



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 11, 2022  
Minutes Approved June 8, 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](http://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 Conrad Starr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m. and explained procedures.

**B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)**

The Secretary called the roll. Fifteen of the 20 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Raphie Cantor, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Brian Curran, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Zubin Davar (Alternate for Jeffrey Carpenter), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Gary Gilbert, April Hannon (Alternate for Hayden Conner Ashworth), Cathy Roberts, Benny Rosenberg (Alternate for [STILL AN ALT? Was for Mike Genewick]), Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President) and John Winther. Stephanie Lee, Juan Portillo Jr. and Stephanie Shim arrived later. John Gresham and Bindhu Varghese were absent. Brian Donahoe had resigned. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 13 (see the Bylaws link at <https://greaterwilshire.org/bylaws-board-rules>), so the Board could take such votes. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [Area 3 – Country Club Heights; see below Item #VI. C. 1.]. Seven Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item # VI. C. 2.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: at least 41 Stakeholders and guests.

**II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Fifth Council District (Rob Fisher - [rob.fisher@lacity.org](mailto:rob.fisher@lacity.org))**

Rob Fisher, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz [323-866-1828; [Rob.Fisher@LACity.org](mailto:Rob.Fisher@LACity.org); [www.LACity.org/council/cd5](http://www.LACity.org/council/cd5)], was not present; there was no report.

- B. Thirteenth Council District** (George Hakopiants - [george.hakopiants@lacity.org](mailto:george.hakopiants@lacity.org))  
George Hakopiants, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilman Mitch O'Farrell [213-207-3023; [George.Hakopiants@LACity.org](mailto:George.Hakopiants@LACity.org); <https://cd13.lacity.org>], reported on the “wonderful” April 20<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day event and other items.

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

- C. Office of the Mayor** (Serapia Kim - [serapia.kim@lacity.org](mailto:serapia.kim@lacity.org))  
Serapia Kim, Central Area Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti [213-978-3130; [Serapia.Kim@LACity.org](mailto:Serapia.Kim@LACity.org); <http://LAMayor.org>], was not present; there was no report.
- D. LA County Second Supervisor District** (Daniel Park - [dpark@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:dpark@bos.lacounty.gov))  
Daniel Park, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Two Supervisor Holly Mitchell (213-974-2222; [DPark@bos.LACounty.gov](mailto:DPark@bos.LACounty.gov); <https://LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/holly-mitchell>), was not present; there was no report.
- E. LA County Third Supervisor District** (Rachel Sherrell - [rsherrell@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:rsherrell@bos.lacounty.gov))  
Rachel Sherrell, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl [310-231-1170; [RSherrell@bos.LACounty.gov](mailto:RSherrell@bos.LACounty.gov); <http://www.LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>], was not present; there was no report.
- F. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions** (SLOs Cho, Pelayo, Cordova, Rodriguez)  
Harry Cho, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0649; [33817@LAPD.LACity.org](mailto:33817@LAPD.LACity.org); [http://www.LAPDonline.org/olympic\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDonline.org/olympic_community_police_station)], reported on a “crew . . . of ‘knock-knock’ burglars . . . targeting homes that have no alarms, no cameras . . . very random . . . they get dropped off . . . walk up and down the street . . . a female rings the bell” then others enter through the rear, sometimes while occupants are home. “They’re always wearing masks and hats . . . write down the license plates.” Catalytic converters still are being stolen.

*Board Member Juan Portillo arrived online at this time (6:44), making 16 Board Members present online (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

- G. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** (John Darnell - [john.darnell@lacity.org](mailto:john.darnell@lacity.org))  
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)], reminded that DONE’s monthly profile report has information. The next Fiscal Year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Congress of Neighborhoods will be online Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, many hundreds of Board Members attend. He will “look into” Cornerstone not being accessible to Ms. Hannon to complete her Trainings.

**H. LA Metro (Ned Racine - racinen@metro.net)**

Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-479-7884, [RacineN@metro.net](mailto:RacineN@metro.net); 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; [PurpleLineExt@metro.net](mailto:PurpleLineExt@metro.net); [www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt](http://www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt](http://www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt](http://www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt)], was not present; there was no report.

**I. Other Government Representatives**

There were no other reports at this time.

**III. GWNC LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. LADWP (Jack Humphreville)**

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report.

**B. Budget Representatives (Jack Humphreville / Julie Stromberg)**

Mr. Humphreville was not present [[LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com](mailto:LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com); [www.BudgetAdvocates.org](http://www.BudgetAdvocates.org)]; there was no report.

**C. LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) (Max Kirkham)**

Mr. Kirkham was not present for LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; [LANCC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:LANCC@EmpowerLA.org); [www.LANCC.org](http://www.LANCC.org)]; there was no report.

**D. Public Works Liaison (Hayden Ashworth)**

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

**E. Other Liaisons or Representatives**

No other Liaison reports were made.

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

Keith Cascio, Republican Candidate for State Assembly, introduced himself.

**V. OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. President's Report**

Mr. Starr indicated that there was no report.

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

**1. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2022.**

**Card Expenses**

- 4/3 Public Storage \$195.00 +
- 4/26 Larchmont Chronicle April \$188
- 4/28 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes \$266.95
- 4/28 Lloyd Staffing JC Admin \$524.40

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2022.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Portillo, Roberts, Rosenberg, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**2. Motion to Approve Individual Expenses** Listed in the April 2022 MER.

*Board Member Stephanie Shim arrived online at this time (7:12), making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in April 2022.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Portillo, Roberts, Rosenberg, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Shim). Two were ineligible (Davara and Hannon) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

**3. Review of past Board Expenses** that may Appear on the May 2022 MER

- Lloyd Staffing - TBD
- Village Mail Call \$400 (Check Pending)
- YMCA NPG \$525 -Declined but Under Review according to DONE
- Friends of Wilshire Library \$1100 -Check submitted not yet cashed
- Wilshire Crest PTA \$1350 -Declined but Under Review according to DONE
- Media Temple Web Hosting \$240

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

**4. Motion** to Approve up to \$600 for Office expenses including Paper, Supplies, Ink, Plastic display holders, clip boards, pens.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$600 for Office expenses including Paper, Supplies, Ink, Plastic display holders, clip boards, pens, etc.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Portillo, Roberts, Rosenberg, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Shim and Starr). Two were ineligible (Davar and Hannon) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

5. **Motion** to approve up to \$1000 for Congress of Neighborhoods based on GWNC Intention to retain \$10,000 in Roll Over Funds. (See form in Board Docs) (See <https://www.nccongressla.com/>).

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$1,000 for Congress of Neighborhoods based on GWNC Intention to retain \$10,000 in Roll Over Funds.

*Alternate Board Member Zubin Davar left at 7:17 and Board Member Stephanie Lee arrived online at 7:21, keeping 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Portillo, Roberts, Rosenberg, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Lee, Shim and Starr). One was ineligible (Hannon) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

6. **Motion** to approve up to \$1000 for Budget Advocates based on GWNC Intention to Retain \$10,000 in Roll Over Funds And based on confirmation that funds will Actually go to Budget Advocates.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

7. Dropbox Professional GWNC uses Dropbox for digital file storage. The current subscription ends on 6-02-2022. Motion: That the GWNC allocate up to \$250 for Dropbox Professional Individual yearly subscription from 6-02-2022 to 6-02-2023 from Office Expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$250 for Dropbox Professional Individual yearly subscription from 6-02-2022 to 6-02-2023 from Office Expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Rosenberg, Shim, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). One was ineligible (Hannon) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

8. Adobe Acrobat Pro DC Motion: That the GWNC allocate up to \$250 for one-year subscription to Adobe Acrobat Pro DC from Office Expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$250 for one-year subscription to Adobe Acrobat Pro DC from Office Expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Rosenberg, Shim, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). One was ineligible (Hannon) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

9. Deadlines:

- May 20th, 2022 - Final date to submit an event request for approval using the current Fiscal year funds
- June 1st, 2022 - Final date to submit a check payment request through the NC Funding system portal (including Neighborhood Purpose Grants)
- June 20th, 2022 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

- C. Vice-President’s Report

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

- D. Secretary’s Report

Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no report.

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

- A. Adoption of April 13, 2022 General Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 13, 2022 General Board Meeting as seen in the Board Docs.

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

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

B. Discussion and Possible Motion: Placing ads in the Larchmont Buzz.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

1. Board Director Vacancies: Area 3 – Country Club Heights.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

2. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 3 – Country Club Heights, 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, Religion. Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving as a replacement Director or Alternate are invited to contact [secretary@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:secretary@greaterwilshire.org) for more information.

a) Nominations, Motions to Appoint, Elections.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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) Area 8 Alternate Jesseca Harvey will be suspended by DONE before the next Board meeting unless she completes the Code of Conduct.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

b) The following people have not yet completed the REQUIRED anti-bias (ABLE) training: Cantor, Portillo, Curran, Harvey.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

c) The following Board Members and Alternates are shown on <https://empowerla.org/gwnc/> as NOT having completed Ethics, Funding and/or Code of Conduct and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters:

- Zubin Davar (Ethics, Funding)
- Vincent Cox (Ethics)
- Jesseca Harvey (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct)
- April Hannon (Ethics)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

d) Check [EmpowerLA.org/GWNC](http://EmpowerLA.org/GWNC) for your training expirations.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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

Mr. Starr noted the above.

*The following Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XV.*

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

A. Update from the NPG Ad Hoc Committee.

1. Committee Recommendations to Board for Outreach and Advertising for the Spring 2022 NPGs (Discussion and Action):

- a) Motion: NPG Committee to use general GWNC earmarked Larchmont Buzz advertising funds for advertising the Spring 2022 NPG awards in an amount not to exceed \$1,920.

Committee Chair Julie Stromberg reported that she, Ms. Hannon, Ms. Carroll and Mr. Winther had a “very productive meeting”

*Ms. Carroll recused from voting (self-declared as/was declared ineligible to participate in or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest [she has a relationship with the Larchmont Buzz]) and was muted and put on hold at this time, making 16 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”*

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council use general GWNC earmarked Larchmont Buzz advertising funds for advertising the Spring 2022 NPG awards in an amount not to exceed \$1,920.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Cantor, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Lee, Roberts, Shim, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri, Portillo and Starr). One was ineligible (Hannon) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct. One recused and was ineligible to vote (Carroll).

*Ms. Carroll’s recusal ended and she was unmuted and logged back in to the video at this time, making 16 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

- b) Motion: Board to allocate up to \$700 for advertising for the Spring 2022 NPGs.

Ms. Stromberg explained the need and that this would be separate from above Item #VII. A. 1. a.



**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$700 for advertising for the Spring 2022 NPGs.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri and Starr). One was ineligible (Hannon) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

2. Committee Recommendation for the Spring 2022 NPGs Timeline (Discussion and Action):
  - a) Motion: Deadline for Submission for the Spring 2022 NPGs to be on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, and Committee Recommendations to be Presented at Most Immediate Board Meeting following that Date for Final Determination of Grant Distributions. IV.

Ms. Stromberg explained this.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council sets a deadline for Submission for the Spring 2022 NPGs to be on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, and Committee Recommendations to be Presented at Most Immediate Board Meeting following that Date for Final Determination of Grant Distributions. IV.

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

3. The next and final NPG Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above, which will be at 12:30.

B. Update from the Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Starr updated that the Committee is essentially dissolved. Ms. Carroll had no update.

C. Update from Ad Hoc Candidate Forum committees.

1. CD5 Candidate Forum Ad Hoc Committee (Juan Portillo)

Mr. Portillo updated that other Neighborhood Councils support the Forum. Information is available at EventBrite.com. Mr. Gilbert offered to help with this or the other Forum.

2. CD13 Candidate Forum Ad Hoc Committee (Raphie Cantor)

Mr. Cantor updated that “every candidate” committed to participate on May 26th at 6:00 p.m. and that the Ebell Theatre has been great with which to work.

**VIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Brian Curran)

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

A. Report on the April 26, 2022 Land Use Committee Meeting.

Mr. Curran reported that the meeting discussed alcoholic beverages in the neighborhood.

B. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (IX.B.1.a. through 6.a.) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

There was no Consent Calendar Motion.

*[The following first paragraphs were in the Agenda.]*

1. 5784 W Melrose Ave (5788, 5788 ½, 5786 Melrose Ave): (Maria Impala, Kenneth Sanhueza) Filing date: 12/1/21. Conditional Use Permit for alcohol to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption with ancillary off-site privileges with togo food orders, in conjunction with an existing 1,450-sf restaurant, Ramen Melrose. The restaurant has 28 seats with proposed hours of alcohol sales from 11 am - 2 am daily. Case no: ZA-2021-9831-CUB. Zoning: C2-1. Area 5: Hancock Park and Area 7: Larchmont Village.

a) Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption with ancillary off-site privileges with to-go food orders for the property located at 5784 with Melrose Ave as presented on April 26, 2022, for a period of one year and with the liquor service stopping at midnight.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption with ancillary off-site privileges with to-go food orders for the property located at 5784 Melrose Ave as presented on April 26, 2022, for a period of one year and with the liquor service stopping at midnight.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. D’Atri said “there’s concern about adding alcohol to that neighborhood.” The Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association’s Sam Uretsky said they “were given a hard `no’” to reducing alcohol service hours . . . residents are concerned about noise disruptions . . .

*Board Member Stephanie Shim was unavailable to vote at and Alternate Board Member Benny Rosenberg had returned by this time (7:53), keeping 16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Hannon, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Rosenberg and Smith); three opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Appel, D’Atri and Winther); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

*Ms. Lee recused from voting (self-declared as/was declared ineligible to participate in or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest [she works with the company that submitted the entitlement request]) on the below Item and was muted and put on hold at this time, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”*

2. 975, 977, 981, 987 S Manhattan Pl: (Jonathan Yang) Filing date: 11/10/21. Replace vacant parking lot with a 6-story, 120-unit multi-family residential building, over 1-story parking garage and two levels of subterranean parking (7-stories total). Amenities include fitness center, pool deck, club room, and roof deck. Case no: DIR-2021-9356-TOC-SPR-HCA, ENV-2021-9357-EAF. Zoning: R4-1. TOC: Tier 3. Area 3: Country Club Heights.

a) Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose replacing a vacant parking lot with a 6-story, 120-unit multi-family residential building, over 1-story parking garage and two levels of subterranean parking at 975, 977, 981, 987 S Manhattan Pl: because the applicant did not appear before the Committee.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes replacing a vacant parking lot with a 6-story, 120-unit multi-family residential building, over 1-story parking garage and two levels of subterranean parking at 975, 977, 981, 987 S. Manhattan Pl: because the applicant did not appear before the Committee.

*Board Member Stephanie Shim had returned by this time (7:57), making 16 Board Members present online.*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Hannon, Roberts, Rosenberg and Smith); zero opposed; six abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Cantor, D’Atri, Portillo, Shim, Starr and Winther). One recused (Lee).

*Ms. Lee’s recusal ended and she was unmuted and logged back in to the video at this time, making 17 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).*

C. Restaurant Beverage Program: The RBP is an administrative review process available for qualifying sit-down restaurants requesting to serve alcoholic beverages. The RBP eliminates the need to obtain a Conditional Use Permit, which significantly shortens the

processing time and lowers the cost of obtaining the City's approval. To apply, restaurants must be located in a qualifying geographic area of the city and must comply with a set of 50+ standards. While the ordinance went into effect on March 31, applications for the program will not be accepted until the City Council designates the geographic areas where RBP will be available. City Planning will continue to provide updates as parts of the City become eligible to apply for the program.

1. Alcohol Sensitive Use Zone: In the CR, C1, C1.5, C2, C4, C5, CM, M1, M2, and M3 Zones, the sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises shall be allowed administratively for one year without obtaining a conditional use approval as otherwise required, if all of the requirements and standards are met. Upon the completion of the one year provisional period, a review shall be completed and a determination shall be made if the sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises shall be allowed to continue per the administrative clearance.

Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council request that Lower Larchmont (from First to Beverly) be designated by the City as a Sensitive Use Zone under the City's Restaurant Beverage Program ordinance due to: (1) its Neighborhood Commercial planning designation, (2) the designation of all adjacent land uses as Low Residential and HPOZ, and (3) its hundred-year history of no hard liquor uses. The one-year monitoring and compliance review required for Sensitive Use Zones will enable the restaurants, neighborhood and the City to learn whether the Restaurant Beverage Program works well on Lower Larchmont and should therefore continue in perpetuity.

Mr. Curran explained the RBP. Lilian Rubio, City Planner, introduced herself. City Planner Roberto Luna gave an overview of the Ordinance. Ms. Rubio reported that RBP requirements are "stricter" than the usual application requirements, though "the time of review will be shorter." Jamie Hwang, City Planning Community Liaison, introduced herself. Ms. Hwang promised to include the GWNC in future outreach.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Winther): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that Lower Larchmont (from First to Beverly) be designated by the City as a Sensitive Use Zone under the City's Restaurant Beverage Program ordinance due to: (1) its Neighborhood Commercial planning designation, (2) the designation of all adjacent land uses as Low Residential and HPOZ, and (3) its one hundred-year history of no hard liquor uses. The one-year monitoring and compliance review required for Sensitive Use Zones will enable the restaurants, neighborhood and the City to learn whether the Restaurant Beverage Program works well on Lower Larchmont and should therefore continue in perpetuity.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gilbert believed a "loophole" was being exploited. Ms. DeVore said existing restaurants serving alcohol "is not a huge change" because they've been doing it for years and that the Ordinance was not meant for an area such as Larchmont. Mr. Winther said the Program "assures" that owners will follow the law. Ms. Roberts believed that the Committee did "a rush to judgement." Mr. Cantor believed the

Program “would create a lot of red tape” for restaurant owners. Ms. Chvatal believed the Program would be “a burden on our restaurants.” SU believed the Program to be “a logical, common sense request.” Resident Caroline Moser believed the RBP would address years of noise, rats and trash in the alley between the restaurants and adjacent residences. Resident Dena Bloom noted that “once something is in place, it’s very hard to change it . . . so, let’s take this slowly.” Windsor Square resident Jane Usher said “there is no difference between “sensitive” and “non-sensitive”; the only difference is “enforcement against a bad actor . . . an opportunity for a check-in . . . there is no enforcement.”

The LVNA’s Karen Gilman believed “there is no downside to having a ‘Sensitive Use’ area.” Windsor Square Association President Larry Guzin was “unaware of any reasonable basis” for opposing “a ‘Sensitive Use’ designation.” Hancock Park HOA Security Chair Martin Becker said “there is no issue” with hard liquor being served on Larchmont and the RBP would “make it more difficult for people to run their businesses.” Verneti’s Restaurant Owner Joanna Verneti said there already are enforcements “to keep restaurants in line.” Resident June Bilgore said the RBP “doesn’t sound that onerous.” Windsor Square resident Amy Forbes said “we are worried about businesses that might come in the future.” Restaurant Owner Nora Houndalas preferred not to be in a “Sensitive Use” area. Ms. Lee wanted to ensure that restaurant owners are listened to. Ms. Carroll “could not see how [the RBP] would seriously hurt the restaurants.” Ms. DeVore believed the Motion “is disingenuous.”

**MOTION FAILED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carroll, Curran, D’Atri, Shim, Smith and Winther); nine opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Cantor, Chvatal, DeVore, Gilbert, Hannon, Lee, Portillo, Roberts and Rosenberg); two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Appel and Starr).

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

D. Upcoming Land Use Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #915 2786 9326.

Mr. Curran noted the above.

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

A. Committee Report

Ms. Chvatal reported.

B. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Transportation Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #921 5993 5555.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above.

- X. **RESILIENCE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Gary Gilbert)
  - A. Report on the May 4, 2022 Resilience Committee Meeting
  - B. Discussion and Possible Motion: Emergency Operating Plan for the GWNC
    - 1. Proposed Motion: The GWNC approves the draft Emergency Operations Plan and charges the Resilience Committee with incorporating stakeholder input and providing a revised and detailed plan for board discussion and adoption no later than the March 2023 GBM.
  - C. Upcoming Resilience Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Resilience Committee Regular Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 1, 2022, via Zoom ID #889 6098 2957.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to Table the above Item.

- XI. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Colette Amin).
  - A. Report on the Outreach Committee Meeting from April 19, 2022.  
Chair Ms. Amin was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken. She may have been unable to attend due to an Internet connection problem.
  - B. CD 5 and CD13 Candidate Forum Updates:
    - 1. Surprise increase of \$500 of facilities costs to rent.  
  
No Motion was made or vote taken.
    - 2. Possibility of using the Buzz budget for advertisement.  
  
No Motion was made or vote taken.
  - C. Discussion and Possible Motion: To approve business cards and up to \$500 for printing business cards.  
  
No Motion was made or vote taken.
  - D. Discussion and Possible Motion: To approve creation of a renters' trifold like the homelessness trifold and to approve \$500 for the printing of renter information trifold. (Hayden Ashworth & April Hannon Renters Reps).  
  
No Motion was made or vote taken.
  - E. Discussion and Possible Motion: Citizen Recognition Nomination of Max Kirkham Citizen (Recognition Award nominated by Conrad Starr, confirming references by Gary Gilbert and Patti Carroll).  
  
No Motion was made or vote taken.

F. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting: The next regular GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom ID #982 7679 1581.

The above was noted.

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

A. Committee Report

B. Upcoming Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to Table the above Item.

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

A. Upcoming Quality of Life Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Quality of Life Regular Meeting will be 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 25, via Zoom ID #849 7793 0618.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Possible Motion to approve and submit the GWNC Inventory.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

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

A. Proposed Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS to City Council and Committees and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners regarding Council File 22-0600 (the FY22-23 City Budget), requesting the restoration of Neighborhood Council annual budgets to \$42,000.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS to City Council and Committees and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners regarding Council File 22-0600 (the FY22-23 City Budget), requesting the restoration of Neighborhood Council annual budgets to \$42,000.

*Alternate Board Member Benny Rosenberg was unavailable to vote at this time (9:35), making 16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Hannon, Lee, Portillo, Roberts, Shim, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (D'Atri and Starr).

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

**XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS**

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

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

- A. Special Board Meeting: a special meeting of the Board may be called for Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. over Zoom. Meeting topics may include NPGs and FY 21/22 Budget and Expenditures.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

**MOTION to ADJOURN** (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. D'Atri).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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