



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, December 8, 2021
Approved January 12, 2022

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., explained procedures and welcomed everyone.

B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

The Secretary called the roll. Eighteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Hayden Conner Ashworth, Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Brian Donahoe, Gary Gilbert, John Gresham, Christopher Hauck, Stephanie Lee, Cathy Roberts, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President), Joe Suh (Alternate for Brian Curran), Bindhu Varghese and John Winther. Mike Genewick, Juan Portillo Jr. and Stephanie Shim arrived later. No Board Members 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. Seven Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. C. 2.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: at least 13 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>), was not present; there was no report.

B. Fifth Council District (Jill Kline)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. G.*] Jill Kline, a 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 they are collecting clothing and accessories for a holiday drive.

C. Thirteenth Council District

George Hakopiants, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilman Mitch O'Farrell [213-207-3015; George.Hakopiants@LACity.org; <https://cd13.LACity.org>], introduced himself and reported that he has been a Field Deputy for five years. He said their office will have much "face-to-face communication" with the GWNC. He "will get back" to the GWNC about resident Jack Humphreville's request for CD13 to provide information about CD13's discretionary account.

D. Office of the Mayor (Serapia Kim)

Serapia Kim, Central Area Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti [213-978-3130; Serapia.Kim@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>], introduced herself and encouraged getting vaccinated against the COVID-19 Coronavirus through MyTurnCA.gov or VaccinateLACounty.com. Small businesses may be eligible for up to \$5,000 in assistance grants. The City Attorney's website [<http://atty.LACity.org>] has information regarding rent forgiveness.

E. LA County Second Supervisor District (Daniel Park)

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

F. LA County Third Supervisor District (Rachel Sherrell)

Rachel Sherrell, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl [310-231-1170; RSherrell@bos.LACounty.gov; <http://www.LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>], reported that redistricting maps soon will be available.

G. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho, Pelayo, Cordova, Rodriguez)

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. I.*] Sonia Monico, an LAPD Wilshire Division Captain (ofc. 213-473-0476; 30364@LAPD.online; http://www.lapdonline.org/wilshire_community_police_station), reported on recent law enforcement work. She said they have "stepped up our patrols," and "putting additional resources in the area . . . our officers are out there . . . deterring crime . . . take your pepper spray with you . . . don't wear any jewelry . . . close your gate behind you . . . harden your target" by trimming bushes. "Carry a flashlight . . . if something doesn't seem right . . . please call us . . . work with your neighbors . . . pay attention when you're coming and going" including in bank parking lots; robbers may try to distract you. Ms. Chvatal

reported that many safety suggestions were made at a recent Town Hall meeting. Mr. Starr noted that around 2/3 of the GWNC is in the LAPD Wilshire Division and 1/3 in the Olympic Division. Capt. Monico thanked the GWNC for working with the Police.

Joseph Pelayo, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0709; 31762@LACity.org; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station], urged “to use extra caution when you’re walking around.” Harry Cho, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [cell/text phone 213-793-0649; 33817@LAPD.LACity.org], reported on restaurant customers who were robbed of “very visible” expensive watches.

Board Member Mike Genewick arrived at this time (6:47), making 19 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

Mr. Starr cautioned that, if you become aware that your driving is being tracked, to “take it seriously.”

H. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (General Manager Raquel Beltrán)

Board Member Juan Portillo arrived at this time (7:11), making 20 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. D.*] Raquel Beltran, General Manager, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 213-978-1551; Raquel.Beltran@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), introduced DONE NEAs [Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates] Raul Preciado and Daniel Johnson. She reported on DONE accomplishments and available resources. In January, results will be reported of a Stakeholders’ Neighborhood Council awareness survey. There will be a January training for NC Grievance Panel volunteers. She said “yes,” there would be more participation with the GWNC by John Darnell [a Neighborhood Council Advocate; John.Darnell@LACity.org]; there soon may be a different NEA. She stated that “conceptually, I don’t see why not” regarding restoring \$10,000 in funding that was taken away from NCs years ago.

I. Other Government Representatives

Rubina Ghazarian of LADOT reported on a Saturday, January 1-8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. event.

III. GWNC LIAISON REPORTS

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

A. LADWP

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

B. Budget Representatives

Mr. Humphreville [LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com; www.BudgetAdvocates.org] was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

C. LANCC

Resident Max Kirkham reported that at LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] a City Urban Forestry representative presented. LANCC discussed the lack of DONE presence at Neighborhood Council meetings. The next LANCC meeting is scheduled for January 1st. Mr. Starr noted that LANCC votes are non-binding.

D. Public Works Liaison

Mr. Ashworth indicated that there was no report.

E. Homelessness Liaison

Mr. Kirkham reported for Mr. Hauck that the annual Homeless Count will be January 27th at 10:00 p.m. Staging will be at Hope Lutheran Church. He encouraged distributing the flier that is in the online Board documents; to volunteer, see TheyCountWillYou.org; enter the “90038” Zip Code.

F. Other Liaisons

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XII.] No other Liaison reports were made.

G. Alliances

Mr. Kirkham reported on the LGBTQ Alliance (<https://www.lalgbtqalliance.org>).

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II.] Mr. Kirkham said the LGBTQ Alliance Liaison position is open. Mr. Starr relayed that the City Attorney wants Board Members not to comment during “Public Comment.” Steve Johnson, City Council District 13 Candidate and L.A. County Sheriff’s Deputy, introduced himself.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President’s Report

Mr. Starr introduced new GWNC Administrator Julia Christiansen. He reported that “the Webmaster contract is being reviewed by the City.” Community Impact Statement (CIS) filers were registered with the City. He reminded Committee Chairs and Secretaries regarding Agenda posting at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre. He encouraged following the GWNC on its “various social media channels.” He explained issues regarding AB361 public participation in meetings and that no more than six GWNC Board Members at a time can share a document (less than a quorum of the GWNC quorum of 13); otherwise it is considered a Brown Act violation.

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

1. Reallocation of \$1,000 from Office/Operational to Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

Board Member Bindhu Varghese was unavailable and Stephanie Shim arrived at this time (8:05), keeping 20 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Suh): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council reallocates \$1,000 from Office/Operational to Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Suh and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). One was ineligible (Genewick) 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 October 2021.

Checks

11/2 James Stewart Parliamentarian \$600 for July

11/2 James Stewart Parliamentarian \$550 for August

Card Expenses

11/3 Public Storage \$160.00 +

11/09 Larchmont Chronicle September \$188

11/18 Facebook \$25

11/19 Facebook \$25

11/20 Facebook \$23

11/30 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes \$442.58

Mr. Starr requested and there was no opposition to TABLE the above Item because the Agenda should have said “November,” not “October.”

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

Mr. Starr requested and there was no opposition to TABLE the above Item because the Agenda should have said “November,” not “October.”

4. Review of past Board Expenses that Will Appear on the November 2021 MER

James Stewart Parliamentarian \$600 for June

Face Book TBD

Lloyd Staffing TBD

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

C. Vice President’s Report

Mr. D’Atri ceded his time.

D. Secretary's Report

Ms. DeVore thanked Board Members who completed anti-bias training. She reminded Committee Secretaries to post documents on Google Drive.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Adoption of November 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its November 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

Board Member Bindhu Varghese was again available to vote at this time.

MOTION PASSED by consent; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Suh).

B. Adoption of November 10, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its November 10, 2021 General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED by consent; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Suh).

C. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

1. Board Director Vacancies: (none)

2. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 4 - Fremont Place, Area 6 - La Brea-Hancock, Area 7 - Larchmont Village, Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Area 11 - Sycamore Square, Area 12 - Western-Wilton, Renters. Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving as a replacement Director or Alternate are invited to contact secretary@greaterwilshire.org for more information.

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."

a) Nominations, Motions to Appoint

a. Renters Alternate - April Hannon (eligibility verified)

Ms. Hannon, Resilience Committee Secretary, confirmed her interest and was nominated by Mr. Gilbert.

MOTION (by Mr. Suh, seconded by Mr. Portillo): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints April Hannon as the GWNC Renter’s Representative Alternate.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with 20 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Suh, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

Ms. Hannon read aloud the Oath.

b. Others

Mr. Starr indicated that there were no more nominations at this time.

3. 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) Thank you to those of you who completed your required Anti-Bias training by the end of November.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

b) 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:

- Mike Genewick (Funding)
- Julie Stromberg (Funding)
- Zubin Davar (Ethics, Funding)
- Philip Farha (Ethics)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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

Mr. Starr noted the above.

D. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and Possible Action)

1. Governance Committee Report

a) Proposed Motion: The GWNC extends the term of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee to the February 2022 General Board Meeting.

MOTION (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council extends the term of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee for our report to the February 2022 General Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Suh believed that the Committee was established as a Standing, not Ad Hoc, Committee.

MOTION to AMEND (by Mr. Suh): to strike the phrase “Ad Hoc” from the Motion.

MOTION to AMEND FAILED for lack of a second.

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED by consent; one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Suh); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

[The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VII.]

2. NPG Committee Report (Julie Stromberg)

- a) Proposed Motion: The GWNC approves extending the NPG application deadline to December 31 at 5 PM.

It was agreed to add “, 2021” to the Motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves extending the NPG application deadline to December 31, 2021 at 5 PM.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with 20 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Hauck, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Suh, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

Board Member Christopher Hauck left at 9:00 and was replaced by his Alternate Philip Farha, keeping 21 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

- b) Proposed Motion: The GWNC approves up to \$300 in advertising funds previously designated for ads with the Larchmont Buzz be used to run ads about the NPG process, including but not limited to big box ads, business cards and sponsored posts, to run until December 15.

It was agreed to add “, 2021” to the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$300 in advertising funds previously designated for ads with the Larchmont Buzz be used to run ads about the NPG process, including but not limited to big box ads, business cards and sponsored posts, to run until December 15, 2021.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr reminded that funding already was allocated.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Two were ineligible (Farha and Genewick) to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

- c) Proposed Motion: The GWNC approves running a post-it ad regarding NPGs in the Larchmont Buzz for up to 3 days at a cost of up to \$50.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves running a post-it ad regarding NPGs in the Larchmont Buzz for up to three days at a cost of up to \$50.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Two were ineligible (Farha and Genewick) to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

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

A. Report on the December 4, 2021 Outreach Committee Meeting.

Ms. Amin reported that Raphie Cantor, Social Media Coordinator, “is doing a fabulous job.”

- 1. Proposed Motion: The GWNC moves to change the date and time of the GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting to the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm starting in January 2022. (January 18th 2022)

Ms. Amin explained the Motion; the time would be 6:30 p.m., not “7:30pm.”

MOTION (by Mr. Donahoe, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council changes the date and time of the GWNC Outreach Committee

Meeting to the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. starting in January 2022 (January 18th 2022).

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting. The next regular GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 9:30 AM via Zoom ID #982 7679 1581.

Ms. Amin noted the above. Mr. Starr noted that the Meeting would be January 18th, not “January 8.”

VIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Philip Farha)
[*The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.*]

A. Report on the November 23, 2021 Land Use Committee Meeting.

Mr. Farha reported that he will be stepping down as Committee Chair.

- 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.

1. 148 S. La Brea Ave.: (Steve Rawlings, Shaw Youngblood) CUP for the sale and service of a full line of alcohol for onsite consumption with a new restaurant. Zoning C2-1VL. Citrus Sq - Area 2. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the the new CUP for the sale and service of a full line of alcohol for onsite consumption with a new restaurant for the project located at 148 S. La Brea Ave. as presented November 23, 2021.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the new CUP for the sale and service of a full line of alcohol for onsite consumption with a new restaurant for the project located at 148 S. La Brea Ave. as presented November 23, 2021.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Farha reported that the Committee noted that it previously was a restaurant; he and Mr. Gresham noted that there are other liquor licenses in the area.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with 20 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Suh, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

2. 728-736-1/2 S. Manhattan Pl.: (Gary Benjamin, Evan Kasper) Demolition of the existing structures (4-unit apt bldg and a SFH). Construction of a new 7-story, 60-unit multi-family apt bldg, including 24 studio units, 30 three-bedroom units, and 6 four-bedroom units with 33 parking spaces and 6,525 sf of open space. Case #

DIR-2021-7906-TOC-HCA. ENV Case # ENV-2021-7907-EAF. Zoning R4-2. Country Club Heights - Area 3. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the application for construction at 728-736-½ S. Manhattan Pl. because the applicant rejected an invitation to appear before the Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the application for construction at 728-736-½ S. Manhattan Pl. because the applicant rejected an invitation to appear before the Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Farha said that the project wasn't bad, but the applicant refused to present to the Committee. He added that developers are seeing less need to present.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with 19 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D'Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr and Suh).

C. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #915 2786 9326.

Mr. Farha noted the above and that a Committee Chair and additional members would be welcomed. Mr. Starr thanked Mr. Farha and Ms. Roberts (former Committee Secretary) for their service.

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

A. Report on the December 1, 2021 Resilience Committee Meeting.

Mr. Gilbert reported that Ascencia Gonzalez of RYLAN [ReadyYourLANeighborhood; <http://www.emergency.lacity.org/rylan>] presented to the Committee.

B. Discussion and Possible Action: 2021 Larchmont Community Conversation Survey.

Mr. Starr indicated that the above will be discussed in Board Comments [Item #XIII]. No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. Upcoming Resilience Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Resilience Committee Regular Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 5, 2022, via Zoom ID #889 6098 2957.

Mr. Gilbert noted the above.

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

A. Committee Report

Ms. Roberts reported that the November 17th EV [Electric Vehicle] Town Hall went well; the transcript is in the BdDocs and the recording soon will be available on YouTube.

B. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

XI. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Cindy Chvatal)

A. Report on the November 29, 2021 Special Meeting.

Ms. Chvatal reported that the Committee discussed the below issues.

1. Proposed motion: That the GWNC supports the installation of Speed tables on 6th street btw La Brea and Highland.

Ms. Chvatal explained the above.

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the installation of speed tables on 6th Street between La Brea and Highland.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Chvatal reported that the Committee supported this. The speed tables are made of asphalt. Ms. Chvatal said the tables “make you aware . . . slows down a speeding car”; Ms. Roberts noted their safety importance Ross DeFranco, a cyclist, supported this.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Suh, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Genewick and Starr).

2. Proposed motion: That the GWNC supports the Metro Bus Speed and Reliability Improvements Project to add bus priority lanes on a section of La Brea Ave between Sunset Bl and Coliseum St between 7-10am and 3-7pm.

Ms. Chvatal explained the above and it was agreed to add to the Motion the words “and will file a CIS.”

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Metro Bus Speed and Reliability Improvements Project to add bus priority lanes on a section of La Brea Ave between Sunset Blvd/ and Coliseum St. between 7-10am and 3-7pm. and will file a CIS.

DISCUSSION: Ross DeFranco believed this proposal “will cause gridlock,” was “the least efficient use of this lane” and that removal of illegally parked vehicles is the top priority. Ms. Roberts noted that Metro outreached to area residents and that some

residents do not have vehicles and use public transportation. Mr. Starr noted that this is the third time that the Board is considering this.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, DeVore, Donahoe, Farha, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri, Starr and Suh).

B. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting

1. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #921 5993 5555.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above and that it may be moved to January 25th.

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

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. E..*]

- A. Proposed motion: The GWNC will file a CIS in [support/opposition] to LA Metro priority bus lanes on La Brea.

The above Item was skipped; see farther above Item #XI. A. 2.

- B. Proposed motion: The GWNC will file a CIS in [support/opposition] to CF 21-1414.

Board Member Stephanie Lee and Alternate Board Member Philip Farha left at this time (9:42), making 19 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS in support of CF 21-1414.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Chvatal explained and Mr. Gresham added more about the Motion, which would give “local control” back, a response to SB9 [State Senate Bill Nine].

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donahoe, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Roberts, Shim, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Portillo, Starr and Varghese).

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gilbert commented that the Larchmont 2021 Committee’s survey has gotten more than 400 responses; the survey is at the Larchmont Buzz website [<https://www.larchmontbuzz.com>].

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Chvatal recommended setting up City Council Districts Five and 13 Candidate Forums. Mr. Starr relayed for Caroline Moser a request for the GWNC to consider supporting requiring all building to be steel-frame, not wood-frame; Ms. Roberts will ask the Land Use Committee to Agendize this.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

Mr. Starr noted the above. He declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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