Gilbert and Starr).

3. Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month a) Motion (as recommended by the GWNC Outreach Committee): That the GWNC proclaim May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, and call upon all to observe this month by becoming educated and engaged in efforts to commemorate the many contributions of the AAPI community and by standing in solidarity with the AAPI community to stop AAPI hate and discrimination in all its forms.

**CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar Motion for Item numbers XV. A. 1 and XV. A. 3.

**DISCUSSION:** Resident Polly Estabrook supported the Motion.

**CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Benningfield, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Portillo, Rielly, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (Starr).

## **XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### A. Board Member Announcements

Mr. Hauck and Mr. Gilbert requested that the website show Committees' purposes.

**XVII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Portillo requested that the Board consider recording its Meetings.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by many).

**MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting at 11:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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