



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Approved October 13, 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 www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

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. He explained how the public can comment and procedures. He reminded Board Members who may have a conflict of interest to recuse from voting on such items. Mr. Starr announced the passing of influential Stakeholder Jennie Kayser. Patti Carroll and John Gresham lauded Ms. Kayser's long-time extensive community service.

B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

Secretary DeVore called the roll. Thirteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Mike Genewick, Gary Gilbert, John Gresham (Alternate for Michael Duggan), Kelly Rielly (Alternate for Scott Appel), Cathy Roberts, Conrad Starr (President), Bindhu Varghese and John Winther. Brian Curran, Philip Farha (Alternate for Christopher Hauck), Juan Portillo Jr. and Stephanie Shim arrived later. Hayden Conner Ashworth, Brian Donahoe, Stephanie Lee and Owen Smith were absent. 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. Five Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. B. 4.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: at least 16 Stakeholders and guests.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. G.

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Fourth Council District (Kevin Sanchez-Morales).

Kevin Sanchez-Morales, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilmember Nithya Raman (323-957-6415; Kevin.Sanchez-Morales@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), reported that Councilmember Raman got legislation passed Greater

regarding homeless housing and reporting hate crimes, and introduced legislation regarding unpermitted housing. A rent relief program is available.

B. Fifth Council District (Jill Kline).

Jill Kline, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz [323-866-1828; Jill.Kline@LACity.org; www.LACity.org/council/cd5], reported that the Councilmember's ghost guns legislation passed, which may reduce their use. CD5 is partnering with the County on the September 28th Homeless Connect Day at the Westwood Recreation Center.

C. 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.

D. LA County Second Supervisor District (Daniel Park).

Daniel Park, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Two Supervisor Holly Mitchell (213-974-2222; DPark@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; <http://www.LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>], reported that the County expects a number of Afghan refugees to come here.

Board Member Juan Portillo arrived at this time (6:44), making 14 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

Ms. Seinfeld announced that she will be moving to another office and no longer working with the GWNC.

F. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho, Pelayo, Cordova, Rodriguez). Dave Cordova, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [cell/text phone 213-793-0650; 31646@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com], reported on education and enforcement regarding vendors blocking sidewalks. Division 6.2% "decrease in crime" from last year. He explained that both a homeowner and the renter can be cited for loud noise that an officer personally hears, such as "a Disturbing the Peace report" to build a case against the property owner; the Neighborhood Prosecutor may be involved and it usually takes much time. The first fine is \$25. Short-term rental violations: contact Mr. D'Atri office; BSS works on; usually takes much time.

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;

www.EmpowerLA.org], reported that Budget Day was attended by more than 100 NC Board Members; information is available. The Congress of NCs will be September 25th;

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Gen'l Bd Mtg Minutes Sep. 8, 2021 Page 2 of 17 see NCCongressLA.com. The City Clerk, not DONE, determines NC funding; he suggested submitting a Community Impact Statement to BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners; 213-978-1551; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org] requesting more funding. Mr. D'Atri reminded that NCs are not asking for additional funding; it's restoration of previously-cut funding. Mr. Gresham urged publicly addressing the issue of pandemic safety guidelines for in-person meetings. Ms. DeVore was concerned about in-person meeting before "well past the pandemic." She noted that the decision is up to the Governor, not DONE or the L.A. City Council.

Alternate Board Member Kelly Rielly left at 6:55, making 13 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

H. Other Government Representatives.

Corrinne Ho reported that LAHSA [LA Homeless Services Authority; 213-683-3333; <http://lahsa.org>; www.facebook.com/lahsa.org] seeks volunteers for the annual Homeless Count; see www.TheyCountWillYou.org.

Board Members Stephanie Shim and Owen Smith arrived at this time (7:00), making 15 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

Davis Han, District Representative for State 26th District Senator Ben Allen (310-318-6994; Davis.Han@sen.ca.gov; <http://senate.ca.gov/allen>), introduced himself and reported that they've received many calls regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic safety guidelines and laws. SB44 passed regarding clean energy and transit projects, and an expedited process "after just nine months of environmental review" under CEQA. SB43, a ban on single-use non-recyclable packaging, passed. SB 9 and 10 passed the legislature. Senator Allen opposed both; the Governor will decide. Stakeholder Jane Usher expressed support for Sen. Allen's opposition to SB 9 and 10.

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], explained upcoming closures and re-routings. There still will be crosswalks available across Wilshire. The LaBrea Station will be on the northwest corner of LaBrea and Wilshire. "Restoration of Wilshire Blvd. will be in April or May of 2022."

The next Item addressed was Item #IV.

III. GWNC LIAISON REPORTS

A. LADWP

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

B. Budget Representatives

Mr. Humphreville was not present for the Budget Advocates [<http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>]; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

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C. LANCC

Mr. Humphreville was not present for LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org]; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

D. Public Works Liaison

No report or Motion was made or vote taken.

E. Homelessness Liaison

No report or Motion was made or vote taken.

F. Other Liaisons

No report or Motion was made or vote taken.

G. Alliances

Max Kirkham, LGBTQ+ Alliance Co-Chair, announced a September 26th event. He is resigning as the GWNC representative to the Alliance; a replacement is needed.

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

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Kirkham requested for the GWNC to Agendize recruiting Homeless Count volunteers.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report

1. GWNC Retreat Dates

Mr. Starr is considering when to have a Board Retreat.

B. Treasurer's Report (Discussion and Possible Action) Please refer to MER in the Supporting Documents folder (<https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs>).

1. Budget reallocation of up to \$2,000 from General and Operational to Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

It was agreed that the amount would be exactly \$2,000, not "up to."

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council reallocates \$2,000 from General and Operational to Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts, Starr, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Four (Genewick, Rielly, Shim and Suh) were

ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

2. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for August 2021. Card Expenses

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8/3 Public Storage \$160.00 +
8/17 Larchmont Chronicle August \$188.00
8/18 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes \$133.48

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts, Starr, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Four (Genewick, Rielly, Shim and Suh) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

3. Motion to Approve Individual Expenses Listed in the August 2021 MER.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in the August 2021 MER

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts, Starr, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Four (Genewick, Rielly, Shim and Suh) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

4. Review of July 2021 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the September 2021 MER.
James Stewart Parliamentarian \$600 for June
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Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

5. Motion to Approve up to \$720 for James Stewart Parliamentarian August Invoice. Mr. Starr reported that invoicing clarity is being sought.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$720 for James Stewart Parliamentarian August Invoice.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed;

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one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Four (Genewick, Rielly, Shim and Suh) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

6. Motion to Approve updated Outreach Budget Page in Admin Packet as shown in Board Docs.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$720 for James Stewart Parliamentarian August Invoice.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Varghese and Starr). Four (Genewick, Rielly, Shim and Suh) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

C. Vice President’s Report

Mr. D’Atri indicated that there was no report.

D. Secretary’s Report

Ms. DeVore requested phone numbers of those from whom she requested it.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

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

1. Adoption of July 14, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes
2. Adoption of July 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
3. Adoption of August 11, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its August 11, 2021 General Meeting as written.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts, Starr, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Four (Genewick, Rielly, Shim and Suh) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

B. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

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1. Board Members Removed by DONE or failure to complete Code of Conduct within 60 days of election or appointment: Josh McCloskey, William Schneider.

Mr. Starr noted the above; he reminded Board Members to complete the Code.

2. No Confidence Vote / Poor Attendance.

- a) DESCRIPTION: Under Article V, Section 7 of the GWNC Bylaws: “‘Poor Attendance’ is when a Director misses three (3) consecutive Board meetings. If a Director misses three (3) consecutive Board meetings, the Director shall be deemed suspended, and shall not be entitled to vote or speak on any matter except as provided in this paragraph. The Secretary shall then have the matter placed on the agenda for a vote of the Board at the next regular meeting of the Board. A vote of “No Confidence” by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the Board shall be necessary to remove the identified Board member forthwith. The Director who is the subject of the removal action shall not take part in the vote on the matter, but will be allowed to speak at the Board meeting prior to the vote. If an adequate number of Board Directors are not present to pass a motion for removal, the matter shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting, and every meeting thereafter, until such time as a vote is taken. A Board-approved removal under this section shall be effective upon passage, and the Director’s position shall be deemed vacated. The suspension of a Director pursuant to this section shall remain in effect until (a) his or her removal becomes effective, or (b) a vote of “No Confidence” on his or her removal fails, or (c) his or her term expires.”

[This paragraph also is copied from the Agenda.] GWNC Area 13 Representative, Michael Duggan, was absent from consecutive GWNC Regular Board Meetings on June 9, 2021, July 14, 2021, and August 10, 2021

Mr. Starr noted the above and that the “no confidence” vote is required by the GWNC Bylaws.

- b) VOTE of No Confidence / Removal of Board Director Michael Duggan (Discussion and Possible Vote).

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council to remove Michael Duggan from the Board and to sustain a

vote of no confidence for poor attendance.

Mr. D'Atri reported that Mr. Starr "has done all the right things" to try to contact Mr. Duggan and "it is a rule." Mr. Suh requested public records, which Mr. Starr will provide.

MOTION to POSTPONE to the next Meeting (by Ms. Varghese, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council to remove Michael Duggan from the Board and to sustain a vote of no confidence for poor attendance.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED unanimously by consent.

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3. Board Director Vacancies: (none)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

4. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 4 - Fremont Place, Area 6 - La Brea-Hancock (may appoint from 10/20/2021), Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Area 11 - Sycamore Square (may appoint from 10/20/2021), Area 12 - Western-Wilton, Renter (may appoint from 9/25/2021). Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving as a replacement Director or Alternate are invited to contact secretary@greaterwilshire.org for more information.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

5. Board Training Requirements: All board directors 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) The following Board Members and Alternates are shown on <https://empowerla.org/gwnc> as NOT having completed Ethics and/or Funding and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters: Genewick, Shim, Reilly, Stromberg, Davar, Burke, Farha, Reeves, Rosenberg.

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

b) Check EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for your training expirations.

The above was noted.

c) Per new DONE policy, Code of Conduct MUST now be done on Cornerstone.

Ms. DeVore noted the above and that it takes less than a minute.

6. 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.

a) Needed: Davar, Farha, Stromberg

The above was noted.

7. Liaison and Alliance Appointments - see <https://empowerla.org/liaison>.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

8. Possible Appointment of Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Starr appointed Julie Stromberg; Ms. DeVore supported that.

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C. Amend or Rescind Motion adopted 12/12/2018, that "The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Secretary and one Chairperson each from the Land Use, Sustainability, Outreach, and Transportation Committees are designated as Community Impact Statement filers."

It was agreed to postpone this Item.

D. Authorization of Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers:

1. Motion: 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: Conrad Starr
- Filer #2: Jennifer DeVore
- Filer #3: Philip Farha
- Filer #4: Charles D'Atri
- 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.

It was agreed to postpone this Item.

VII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Staffing Committee Report (Chair: Cindy Chvatal-Keane).

1. Committee Recommendations:

a) The Ad Hoc Staffing Committee recommends that the GWNC Board move to hire Denise Shiozawa for the GWNC Webmaster position.

Ms. Chvatal noted Ms. Shiozawa's qualifications and interest. She charges \$65 per hour. Mr. Starr noted that the GWNC budgeted \$300 per month for this.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council hires Denise Shiozawa for the GWNC Webmaster

position.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Four (Genewick, Rielly, Shim and Suh) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

- b) The Ad Hoc Staffing Committee recommends that the GWNC Board move to hire Julia Christiansen for the GWNC Administrator position.

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Ms. Chvatal noted Ms. Christiansen’s qualifications and interest. The City sets the pay rate; the GWNC pays \$21 per hour through an Agency, which takes 30% of that.

Alternate Board Member Kelly Rielly left again, this time at 9:25, making 16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

Former Administrator Liz Fuller “added her hearty recommendation.”

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council hires Julia Christiansen for the GWNC Administrator position.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Three (Genewick, Shim and Suh) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

B. Ad Hoc Governance Committee Membership.

Mr. D’Atri explained that there are too many Board Members on the Committee; there cannot be more than six Board Members on a GWNC Committee. Mr. Starr explained that Mr. Suh (an Alternate) and Mr. Smith (a Board Member) counted as one Committee Member because they represent the same GWNC District. Mr. Starr will Agendize this again.

C. Ad Hoc NPG Committee Formation.

1. Duties may include update to NPG application/questionnaire, working with Outreach to announce the NPG window and process, and recommendations at November 10,

2021 General Board Meeting.

Patti Carroll, Jen DeVore, Max Kirkham, Juan Portillo and Joe Suh volunteered. Ms. DeVore encouraged asking Raphie Cantor if he wants to join the Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Patti Carroll, Jen DeVore, Max Kirkham, Juan Portillo and Joe Suh to the ad hoc Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Committee. Duties may include update to NPG application/questionnaire, working with Outreach to announce the NPG window and process, and recommendations at the November 10, 2021 General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent.

D. Fall 2021 NPG Application Window dates to correspond with Ad Hoc NPG Committee dates.

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Mr. Starr recommended setting a 45-day window of September 21st to November 5th, noting that there will be a Board meeting on November 10th, and explained how that could work. There was discussion and it was agreed to set the end date as December 15th.

MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will set the Fall 2021 NPG Application Window dates as September 21 through December 15, 2021.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kirkham said he has NPG application advertising templates available.

Board Members Cindy Chvatal and Bindhu Varghese left at 9:45, making 14 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent.

VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Colette Amin)

A. Report on the Special September 4, 2021 Outreach Committee Meeting. Ms. Amin reported and wants Committees to have a liaison with Outreach so that Outreach can help outreach about those Committees.

B. Advertising: **MOTION:** That the GWNC purchase a special advertisement in the Larchmont Blvd Centennial Edition of the Larchmont Chronicle with a cost up to \$188 (1/8 Page). Submission of the advertisement to be by September 9th.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will purchase a special advertisement in the Larchmont Blvd Centennial Edition of the Larchmont Chronicle with a cost up to \$188 (1/8 Page).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with

10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Portillo, Roberts and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Three (Genewick, Shim and Suh) were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

C. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting: The next regular GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, October 2, 2021, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom ID #982 7679 1581.

Ms. Amin noted the above.

Board Members Juan Portillo stepped away and Philip Farha (Alternate for Christopher Hauck) arrived at 9:45, keeping 14 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

IX. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Philip Farha)

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A. Report on the August 24, 2021 Land Use Committee Meeting.

Mr. Farha reported.

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

It was agreed not to have a Consent Calendar Motion.

[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.] 1. 7000 W. Melrose Ave.: (Matthew Hayden, Daniel Faraset) New mixed-use 63 apartments type IIIA over 1st floor commercial & parking & 2 levels of subterranean type IA, 6 very low income units. Zoning C2-1XL. Melrose (Area 8). Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the new construction project located at 7000 Melrose Ave. as presented on July 27, 2021 and August 24, 2021.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the new construction project located at 7000 Melrose Ave. as presented on July 27, 2021 and August 24, 2021.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent.

2. 507 N. Larchmont Blvd.: (Farnoosh Farmer, Jean-Pierre Boladian, Fernandico Gonong) Demolition Pre-inspection Application No. 21019-10000-02343. Demo one-story house Zoning [Q]C2-1VL. Larchmont (Area 7). Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the demolition of a single family dwelling and construction of a new building for the project located at 507 N Larchmont Blvd. and

ask that they reach out to the relevant neighborhood bodies.

Mr. Farha explained that this is a by right project; the developer didn't need to present.

Board Member Mike Genewick left at 10:00, making 13 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the demolition of a single family dwelling and construction of a new building for the project located at 507 N Larchmont Blvd. and ask that they reach out to the relevant neighborhood bodies.

DISCUSSION: Mr. D'Atri said "it's a substantial upgrade in use . . . it's going to be a tremendous obstruction to the abutting neighbors"; developers "need to have a conversation with the neighborhood." Mr. Gresham said the GWNC can't let developers "walk over" it just because it's a by right project. Ms. Roberts noted that the Committee voted 5-4 to support the demolition. Mr. D'Atri said "they haven't complied with what they said they'd do at the [Committee] . . . they haven't made the minimum effort."

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MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with seven in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carpenter, Curran, Farha, Roberts, Shim, Suh and Winther); five opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Carroll, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert and Gresham); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr).

C. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #915 2786 9326.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

X. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Gary Gilbert)

- A. Report on the September 1, 2021 Resilience Committee Meeting.
- B. Upcoming Resilience Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Resilience Committee Regular Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 6, 2021, via Zoom ID #889 6098 2957.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to POSTPONE Item #s X, XI and XII and XIII.

XI. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Cathy Roberts)

- A. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to POSTPONE Item #s X, XI and XII and XIII.

XII. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Charles

D'Atri)

A. Report on the Wednesday, August 25, 2021 Quality of Life Committee Meeting. B. Upcoming Quality of Life Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Quality of Life Regular Meeting will be 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 24, via Zoom ID #849 7793 0618.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to POSTPONE Item #s X, XI and XII and XIII.

XIII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible Action) (Chair: Cindy Chvatal)

A. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #921 5993 5555.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to POSTPONE Item #s X, XI and XII and XIII.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II.*]

A. City Council Redistricting: Petition from Koreatown Redistricting Taskforce, GWNC Follow-up Statements or Actions.

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Mr. Starr explained that, in July, the GWNC opposed splitting the GWNC area across two different City Council Districts. He noted that he attended the meeting and publicly commented, as the GWNC rep. Mr Starr noted that the GWNC was not outreached to by the Taskforce.

James An, President of the Korean-American Federation of L.A., described the Taskforce, saying "a lot of different community organizations were represented . . . we . . . engaged with the public . . . Koreatown exists in four different [City] Council Districts . . . this is not a plan to extend . . . the boundaries" of Koreatown. Sara Rohani, Attorney, Asian-American Justice, offered to answer questions. Ms. Carroll commented that information was given at the Taskforce meeting that seemed to aggressively indicate that some of what is now GWNC is really part of Koreatown.

Mr. Portillo indicated that, growing up in his area of the GWNC, he always considered it part of Koreatown.

Alternate Board Members Kelly Rielly returned and Alternate Board Member Joe Suh arrived around 7:34, making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

Mr. An said that the Wilshire Center Koreatown NC didn't respond to an invitation or attend the Taskforce meeting. He stated that "our intention is not to expand Koreatown." Ms. Rohani said that "Koreatown itself is actually mainly Latino." Mr. An said "we have not specified" which City Council District they want to be in. Ms. Rohani stated that "a community of interest map is based on the data" and not specific to CD 13, 10, Four or One; "there's been no discussion as to what district" Koreatown wants to be in Mr. Gresham said that "there are boundaries to Koreatown."

Board Member Brian Curran replaced his Alternate Joe Suh at this time, keeping 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

Mr. Suh claimed that “the eastern boundary is very heavily gerrymandered.” Ms. Rohani said Koreatown includes non-Korean heritage people, too; “the ultimate goal is to keep Koreatown . . . whole.” Mr. An said that, before the redistricting, Koreatown was 30% Korean heritage, not only Korean heritage people.

MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves that, while the GWNC supports a single Council District for Koreatown, it strongly opposes a Koreatown western boundary that expands west from Western into the 100-year historic neighborhoods and community of interest of the GWNC.

DISCUSSION: Mr. D’Atri reminded that there’s the issue of Koreatown that is split into four Council Districts, and the issue of changing the Koreatown western boundary west of Western Ave.

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AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Suh, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The GWNC supports the unification of Koreatown to be under the jurisdiction of one Council District, subject to the Koreatown boundaries being defined by the 2009-10 L.A. City Council designation and to only include that area.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gresham and Ms. DeVore believed that the amendment was not specific enough. Ms. DeVore suggested having a Special Board Meeting regarding redistricting.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Curran, Roberts, Shim and Suh); six opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, DeVore, Gresham and Winther); seven abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carpenter, Genewick, Gilbert, Portillo, Rielly, Starr and Varghese).

MOTION to POSTPONE this Item to the next Meeting (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Portillo).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr noted that there would be a City meeting this Saturday. Ms. Carroll said that “time is of the essence.” Ms. Varghese said “we don’t have the information.” Mr. Gresham reported that “September 29th preliminary maps will be distributed.” Ms. Usher noted that “The City Council is almost done with this process”; postponing would “neuter” the GWNC’s position.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION to POSTPONE this Item to the next Meeting (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Portillo) to replace the phrase “the next Meeting” with the

phrase “a Special Board Meeting.”

AMENDMENT to the MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Gilbert, Portillo and Varghese); 10 opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Genewick, Gresham, Roberts and Winther); four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Rielly, Shim, Starr and Suh).

MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with one in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Portillo); 13 opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Roberts, Shim, Suh and Winther); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Rielly, Starr and Varghese).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gresham said that the Motion re-states the GWNC’s position and adds opposition to the Taskforce’s position.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Rielly, Roberts, Suh and Winther); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”)

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The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III.

- B. Appointment of up to three additional board members* to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021. (*Board director and their alternate count as one.) Beau Lloyd, Bindhu Varghese, and Juan Portillo were appointed in July.

Mr. Starr appointed Mr. Suh.

- C. 2021 Neighborhood Council Election Feedback Sessions (Brian Curran) (Discussion).

Mr. Curran reported.

- D. Proposed Revision to GWNC Bylaws to amend GWNC Bylaws Article 13 to incorporate a youth board member seat (as requested by At Large Alternate, Joe Suh on 8/11/2021.).

Ms. DeVore reported that nothing had been received from Mr. Suh, who said he will re-send information.

XV. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS), PROCLAMATIONS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners / Draft Digital Media Policy.

Mr. Starr indicated that there was no new update.

B. Short-Term Rentals / Unpermitted / Non-Compliant Properties / Enforcement (Council File 14-1635-S10).

Mr. Starr read CM-NR's Mtn. GG and Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to re-Ag.

C. CF 21-0658 - 100 Percent Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing Projects / Expedited Approval Process / Strategic Plan: (Raphie Cantor) Possible Community Impact Statement Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support filing a CIS to support Council File 21-0658.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to re-Ag.

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Congress of Neighborhoods is 9/25/2021 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info at <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la>. Register at [info.neighborhoodcongress.la/registernow](https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/registernow).

There were no Board Member comments or new business at this time.

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XVII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No other requests were made.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434. Mr. Starr declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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