



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Special Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, November 3, 2021
DRAFT Minutes Approved December 8, 2021

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

Document copies were shown online and available at
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XdHUqnqjh33rsbW0KTzTMvV9ntLznA31>.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order (President)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ("GWNC") Board of Directors was held online. President Conrad Starr called the meeting to order at 6:18 p. m. He reminded about access and meeting procedures.

B. Roll Call (Secretary)

The Secretary called the roll. Thirteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Hayden Conner Ashworth, Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Mike Genewick, John Gresham, Kelly Rielly (Alternate for Scott Appel), Cathy Roberts, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President) and John Winther. Eight Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Brian Curran, Brian Donahoe, Gary Gilbert, Christopher Hauck, Stephanie Lee, Juan Portillo Jr., Stephanie Shim and Bindhu Varghese. 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. Six Alternate Seats were vacant [Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 6 - La Brea-Hancock; Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Area 11 - Sycamore Square; Area 12 - Western-Wilton; and Renters; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately seven Stakeholders and guests.

II. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. LA City Council Redistricting

1. Possible Motion: to submit one or more Community Impact Statements and/or letters regarding the Report and Recommendations of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission (https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0668-S7_misc_10-29-21.pdf) and its Map K2.5 Final (<https://laccrc2021.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/City-of-LA-Plan-K2.5-Final-1.html>), and Council File 20-0668 et al.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Carroll): The Greater Wilshire

Neighborhood Council adopts the following REDISTRICTING MOTION:

WHEREAS, in 2011, despite asking to be united in one Los Angeles City Council District, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) was and has been divided for the last decade into two City Council Districts, namely Districts 4 and 5; and

WHEREAS, throughout the current and ongoing 2021 City of Los Angeles redistricting effort, the GWNC has again asked the current Los Angeles City Council Redistricting (the Commission) to keep the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council intact and whole within one City Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Commission listened and responded to the GWNC request by placing the GWNC intact in Council District 5, with its communities of interest to the west, but in its final deliberations removed two portions of the GWNC and assigned them to Council District 13 in its final map K2.5, in order to balance the populations of all City Council Districts in the manner required by redistricting law; and

WHEREAS, the GWNC is disappointed that the Commission did not place the entire GWNC in one Council District, and at the same time the GWNC wishes to recognize and honor the exhaustive, unprecedented transparent work of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the LA City Council now must review and act on the final redistricting map by December 31, 2021.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the GWNC submit a Community Impact Statement supporting the Commission's final map K2.5; supporting keeping the GWNC intact in CD 5 if that is possible consistent with balancing the populations of all City Council Districts; and, as and if necessary to balance the populations of all City Council Districts, supporting dividing the GWNC between Council District 5 and 13 as depicted in final map K2.5.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council FURTHERMORE MOVES that if alternative maps that are substantially different from Map K2.5 Final are considered by the City Council and its Committees, that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council President may submit additional Community Impact Statements supporting that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council be kept intact and whole within one City Council District to the furthest extent possible; and

FURTHERMORE MOVES that the GWNC appoint its Vice-President to provide public testimony in representation of this resolution at such times as the GWNC President is unavailable to do so.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D'Atri, DeVore, Genewick, Gresham, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no")

votes) (Rielly).

DISCUSSION: Stakeholder Max Kirkham believed the GWNC should focus on being included in only one City Council District.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, DeVore, Genewick, Gresham, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Rielly).

III. ADJOURNMENT

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting

The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Ms. Carroll).

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

Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Edited by the GWNC. The GWNC Board Meeting Minutes page is <http://greaterwilshire.org/board-agendas-minutes>.