

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC)
Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, August 3, 2021
Approved xxxxx, 2021

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order (Cathy Roberts):

B. Roll Call

Present: Dan Kegel, Cathy Roberts, Polly Chu

Absent: Polly Estabrook, Bindu Varghese

C. Self-Introduction of Guests

Marilouise Morgan (from Pico NC board)

David Levin

Sheri Gasche (Soho)

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and approval of June 1, 2021 minutes

Cathy moved to accept. Dan seconded. Cathy, Dan, and Polly Chu in favor; motion carries 3-0.
We have five members, quorum is 3.

B. Ethics training / Code of Conduct

Dan Kegel and Polly Chu have completed.

C. Nomination of new committee members

None at this time.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion, Planning and Possible Action)

A. GWNC Biodiversity Project

(See iNaturalist document in meeting documents folder)

Cathy saw a Cooper's Hawk around 4th St and S. Orange Dr.

B. "GWNC Challenge" sustainability outreach project

Brian Curran, GWNC Outreach Committee Secretary, has asked for input/materials from committees, and could promote our "I love my EV / induction stove / california native plant / etc. because..." videos.

Polly Chu got an Ikea \$50 induction cooker after seeing Dan's, and uses it all the time now!

V.

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Development of a Green Business List

Inspired by Sherman Oaks NC. How would we identify them? Do we know of any?

B. Urban Forest Summary for Greater Wilshire (<https://streetsla.lacity.org/tree-inventory>) See the poster at https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/greater_wilshire_nc.pdf Discussion about how other NCs got funding to plant and maintain trees, trees getting removed due to disease or development projects , and the NCSA's ongoing Tree Removal listings page. https://www.ncsa.la/proposed_tree_removal_listings

Discussion of tracking tree planting / preservation commitments made by developers in land use committees.

C. Development of a Town Hall - ideas include but are not limited to: Native Plantings Sustainable Gardens; The Future of LA on Less Water; A More Sustainable Home; Recycling & Zero Waste; EV Vehicles and You

David suggested: "Navigating the EV Rebate Process", "Gasoline cars vs EVs and the environment"

Dan suggested "How to avoid big power and water bills"

Polly supported the EV topic.

Cathy moved that the GWNC SC recommend the GWNC board approve holding a town hall on Wednesday Nov 17th on the topic "EV vs. Gas cars: which is best for me?", and request \$200 for event promotion.

Dan seconded. Polly Chu supported. Motion passes 3-0.

(Polly Chu left at 8pm)

D. Ideas for Presentation at October meeting - ideas include but are not limited to: American Green Zone Alliance on low impact - low noise landcare solutions; City Plants on tree planting and delivery

Dan will ask KYCC whether they can present for 15 minutes.

E. Development of a Committee Mission Statement

The existing mission statement from the July 8th, 2015 board minutes is "discuss issues of Sustainability in the community, and to make official recommendations to the Board on those issues". The NCSA's mission statement at <https://www.ncsa.la/> might provide some ideas.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Report on most recent NC Sustainability Alliance meeting

On July 11, NCSA discussed [Council File 21-0002-S106](#) (recording at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTnoXajhTtY>), on the topic of parking minimums.

A motion for the NCSA to take a position failed.

B. Report on Urban Water Plan & DWP
n/a

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Committee meeting date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 7:00 p.m.,
Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Note: regular meetings are now held on even-numbered months.

VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Dan requests a
presentation on “How To Plant Milkweed”, perhaps in December.

IX. ADJOURNED at 8:42.