



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, January 11, 2023  
Approved February 8, 2023

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 6:31 p. m. and explained procedures.

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

The Secretary called the roll. Sixteen of the 19 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Hayden Conner Ashworth, Raphie Cantor, Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Gary Gilbert, Stephanie Lee, Tess Paige, Cathy Roberts, Benny Rosenberg, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President) and John Winther. Brian Curran and John Gresham arrived later. Beau Lloyd was 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 the Board could take such votes. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant [Area 3 – Country Club Heights and Area 12 – Western-Wilton; see Item #VI. B. 1; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Seven Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. B. 2; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: at least 11 Stakeholders and guests.

## **II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A. Fifth Council District (Joaquin Macias - [joaquin.macias@lacity.org](mailto:joaquin.macias@lacity.org)).**

Joaquin Macias, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky [cellphone 213-344-6501; 323-866-1828; [www.LACity.org/council/cd5](http://www.LACity.org/council/cd5)], was not present; there was no report.

Michelle Flores, a Field Deputy for Councilmember Yaroslavsky [[Michelle.Flores@LACity.org](mailto:Michelle.Flores@LACity.org); [www.LACity.org/council/cd5](http://www.LACity.org/council/cd5)], gave some of her background.

George Hakopiants, a Deputy District Director for L.A. City District Five Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky [cellphone 213-207-3023; 323-866-1828; [George.Hakopiants@LACity.org](mailto:George.Hakopiants@LACity.org); [www.LACity.org/council/cd5](http://www.LACity.org/council/cd5)], reported. Mr. Cantor

requested and Mr. Hakopiants agreed to help relaxing parking restrictions around Hope Lutheran Church the night of the Homeless Count.

*Board Member John Gresham arrived online at this time (6:35), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC quorum was thirteen.)*

*Board Member Brian Curran arrived online at this time (6:45), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC quorum was thirteen.)*

B. Thirteenth Council District.

Mr. D'Atri reported that Hector Vega is a Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez [213-473-7013; [Hector.Vega@LACity.org](mailto:Hector.Vega@LACity.org); <https://cd13.lacity.org>]; Mr. Vega was not present; there was no report.

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

*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #II. I.* Serapia Kim, Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; [Serapia.Kim@LACity.org](mailto:Serapia.Kim@LACity.org); <http://LAMayor.org>], reported that, on Mayor Bass' first day of December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor declared a state of emergency for homelessness and that her first Executive Directive was for affordable housing. The second Directive launched a program to bring City resources to homeless encampments "to get them housed right away"; they "have been providing housing vouchers." She encouraged to "participate in the Homeless Count." They especially are staffing homelessness and housing offices; see [Jobs.LAMayor.org](http://Jobs.LAMayor.org).

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, 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).

No Officer, such as Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-473-0476; cell/text phone 213-793-0715; [35738@LAPD.Online](mailto:35738@LAPD.Online); [www.LAPDWilshire.com](http://www.LAPDWilshire.com)], or Joseph Pelayo, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0709; [31762@LACity.org](mailto:31762@LACity.org); [http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station)], was present; there was no report.

G. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell - [john.darnell@lacity.org](mailto:john.darnell@lacity.org)).

*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XIII. C.* John Darnell, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the 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)], reported that anti-bias training soon will be available online. The Governor's: State of Emergency is ending February 28<sup>th</sup>. The City Council voted to end the COVID-19 State of Emergency

in February 2023 and will require in-person and allow hybrid meetings as of March 1st (as long as there is an in-person quorum, which State law requires). Ms. DeVore and Ms. Chvatal noted health risks and other disadvantages to meeting in person compared to continuing to meet online. Ms. DeVore noted that new Deputy City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto and the Neighborhood Council Advice Division are part of the implementation.

H. LA Metro (Ned Racine - [racinen@metro.net](mailto:racinen@metro.net)).

Ned Racine, Metro Principal Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-418-5993, [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](https://www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt](https://www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt](https://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](mailto:Declan.Floyd@sen.ca.gov); <https://sd25.senate.ca.gov>), reported that the State expects a \$25 billion deficit but won't have to allocate from the reserve. The Senator supports gun safety, mental health and other legislation.

### **III. GWNC LIAISON REPORTS**

*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XIV. A.*

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

C. LA Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) (Jennifer DeVore)

Ms. DeVore reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; [LANCC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:LANCC@EmpowerLA.org); [www.LANCC.org](http://www.LANCC.org)] officers were elected.

D. Public Works Liaison (Hayden Ashworth)

Mr. Starr noted that Mr. Ashworth was resigning as the Public Works Liaison. Mr. Ashworth encouraged reporting weather-related incidents to 3-1-1. He is moving out of the area and resigning from the Board as of February 1st. Board Members thanked him for his service.

E. Other Liaisons or Representatives

No other Liaison reports were made.

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

Juliet, of the KYCC Urban Forestry Unit, said their "objective is to beautify"; they "focus primarily on street trees." She encouraged maintaining trees and explained their "Commitment to Water" form. Ms. Chvatal suggested an "Adopt-a-Block" program; Juliet supported the idea and they will discuss it.

### **V. OFFICER REPORTS**

A. President's Report

Mr. Starr reported that the storage unit cost is \$175 per month with insurance. The storage is “in the City’s name . . . Owen [Smith] was listed as emergency contact.” The space is the same; it’s now under a new account in the City’s name with the City Clerk as a backup contact. He thanked Colette Amin for her outreach service. He described work to find in-person meeting spaces for the Board and Committees.

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

1. Discussion and Possible Action – Motions

a) Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for December 2022.

Card Expenses

12/3 Public Storage \$232.00

12/20 Larchmont Chronicle Dec \$188.00

12/22 Public Storage NEW \$165.00

12/29 Lloyd Staffing JC \$524.40

12/5-12/16

12/29 Lloyd Staffing DL \$744.65

10/10-10/30, 12/12-12/18.11/21-11/27

12/29 Lloyd Staffing JC \$786.60

11/21-12/2, 11/19-12/23

Ms. Carroll noted balances.

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

*Board Member Benny Rosenberg was unavailable to vote at this time (8:07), making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Cantor, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Paige, Roberts, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (D’Atri) to vote due to not having completed, one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

b. Motion to Approve Individual Expenses Listed in the December 2022 MER.

Ms. Carroll had reviewed expenses.

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

*Board Member Benny Rosenberg was again available to vote at this time (8:08), making 18 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Cantor, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Paige, Roberts, Rosenberg, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (D’Atri) 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 January 2022 MER
  - Lloyd Staffing \$262.20 Dec 26-29

Ms. Carroll noted that this will be last Lloyd Staffing payment because they no longer have a contract with the City.

3. Selection of Temporary Staffing Company. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects [Apple One, etc.] as its provider for temporary staffing services including Administrative Assistant and Minutes Writer, with the understanding that the current Administrative Assistant and Minutes Writer will be offered to continue in their current GWNC roles through the selected provider.

Mr. Starr asked if any Board Member works for Apple One; none responded.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Apple One as its provider for temporary staffing services including Administrative Assistant and Minutes Writer, with the understanding that the current Administrative Assistant and Minutes Writer will be offered to continue in their current GWNC roles through the selected provider.

Mr. Starr noted “it was a big surprise at the end of December” that Lloyd Staffing would no longer work with the City. He thanked Ms. Carroll, the Minutes Writer and GWNC Administrator Julia Christiansen for their transition work.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Cantor, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Paige, Roberts, Rosenberg, Smith, Starr and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (D’Atri) 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

1. Hasty return to in-person meetings, *see under New Business*.

Ms. DeVore noted that this was already covered.

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

- A. Adoption of December 14, 2022 General Board Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its December 14, 2022 General Board Meeting as written.

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

B. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

1. Board Director Vacancies:

- Area 3 – Country Club Heights
- Area 12 - Western-Wilton

Mr. Starr noted the above and that Tommy Atlee is now the Renter Representative.

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

Mr. Starr noted the above.

3. Current Applicants (May express interest at the meeting).

Mr. Starr indicated that there were no applicants.

4. Nominations, Elections and/or Motions to Appoint.

Mr. Starr indicated that there were no nominations.

5. Administer Neighborhood Council Oath of Office to Board Members and Alternates. “I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”

6. 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:

- Brian Curran
- Zubin Davar
- Jesseca Harvey
- Tommy Atlee
- Tess Paige

Mr. Starr 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)
  - Charles D’Atri (Ethics)
  - Jesseca Harvey (Ethics, Funding)
  - Vince Cox (Funding)
  - Tess Paige (Ethics, Funding)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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

7. Non-Board Committee Member Ethics Training Link - <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/> (for information only).

Mr. Starr noted the above.

8. Digital Media Policy Appointments (See: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AeXn3tS2kzoRjWit-OMKAUVwTtRhyh45/view>).

- a) Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints/elects \_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_ etc.) as its Digital Media Account Administrator(s) to ensure compliance with the Digital Communications Policy (effective 10/4/2022). (Required role; absent designation, filled by board president.)

There was no appointment of the above.

- b) Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints/elects \_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_ etc.) as its content creator(s) and/or comment moderator(s) to work with the Account Administrator(s). (Optional role.)

There was no appointment of the above.

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

Ms. Paige expressed interest and, with Board approval, Mr. Starr appointed Ms. Paige as the GWNC Public Works Liaison.

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

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

Ms. Carroll - Committee will meet

### B. Report of NPG Committee (Julie Stromberg)

Mr. Starr confirmed with Ms. Stromberg that she is the Chair, and Ms. Roberts and Ms. Carroll are Members. Ms. Stromberg had encouraged serving on the Committee and submitting NPG ideas.

C. Report of Elections Ad Hoc Committee (Jen DeVore)

1. Overview of progress to date (social media, agendas, ads in Buzz, Chronicle, website).

Ms. DeVore reported that “the Elections Committee has been very active”; she especially thanked Mr. Cantor.

2. Sign up process for candidates now live – all Board members/alternates should go sign up and do outreach to your communities to spread the word.

Ms. DeVore reported that “the signup process is now live.”

3. Planning: door hangers ordered, some tabling, outreach to local institutions.

Ms. DeVore reported that the Committee discussed ads and doorhangers. The website was updated.

**VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action) (Incoming Chair: Raphie Cantor).

A. Report on the Outreach Committee Meeting from December 2022.

1. Committee Chair: Colette Amin indicated that she is resigning as chair but will stay on the committee. Raphie Cantor has offered to serve as Chair and has the full endorsement of the committee. Possible Motion: The GWNC Board appoints Raphie Cantor to Outreach Committee Chair.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Raphie Cantor to Outreach Committee Chair.

**DISCUSSION:** Board Members expressed support for Mr. Cantor to be the Outreach Committee Chair.

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

2. Committee Membership

- a) Appointment of Jennifer DeVore to the Outreach Committee. Jennifer has offered to take over as committee secretary in place of Brian Curran, who would remain on the committee. Possible Motion: The GWNC Board appoints Jennifer DeVore to the Outreach Committee, and appoints her as committee secretary.

Mr. Cantor thanked Ms. Amin for her outreach work and leadership.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Jennifer DeVore to the Outreach Committee, and appoints her as committee secretary.

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

- b) Other Appointments to the Committee

There were no other appointments.



c) Other Resignations: Tucker Carney

Mr. Cantor noted the above.

d) Outreach Committee Vacancies - 2

Mr. Cantor noted the above; the Committee meets third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

B. Homeless Count (Raphie Cantor)

1. Reminder to please sign up for the Homeless Count at <http://greaterwilshire.org/count>.

Mr. Cantor reported that the Count will be January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. So far, 26 volunteered; 50 were needed. He explained that “you don’t need to get out of your car . . . you’ll be paired up” with another volunteer.

C. Social Media Report (Raphie Cantor)

Mr. Cantor reported that the GWNC “got good responses” from election candidates. He will target neighborhoods where there’re no Alternate Board Representatives.

D. Selection of Date/Time/Location for In-Person Committee Meetings. Possible Motion: The Outreach Committee will hold its monthly meeting on [DAY OF MONTH, TIME OF DAY] at [LOCATION] once in-person meetings have resumed.

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

E. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting: The next regular GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #982 7679 1581.

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

A. Report on the December 22, 2022 Land Use Committee Meeting - Committee did not meet and has no report.

Mr. Curran noted the above.

B. Selection of Date/Time/Location for In-Person Committee Meetings. Possible Motion: The Land Use Committee will hold its monthly meeting on [DAY OF MONTH, TIME OF DAY] at [LOCATION] once in-person meetings have resumed.

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

C. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m. PST via Zoom ID #915 2786 9326.

Mr. Curran noted the above.

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

- A. Committee Membership
  - 1. Committee Vacancies - 1 non-Board Member

Ms. Chvatal reported that the Committee didn't meet, but they have a Committee Member candidate.

- B. Selection of Date/Time/Location for In-Person Committee Meetings. Possible Motion: The Transportation Committee will hold its monthly meeting on [DAY OF MONTH, TIME OF DAY] at [LOCATION] once in-person meetings have resumed.

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

- C. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Transportation Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #921 5993 5555.

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

- A. Report on the January 2, 2023 Regular Meeting - Meeting was canceled due to holiday.

Mr. Gilbert reported.

- B. Committee Membership
  - 1. Committee Vacancies - 4, including up to 2 additional Board Members.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the Committee didn't meet.

- C. RYLAN Update
  - 1. Resilience Plan Update
  - 2. Poll for Emergency Meeting and Posting Locations to be included in final Resilience Plan.

Mr. Gilbert updated.

- D. Selection of Date/Time/Location for In-Person Committee Meetings. Possible Motion: The Resilience Committee will hold its monthly meeting on [DAY OF MONTH, TIME OF DAY] at [LOCATION] once in-person meetings have resumed.

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

- E. Upcoming Resilience Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Resilience Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID # 889 6098 2957.

Mr. Gilbert noted the above; the Committee will discuss flooding.

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

- A. Committee Report - Tuesday, Dec 6, 2022 Meeting

Ms. Roberts reported that the Committee had an excellent report about “LA's Green New Deal” by Victoria Simon, Mayor Garcetti’s Executive Officer for Sustainability.

B. Committee Membership

1. Committee Vacancies - 4, including up to 3 additional Board Members.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

2. Member Resignation - Dan Kegel

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

- C. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoint stakeholders Polly Estabrook and Dan Kegel as the only GWNC Liaisons to the NC Sustainability Alliance.

Ms. Roberts reported that Mr. Kegel would not be able to be a Liaison.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints stakeholders Polly Estabrook as the only GWNC Liaison to the NC Sustainability Alliance.

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

- D. Selection of Date/Time/Location for In-Person Committee Meetings. Possible Motion: The Sustainability Committee will hold its monthly meeting on [DAY OF MONTH, TIME OF DAY] at [LOCATION] once in-person meetings have resumed.

Ms. Roberts reported that Committee Members prefer Marlborough School. Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to POSTPONE the above Item.

- E. Upcoming Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

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

A. Committee Membership.

1. Committee Vacancies - 5, including up to 1 additional Board Member.\

Mr. D’Atri reported that the Committee didn’t meet. It meets quarterly and will meet again in February.

- B. Selection of Date/Time/Location for In-Person Committee Meetings. Possible Motion: The Quality of Life Committee will hold its monthly meeting on [DAY OF MONTH, TIME OF DAY] at [LOCATION] once in-person meetings have resumed.

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

- C. Upcoming Quality of Life Committee Meeting: The next GWNC Quality of Life Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 5 p.m. via Zoom ID #849 7793 0618.

Mr. D’Atri noted the above.

#### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Required Return to In-Person Neighborhood Council Board and Committee Meetings  
Discussion and Possible Motion: The GWNC asks the City Council to take all necessary actions to preserve the ability of Neighborhood Councils to continue to meet virtually during the current pandemic, due to board members’ concerns over the sustained health risks associated with in-person meetings.

Ms. DeVore believed that “this is not the right time” to go back to meeting in-person; she noted “really good reasons” listed in the resolution.

**MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 23-002-S16, from City Councilmembers Lee and Soto-Martinez, and Council File 23-002-S17, from City Councilmembers Blumenfield and Krekorian, in support of enabling Neighborhood Councils to meet virtually indefinitely.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Chvatal noted the excellent community participation the GWNC has had through online meetings. Ms. Roberts noted “much higher” Committee participation through online meetings. Mr. Gresham said online meeting “has been incredibly good for outreach.”

#### **XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Gilbert thanked Mr. Starr and Ms. DeVore for their Board leadership. Mr. Gresham noted and Ms. Roberts will check on two Sycamore trees that a developer wants to remove on South Mansfield. Mr. Starr celebrated LaBrea Bakery, which closed.

#### **XVI. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No other requests were made.

#### **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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