

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, September 14, 2022 Approved October 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. Vice-President Charles D'Atri called the meeting to order at 6:34 p. m.

B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

The Secretary called the roll. Twelve of the 20 Board Members or their Alternate(s) were present online at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Scott Appel, Raphie Cantor, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Zubin Davar (Alternate for Jeffry Carpenter), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Gary Gilbert, John Gresham, Stephanie Lee, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President) and John Winther. Patricia Carroll (Treasurer) and Brian Curran, arrived later. Hayden Conner Ashworth, Beau Lloyd, Juan Portillo Jr., Cathy Roberts, Benny Rosenberg and Bindhu Varghese were absent and not represented by an Alternate. 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 at this time the Board could only take public comments, could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [Area 3 – Country Club Heights; see Item #VI. B. 1.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Seven Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. B. 2.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: at least nine Stakeholders and guests.

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Fifth Council District (Joaquin Macias joaquin.macias@lacity.org).

 Joaquin Macias, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz
 [cellphone 213-344-6501; 323-866-1828; Joaquin.Macias@LACity.org;
 www.LACity.org/council/cd5], was not present; there was no report.
- B. Thirteenth Council District (George Hakopiants 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; https://cd13.lacity.org], reported that

anti-human trafficking legislation passed. He noted work on COVID-related rent relief and other issues. Much street slurry work is being done.

Board Member Patti Carroll arrived online at this time (6:45), making 13 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC quorum was thirteen. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

If human trafficking is suspected, contact a Police Senior Lead Officer [see below Item #II. F.] and also Mr. Hakopiants.

Board Member Patti Carroll arrived online at this time (6:47), making 14 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC quorum was thirteen.

- C. Office of the Mayor (Serapia Kim serapia.kim@lacity.org).

 Serapia Kim, Central Area Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti [213-978-3130;

 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).

 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 (Rachel Sherrell 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; 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). Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-473-0476; cell/text phone 213-793-0715; 35738@LAPD.Online; www.LAPDWilshire.com], reported that burglaries (63%) and robberies (48%) have greatly increased over this time last year. Some store employees have been threatened by criminals. The Police are working with stores regarding product placements. Parking structures are being hit, including by a male-female robbery team being sought. He estimated that, when burglars enter residences, 90% of the time it's through a rear entrance; he urged installing "a secondary camera back there," such as Ring, that can be used in real time to advise the police of what's happening.
- G. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell john.darnell@lacity.org). John Darnell, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], was not present; there was no report.
- H. LA Metro (Ned Racine racinen@metro.net).
 Ned Racine, Metro Principal Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-418-5993,
 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], was not present; there was no report.

I. Other Government Representatives.

Declan Floyd, District Representative for State 25th District Senator Anthony Portantino (818-409-0400; Declan.Floyd@sen.ca.gov; https://sd25.senate.ca.gov), reported on clean water, affordable housing and other legislation the Senator co-sponsored that passed this year.

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 and Ms. Stromberg were not present

[LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com; www.BudgetAdvocates.org]; there was no report.

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

 Mr. Humphreville and Mr. Kirkham were not present for LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org]; there was no report.
- D. Public Works Liaison (Hayden Ashworth).
 Mr. Ashworth was not present; there was no report.
- E. Other Liaisons or Representatives.

 No other Liaison reports were made.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Tess Paige offered to volunteer and will apply to be the Area 9 Alternate Board Member.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. President's Report
 - 1. Digital Communications Policy (effective 10-4-2022).

Mr. Starr showed slides and reported on the above, which was approved by BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners; 213-978-1551;

Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org]. He recommended that the Board review who is on its Twitter feed that is connected to the GWNC website. RC indicated that the Instagram feed needs to be revised. Mr. Starr explained that links to private businesses may need to be reviewed.

- 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 August 2022. Card Expenses

- 8/3 Lloyd Staffing JC 6/13-6/27 \$895.85
- 8/3 Lloyd Staffing JC 7/4-7/22 \$786.60
- 8/3 Lloyd Staffing DL 3/27-3/28 \$302.08
- 8/3 Lloyd Staffing JC 6/28&30 7/26&8 \$262.20
- 8/3 Public Storage \$195.00
- Larchmont Chronicle July/August \$376.00

Ms. Carroll noted balances and reviewed the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2022.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (Davar) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

Motion to Approve Individual Expenses Listed in the August 2022 MER.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (Davar) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

- 2. Review of past Board Expenses that may Appear on the September MER 2022 MER.
 - Lloyd Staffing TBD
 - Village Mail Call \$400 (check issued but not yet cashed)

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

3. Discussion of Rollover Funds.
Budget Committee will meet this month.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

4. Motion to Approve Public Storage price increase from \$195 to \$232 (insurance included) to take place in September 2022. This comes after a price increase March 1, 2022 from \$165 to \$195. The GWNC is currently looking into alternative spaces.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves Public Storage price increase from \$195 to \$232 (insurance included) to take place in September 2022.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (Davar) 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 Payment of UmeWorks (webmaster) Invoice #3861 for \$48.75.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves payment of UmeWorks (webmaster) Invoice #3861 for \$48.75.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Carroll explained that, on August 19th, the webmaster worked for ³/₄ of an hour at \$68 per hour.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (Davar) 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 \$250 for Polling Location (Barking Lot) for 2023 Elections.

Ms. Carroll reported that she and Mr. Starr met with the City; they will cover part of the cost.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$250 for Polling Location (Barking Lot) for 2023 Elections.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (Davar) to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

C. Vice-President's Report
Mr. D'Atri ceded his time.

D. Secretary's Report

Ms. DeVore reminded Board Members to complete all their trainings. She requested that Committee Chairs email their meeting Minutes to her with "the name of the Committee, the word 'Minutes', and the date" in the subject line.

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

VI. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS</u> (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Adoption of August 10, 2022 General Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its August 10, 2022 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consensus; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.
 - 1. Board Director Vacancies:
 - Area 3 Country Club Heights

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

- 2. Board Alternate Vacancies:
 - Area 3 Country Club Heights
 - Area 4 Fremont Place
 - Area 6 La Brea-Hancock
 - Area 9 Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
 - Area 11 Sycamore Square
 - Area 12 Western-Wilton
 - Area 15 Windsor Village
 - Religion
 - Renters

Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving as a replacement Director or Alternate are invited to contact secretary@greaterwilshire.org for more information.

Mr. D'Atri 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) The following people have not yet completed the REQUIRED anti-bias (ABLE) training:
 - Raphie Cantor
 - Bindhu Varghese
 - Juan Portillo
 - Brian Curran
 - Zubin Davar
 - Jesseca Harvey

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

- b) 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)
 - Jesseca Harvey (Ethics, Funding)
 - Vince Cox (Funding, Code of Conduct)

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

c) Please get in the habit of checking EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for your training expirations and email secretary@greaterwilshire.org if there are any inconsistencies.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

- 4. Liaison and Alliance Appointments see https://empowerla.org/liaison/.
 - a) Resignation of Max Kirkham as GWNC Representative to LANCC.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

b) Motion to Select Jennifer DeVore as GWNC Representative to LANCC.

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Jennifer DeVore as GWNC Representative to LANCC.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consensus; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Discussion City Attorney NC Advice Division recommendation for board members to recuse on basis of "Perceived Bias," etc.

Ms. Chvatal expressed concerns about such recusals. Mr. Starr noted that Conflict of Interest examples are in the BDDocs file. Mr. Gresham believed that "there [was] no bias" shown by GWNC Board Members. OS indicated that he never has seen any bias in local Neighborhood Associations. Rob Glusion, a land use attorney who has done much work for the City, said of the City Attorney's position on "Perceived Bias . . . that's not what the law says"; he believed that the City Attorney's position "disenfranchise[s]" Neighborhood Council Board Members. Ms. Chvatal said that "Neighborhood Council Members should be allowed to represent their neighborhoods"; Mr. Smith agreed.

D. Appointment of up to six (6) GWNC Board Members to attend Civic U 1.0 (2022). Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:30pm: Power Structure at Los Angeles City Hall; Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:30pm: The Guts of City Government: Equity in Resources and Services; Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:30pm: Empowerment Toward Inclusion.

Mr. Starr and Mr. D'Atri volunteered; they will give up their seats if there are six other appointees. The events will be online, not in-person. Ms. Carroll volunteered. Mr. Starr will submit other names. No Motion was made or vote taken. During Item #XV, Mr. Gilbert volunteered to attend.

VII. <u>AD HOC COMMITTEES</u> (Discussion and possible action)

A. Report of Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Patti Carroll).

Ms. Carroll indicated that there was nothing to report.

- B. Report of Elections Ad Hoc Committee (Jen DeVore)
 - 1. The GWNC Elections Ad Hoc committee would like the Outreach committee to develop:
 - a) Publicity plan, including advertising budget and advertising materials for the upcoming GWNC election
 - Ms. DeVore reported that the Committee met and will meet again Thursday, September 29th from 6:00 7:00 p.m.
 - b) In consultation with the Elections Committee, an education plan and education materials for voters and for potential candidates for the GWNC election.

Ms. DeVore reported that the Committee looks forward to more information from DONE. The Committee wants to work with the Outreach Committee.

VIII. <u>LAND USE COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Brian Curran).

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

A. Report on the August 23, 2022 Land Use Committee Meeting.

Mr. Curran reported.

B. Old Business

[The following paragraphs were in the Agenda.]

1. 5001 W. Wilshire Blvd: (Eric Shabsis) Filing date: 4/22/21. Demo of an existing 2-story, 36,330 sf commercial development for a new 8-story, 105-ft, 242-unit mixed-use building. Case no(s): DIR-2021-3326-TOC-SPR-VHCA, ENV-2021-3327-SCEA. Zoning: C4-2D. TOC: Tier 3. Area 6: La Brea-Hancock.

Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see below].

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project at 5001 W. Wilshire Blvd., as presented on July 26, 2022, with the conditions set forth in the letters from the La Brea Hancock Homeowners Association (dated July 20, 2022) and the Hancock Park Homeowners Association (dated July 24, 2022) to the L.A. City Planning Dept.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Chvatal noted that this is a TOC project.

MOTION PASSED by consent with 13 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes (Starr).

C. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (VIII. C.1 - C.4) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

Mr. D'Atri read aloud the below proposed Motions. Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to remove #3 from the Consent Calendar.

Alternate Board Member Zubin Davar had left by this time (8:40), making 13 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar Motion for Item number VIII. C. 1, 2 and 4.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

1. 6801 Melrose Ave. (at Mansfield): (Matthew Mello) Filing date: 5/25/22. A Plan Approval to continue the off-site sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages and the onsite consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 2,244 sf. wine and liquor store (Domaine LA) having hours of operation from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., daily. Case no: ZA-2015-676-CUBPA1. Zoning: C4-1XL. Area 8: Melrose. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the Conditional Use Permit to continue the off-site sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages and the limited on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 2,244 sf. wine and liquor store having hours of operation from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., daily for the property located at 6801 Melrose Ave. as presented on August 23, 2022.

See the above Consent Calendar Motion.

2. 859 N. Highland Ave. (at Willoughby): (Elizabeth Valerio) Filing date: 5/25/22. Addition of a 2nd drive-thru lane to an existing Starbucks drive-thru. Case no: ZA-2014-1565-CU-PA1. Zoning: [Q]C2-1VL-SN. Area 8: Melrose. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the proposed addition of a second drive-through lane to an existing Starbucks drive-through for the property located at 859 N. Highland Ave. as presented on August 23, 2022.

See the above Consent Calendar Motion.

3. 652 S. Orange Dr. (btw. Wilshire and 6th): (Michael Y. Mark) Filing Date: 6/23/22. Zone Variance request for a new 3,318 sf. single family home with deviations for height and residential floor area on a 6,751 sf. lot. (Construction of this home began in 2017, but due to contractor issues and ultimately, Covid, the project was never

completed. The original permit was applied for in 2016, prior to new zone changes taking effect, which allowed for a front mass max height of 28 ft. that has already been built, however, current zoning only allows for a max height of 20 ft. = 40% deviation. RFA is currently 415 sf. over the max allowed.) Case No: ZA-2022-4485-ZV-HCA. Zoning: R1R3-RG. Area 6: La Brea-Hancock.

Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board oppose the Zone Variance request for a new 3,318 sf. single family home with deviations for height and residential floor area on a 6,751 s.f. lot for the property located at 652 S. Orange Dr. because the developer was requested, but declined, to appear and present to the Committee.

Mr. Starr noted corrected Motion wording as below and that the developer intends to present to the September LUC.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the Zone Variance request for a new 3,318 sf. single family home with deviations for height and residential floor area on a 6,751 s.f. lot for the property located at 652 S. Orange Dr. pending presentation by the developer to the Land Use Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

4. Revisions to GWNC Land Use Committee Submission and Presentation Guidelines. Motion: GWNC Board adopts the revisions to the GWNC Land Use Committee Submission and Presentation Guidelines.

See the above Consent Calendar Motion.

D. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #915 2786 9326.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

- IX. <u>OUTREACH COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Colette Amin).
 - A. Report on the Outreach Committee Meeting from July 30, 2022 (Discussion and Possible Motions).
 - 1. Taste of Larchmont September 19, 2022 to benefit HopeNet. Tickets can be purchased online at HopeNet or at the event.

Ms. Amin noted the above. Ms. Carroll noted that there will be a raffle.

- 2. Larchmont Family Fair October 30, 2022 2:00 PM 7:00 PM.
 - a) Possible Motion: The GWNC Board approves participation in the Larchmont Family Fair and approves funding the purchase of a GWNC table at the Fair. (for up to \$500).

Ms. Carroll and Mr. Winther 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 [they are Larchmont Blvd. Association Board Members]) and were muted and put on hold at this time, making 11 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online and eligible to vote (short of the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote "yes" or "no."

Mr. Starr will call a Special Board Meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting: The next regular GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #982 7679 1581.

Ms. Amin noted the above. Mr. Starr requested and Ms. Amin agreed that the Committee will draft an election flier for Board consideration.

Ms. Carroll's and Mr. Winther's recusals ended and they were unmuted and allowed back in to the meeting at this time, making 13 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

- X. <u>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Cindy Chvatal).
 - A. Committee Report on July 25, 2022 Committee Meeting.
 - Ms. Chvatal reported that the Committee didn't meet.
 - B. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting [SPECIAL DATE]: The next GWNC Transportation Committee Regular Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #921 5993 5555.
 - Ms. Chvatal noted the above.
- XI. <u>RESILIENCE COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Gary Gilbert). A. Committee Chair's Report.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the Committee didn't meet. They are starting the RYLAN [ReadyYourLANeighborhood; http://www.emergency.lacity.org/rylan] program; Zoom meetings will be held September 20th and 29th at 7:00 p.m. to explain.

B. Upcoming Resilience Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Resilience Committee Regular Meeting with be on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID # 889 6098 2957.

Mr. Gilbert noted the above. A Committee position is open.

XII. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Cathy Roberts).

A. Upcoming Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Ms. Roberts was not present; there was no report.

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

A. Committee Report on the August 24 QOL Meeting.

Mr. D'Atri reported that the Committee discussed the City's proposal for electronic signage.

B. Upcoming Quality of Life Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Quality of Life Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 5 p.m. via Zoom ID #849 7793 0618.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

XIV. <u>COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS)</u>, <u>PROCLAMATIONS</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Council File 22-0158: Los Angeles Municipal Code / 12.03 / 12.80 / 12.81 / Shelters for the Homeless / Interim Housing / Zones. On March 28, 2017, the LA City Council adopted Ordinance No. 184836 to amend Section 12.03, 12.80, and 12.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to more quickly establish temporary homeless emergency shelters during a declared shelter crisis. In particular, LAMC Sec. 12.80 allows for temporary shelters for the homeless on City owned and leased properties in any zone as a matter of right. LAMC Sec. 12.81 allows for temporary shelters to be established and operated in the R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, R.5, C2, C4, C5, CM, MI, M2, and M3 zones, if the shelter is operated by a religious institution or a nonprofit, charitable organization on property the organization owns or leases. A motion introduced by Councilmembers in February 2022 could further amend Sections 12.03, 12.80, and 12.81 of the LAMC to allow "shelters for the homeless" and other forms of interim housing to be established and operated on properties located outside of R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, RS, C2, C4, CS, CM, Ml, M2, and M3 zones during a declared shelter crisis. Motion: That the GWNC Board submit [see below].

Mr. Starr noted that this came from the Land Use Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Curran): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will submit a Community Impact Statement supporting the right to shelter but opposing the Motion by City Councilmembers Bonin, Raman, and Harris-Dawson to allow "shelters for the homeless" and other forms of interim housing to be established and operated on properties located outside of R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, RS, C2, C4, CS, CM, Ml, M2, and M3 zones during a declared shelter crisis for the following reasons: 1. The Motion appears to be premature; the City has not made use of full zones under the current LAMC that could be used without this amendment; 2. Uses in R1 or R2 zones seem to require community input and case-by-case attention to property and uses that are

different from commercial and industrial zones; and 3. We look forward to reading the report and weighing in with greater specificity at that time.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Cantor); zero abstained.

B. Council File 22-0392: Digital Off-Site Signs / Outdoor Advertising / Transportation Communication Network Program Structure / Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Ordinance to allow digital off-site signs to be displayed on structures that are part of the Transportation Communication Network Program between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Motion: That the GWNC Board oppose [see below].

Mr. Starr noted that this came from the Land Use Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the ordinance to allow digital off-site signs to be displayed on structures that are part of the Transportation Communication Network Program between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Cantor, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Council File 22-0560 (Municipal Lobbying Ordinance / Updates)
Possible Motion: The GWNC will file [see below]. [see Supporting Docs].

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS in support of changes to the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (MLO) regarding Neighborhood Councils and will submit the proposed Letter on behalf of the GWNC.

DISCUSSION: Ms. York explained the issue and that there've been lobbyists testifying at Neighborhood Council meetings without identifying themselves as lobbyists. She reported that 35 Neighborhood Councils have supported this as is "or as amended."

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

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Chvatal asked why the GWNC doesn't have more of a presence in the Larchmont Buzz.

XVI. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Digital Communications Policy Appointments.

Mr. Starr will Agendize the above for the next Board meeting.

B. Wilshire Community Plan Update.

Mr. Starr will Agendize the above for the next Board meeting.

C. Municipal Lobbying Ordinance – Jamie York, Reseda Neighborhood Council.

See above Item #XIV. C.

Ms. Chvatal requested and Mr. Starr agreed to Agendize the City Housing Element so that people can know more about what's planned for their neighborhood; she encouraged contacting her for information.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Starr and seconded).

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

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Levin, Minutes Writer

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