



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Approved November 8, 2023

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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 at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. President Conrad Starr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m. and explained procedures.

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

B. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

C. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

The Secretary called the roll. Sixteen of the 20 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: MJ Anderson (Alternate for Tommy Atlee), Selene Betancourt, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Romi Cortier, Brian Curran, Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Andy Galan, Gary Gilbert, John Gresham, Jesseca Harvey, Mark Alex Nava, Sixto Sicilia, Owen Smith and Conrad Starr (President). Scott Appel, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President) and Julie Kim arrived later. Benny Rosenberg was absent and not represented by an Alternate. The GWNC Board 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 [Fremont Place; see Item #VI. A. 1.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Ten Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. A. 2.]. Also attended: approximately 30 Stakeholders and guests.

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Fifth Council District (Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky -

Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@LACity.org, Field Deputy Michelle Flores.

Mr. Carpenter left the room at this time, making 16 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

Councilmember Yaroslavsky said “there’s been a spike in crime . . . across the City,” including an increase in hate crimes. She said “we’ve been working closely with the tenant at 410 N. Rossmore” Ave. She’s working with community groups to have the City not put high-density housing in single-family residential neighborhoods, and instead put it near “job centers” and transportation centers. She does not support higher-density or upzoning in single-family neighborhoods.

Board Member Julie Kim arrived at this time (6:46), making 17 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

The Councilmember continued, regarding 200-202 S. Orange Dr., that “they can’t operate a full-blown synagogue in a residential neighborhood . . . you can’t run a synagogue out of a duplex . . . There’s a series of things the City can do to bring them into compliance.”

Mr. Starr explained a public comment recusal procedure.

Michelle Flores, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky [ofc. 213-473-7005; Michelle.Flores@LACity.org; <https://councildistrict5.LACity.gov>], will follow up on the recent power outage.

Mr. Carpenter returned to the room at this time, making 18 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

B. Thirteenth Council District (Karla Martinez - karla.g.martinez@LACity.org)
Karla Martinez, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez [213-473-7013; <https://cd13.LACity.org>], was not present; there was no report.

C. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho, Pelayo, Rodriguez)
Mr. Starr announced the November 15th Wilshire Division Open House.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. A., continued.

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; <https://www.LAPDOnline.org/lapd-contact/west-bureau/wilshire-community-police-station>], or Joseph Pelayo, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0709; 31762@LACity.org; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station], was present; there was no report.

D. 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], reported.

Board Member Scott Appel, who had arrived earlier after the Roll Call, left by this time (6:56), making 16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

Mr. Racine described the latest and upcoming work. The Purple Line is expected to open “in spring 2025.”

E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell - john.darnell@LACity.org)
Mr. Starr noted that DONE’s Monthly Profile is in BDdocs.

F. Third Supervisorial District (Field Deputy Savannah Portillo Heap - SHeap@bos.LACounty.gov)
Savannah Portillo Heap, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (213-440-0927; <https://lindseyhorvath.LACounty.gov>), was not present; there was no report.

G. Other Government Representatives
Rachel Sherman, Community Engagement Manager for LAUSD Board of Education District Four Member Nick Melvoin [Rachel.Sherman@lausd.net], reported that, on Saturday, December 2nd, volunteers will help beautify schools, starting at Hollywood High School.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Wayne Davis, LAUSD District One Board candidate [DrDavis4LAUSDkids.com], introduced himself and described his background. Resident Abe Gelbart reported that a recording studio (at 6900 Melrose) goes “24-7 . . . they don’t care about decibels . . . they don’t respond.” “We have a lot of recordings of what’s happened there.” He wanted to be agendized. Mr. Starr referred to Committees. Citrus Square resident Mark Yellen cited many concerns about a synagogue operating out of a duplex. Alin Rangel, KYCC [<https://www.kyccla.org>] Community Engagement Specialist, noted their services and desire to “collaborate” on projects. Wilshire Park resident Laura Rosen believed her area needs a Preferential Parking District; Ms. Betancourt will work with her. After Item #4. A., Mike Feuer, Congressional candidate, said that he “stood up to policies . . . that were authoritarian” and “convened prosecutors . . . to combat gun violence.”

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. United Neighbors Presentation on the Housing Element (Cindy Chvatal-Keane)

Ms. Chvatal showed slides and presented. She said “we are waiting for new maps” from the City Planning Department; the most recent are a year old. Resident Cathy Roberts reported that they met August 23rd with Councilmember Yaroslavsky. Ms. Roberts reviewed densities and possible upzoning in various GWNC neighborhoods. Ms. Chvatal said that the Councilmember “has consistently said” she doesn’t support upzoning in single-family neighborhoods; however, she has voted to allow some upzoning projects. Ms. Chvatal reported that City Council File 21-1230 “is still open . . . a number of Neighborhood Councils are submitting CIS’s” [Community Impact Statements].

Board Member Charles D’Atri had arrived by this time (7:39), making 17 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

Ms. Chvatal said that the City’s upzoning plan “will take precedence” over the [Wilshire] Community Plan [<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/community-plan-area/wilshire>]. She reported that the L.A. City Planning Department wants to upzone the City for 1,400,000 units to meet a requirement that the City supply 255,000 units. She showed maps of how the rezoning would drastically change and densify multi-family and single-family neighborhoods and would allow four to six-story apartments in single-family neighborhoods. She believed that over-zoning will cause unnecessary stress on the City’s finances, environment, and infrastructure, and change the socio-economic makeup of communities as they absorb more market-rate units. She reported that Planning is zoning for an additional 3.2 million people in the next 8 years, however, the State doesn’t project that much of growth in LA County. She said there are many commercially zoned areas, instead of residential areas, that could be so rezoned. She noted that, in November 2022, the L.A. Times said that Mayor Karen Bass “believes that many single-family-home neighborhoods — should remain off-limits for greater density.” Cathy Roberts reported on how the GWNC area would be affected.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Mike Feuer’s comments in Item #III.

V. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS

A. LADWP (Jack Humphreville)

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

B. Budget Representatives (Jack Humphreville / Mark McQueen)

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report [see <http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>]. Mr. Starr reported that Mr. McQueen is not continuing as a Budget Representative.

C. LANCC (Jennifer DeVore) (LANCC October agenda in Board Docs)

Ms. DeVore reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] received requests from NCs to agendize various issues, including SB411. See BDdocs.

D. Other Liaisons or Representatives

There were no other reports.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration

1. Board Director Vacancies: Area 4 - Fremont Place (fillable 11/22/23)

Explanation: On September 21, 2023, Lanee Basulto, Election Administrator - City Clerk, acknowledged to the GWNC President that her team had used the Clerk-created GWNC map to determine geographic area candidate and stakeholder eligibility and had not used the language of the GWNC bylaws to determine eligibility. During the GWNC election period earlier this year, in an email dated March 30, 2023, Ms. Basulto advised Mark McQueen that he was a Fremont Place stakeholder; according to the GWNC Bylaws, Mr. McQueen is a stakeholder in the adjacent Windsor Village neighborhood, as determined by his home address. In 2020, the GWNC President (then GWNC Secretary) informed GWNC’s Empowerment Advocate, John Darnell, that the map’s depiction of the Fremont Place boundaries with adjacent Brookside and Windsor

Village neighborhoods contained errors, in response to which Mr. Darnell asserted the errors could not be corrected outside the bylaws revision process. No corrections were ever made.

Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion regarding the City Clerk].

Mr. Starr explained that the GWNC Bylaws had a different description of some GWNC boundaries than the City's map. He'd alerted DONE, but didn't receive a reply. The City Clerk sent a letter to resident Mark McQueen wrongly indicating that he was a Fremont Place resident. Mr. McQueen was forced to resign. Mr. Starr said "the City Clerk has made a mistake."

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council accepts the resignation of Mark McQueen as the Fremont Place representative.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

It was agreed to add, to the below Motion, the phrase "and additionally copy to Council District Five."

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that the City Clerk immediately correct the errors in its GWNC map, that it review the map against the GWNC Bylaws to determine if additional corrections are needed and make them, and that it provide the GWNC with said updates by October 31, 2023. The GWNC furthermore requests that DONE update Attachment A to the GWNC Bylaws with the corrected map, that it acknowledge the error in writing on Attachment A, and that it provide an updated PDF Bylaws file to the GWNC by November 15, 2023, and host the same corrected file at <https://empowerla.org/gwnc/> and in any and all other city sites where GWNC Bylaws and maps are currently available for viewing or downloading, and additionally [the GWNC will] copy... Council District Five [on the correspondence].

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 17 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 2 - Citrus Square; Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 8 - Melrose; Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Area 11 - Sycamore Square; Area 12 - Western-Wilton; Area 13 - Wilshire Park; Business; At Large.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

3. Nominations, Elections and/or Motions to Appoint
 - a) Area 8 Melrose Alt - Edward Ruiz (and any other qualifying candidates)

Ms. DeVore verified that Mr. Ruiz was eligible. He introduced himself and described his background and desire to be of service. Mr. Galan nominated Mr. Ruiz, who accepted the nomination.

Board Member Tommy Atlee had arrived by this time, replacing his Alternate MJ Anderson, keeping 18 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION (by Mr. Atlee, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Edward Ruiz to the Melrose Alternate Seat.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

Board Member Romi Cortier left at this time (8:07), making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

b) At Large Alt - Bill Newby, Mark McQueen (and any other qualifying candidates).

Ms. Chvatal, on behalf of Mr. Newby, described his background and long-time community service; he accepted the nomination.

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Bill Newby to the At Large Alternate Seat.

DISCUSSION: Ms. DeVore read aloud Mr. Newby’s biography.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Nava, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Carpenter, Galan and Starr).

B. Board Training Requirements: Courses and instructions can be found at <http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/>. Please check EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for your training expirations and email secretary@greaterwilshire.org if there are any inconsistencies.

1. Code of Conduct is required for all board members and must be renewed every two years. Members with expired or incomplete Code of Conduct are to be suspended after 30 days and removed after 60 days. Board members with incomplete or expired Code of Conduct do not count towards quorum and may not vote.

a) The following board members are shown at EmpowerLA.org/GWNC as having EXPIRED or INCOMPLETE Code of Conduct

- Benny Rosenberg
- Julie Stromberg
- Bob Reeves
- Kelly Rielly

b) Bob Reeves, Kelly Rielly, and Benny Rosenberg have been suspended by DONE pending recompletion of the Code of Conduct.

2. Ethics and Funding Training are required before members may vote on funding motions.
 - a) The following board members are shown at EmpowerLA.org/GWNC as NOT having completed Ethics and/or Funding and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters.
 - Julie Stromberg (Ethics)
 - Cathy Roberts (Funding)
 - Bob Reeves (Funding)
 - Kelly Rielly (Funding)
3. The following have not yet completed the REQUIRED anti-bias (ABLE) training:
 - Brian Curran
 - Andy Galan
4. Non-Board Committee Member Ethics Training Link - <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>

Mr. Starr noted above Item #VI. B.

C. Adoption of September 13, 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes

No corrections or amendments were made.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its September 13, 2023 General Board Meeting as written.

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

VII. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. President’s Report - Please see the supporting documents folder at <https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs> for links and information contained in the report.

Mr. Starr reported that the annual LAHSA Homeless Count process started.

- 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 September, 2023.

Card Expenses

9/3 Public Storage \$205.00

9/26 Larchmont Chronicle (August) \$204.00

Checks Cleared

8/28 AppleOne: Minutes \$ 73.15

8/28 AppleOne: Admin 7/26, 8/2, 8/9 \$813.96

8/29 AppleOne: Admin 8/16, 8/23 \$587.86

8/29 AppleOne: Minutes 8/16 \$292.60

8/29 Ebell of LA July, August \$800.00

Checks Outstanding
9/13 Congress of Neighborhoods \$250.00

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2023.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Nava, Sicilia, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained.

b) Motion to Approve Individual Expenses Listed in the September 2023 MER.

Ms. Carroll reviewed them.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in September 2023.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Nava, Sicilia, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the October 2023 MER
Ebell of LA September Board Meeting \$ 400
Apple One Minutes and Admin \$1042.72
Apple One any other expenses outstanding TBC

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

3. Approval of Revised FY 2023-24 Budget for Administrative Packet

Mr. Starr explained the above. No Motion was made or vote taken.

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

D. Secretary’s Report
Ms. DeVore ceded her time.

VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Jesseca Harvey).

A. Committee Report

Ms. Harvey reported that Farmers Market gleanings are on first Sundays.

B. Committee Membership

Ms. Harvey gave a report.

C. Call for Volunteers for Upcoming Events in October

Ms. Harvey requested volunteers for the LAPD Wilshire Division Open House and the Larchmont Family Fair.

D. Promotional Printed Items for Tabling

Possible Motion: The GWNC approves the committee to spend up to \$500 to print materials from NextDayFlyers.com and FedEx for use at tabling events to promote the GWNC.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves spending up to \$500 to print materials from NextDayFlyers.com and FedEx for use at tabling events to promote the GWNC.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Nava, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

E. Linktr.ee Account for Social Media Accounts

Possible Motion: The GWNC approves the committee’s creation of a Linktr.ee Account and the addition of the widget to our social media accounts.

Ms. Harvey explained the above.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Committee’s creation of a Linktr.ee Account and the addition of the widget to our social media accounts.

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

F. Next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the John C Fremont Library at 6121 Melrose, Los Angeles 90038

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

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

A. Report on the September 27, 2023 Special Meeting
Mr. D’Atri reported.

B. Next Quality of Life Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #849 7793 0618 or at John C Fremont Library on Melrose.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

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

A. Committee Report: Report on the Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 3 (Gary Gilbert)

Mr. Gilbert gave a report

B. Committee Membership

Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints GWNC Alternate Vince Cox to be a member of the Resilience Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints GWNC Alternate Vince Cox to be a member of the Resilience Committee.

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

C. Possible Change to Resilience Committee Regular Meeting Schedule

Possible Motion: The GWNC hereby changes the Resilience Committee regular meeting schedule to be at 6:30 on the first Monday of even-numbered months.

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council hereby changes the Resilience Committee regular meeting schedule to be at 6:30 on the first Monday of even-numbered months.

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

D. Next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at a location to be determined.

Mr. Gilbert noted the above.

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

A. Committee Report: Report on the October 3, 2023 meeting

Ms. Roberts reported.

B. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board appoint Board Alternate MJ Anderson to be a Member of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Board Alternate MJ Anderson to be a Member of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

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

C. Committee Membership: Two (2) openings for committee membership

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

D. Next Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Branch Library located at 4625 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

XII. 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 September 26, 2023 Land Use Committee Meeting.

Mr. Curran reported.

B. 531 N. Larchmont Blvd: (Shahab Ghods) Filing date: 3/23/23. Demo of an existing 1-story, 1,860 sf. medical office for a new 4-story, mixed-use building with 15 residential units on the top 3 floors, over 2,700 sf. of dental office space and 990 sq ft. of general office space (on the ground floor) and 2 levels of subterranean parking. Case no: DIR-2023-2014-TOC-HCA. Zoning: [Q]C2-1VL. TOC: Tier 1. Area 7: Larchmont. Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) Land Use Committee recommends that the GWNC Board [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project at 531 N. Larchmont Blvd. comprised of the construction of over 2,750 square feet. of dental office space and 990 square feet of general office space (on the ground floor) and two levels of subterranean parking, subject to the following conditions: 1) development of a rooftop as proposed with a six-foot barrier between the common area and the mechanical area; 2) limited hours of the common area between 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.; and other conditions as presented to the Land Use Committee on September 26, 2023 from the presentation dated September 23, 2023, and all agreed-upon changes and conditions will be submitted in writing to City Planning and copied to the GWNC. Notwithstanding the Land Use Committee's recommendation to approve, nothing in this recommendation is intended to concede the TOC designation.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 16 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes (Starr).

C. United Neighbors Presentation on the Housing Element: (Cindy Chvatal) Motion: Whereas the Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have sufficient zoning opportunities—in commercial corridors, on public lands, and through Adaptive Reuse—to meet State housing needs mandates, there is no need to further rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing, resulting in the division and destruction of existing residential neighborhoods. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee recommends that the GWNC Board oppose the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws currently allow.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Whereas the Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have sufficient zoning opportunities—in commercial corridors, on public lands, and through Adaptive Reuse—to meet State housing needs mandates, there is no need to further rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing, resulting in the division and destruction of existing residential neighborhoods. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee recommends that the GWNC Board oppose the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws currently allow.

MOTION to AMEND (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adds the following wording to the Motion: “and the GWNC will draft and file a CIS reflecting of this Motion.”

MOTION to AMEND PASSED by a hand vote with 16 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes (Gilbert).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Atlee believed that blocking upzoning in single-family neighborhoods would force lower-income households to live near the most congested sites.

MOTION to AMEND (by Ms. Betancourt, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adds the following wording to the Motion: “Furthermore, the United Neighbors presentation shown at the October 11, 2023 Board meeting will be attached “

MOTION to AMEND PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 17 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

DISCUSSION: Ms. DeVore said that the City Planning Department hasn't done outreach about this and is operating in the dark.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 13 in favor; one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Galan); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Atlee, Gilbert and Starr).

- D. Consideration of and possible motion(s) regarding the ongoing illegal activities, violations, citations and permit applications for 300/302 N. Plymouth Blvd. Motion: [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. Harvey): In light of on-going illegal activities and criminal behavior reported or cited as violations at the premises of 300 N. Plymouth Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90004 (aka 5045 Beverly Blvd), the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board requests the temporary suspension of the issuance of all permits, including but not limited to planning, building, filming, and public works permits for this address, or associated addresses, for 120 days or such reasonable period

of time as is required by affected City departments to fully investigate the illegal activities and to determine whether the issuance of new permits is supported and warranted by the facts and the law. This recommendation is to be addressed to Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez and copied to all the same departments and agencies that received the previous GWNC recommendations for this site.

DISCUSSION: Resident Sam Uretsky noted that “the Property Manager is recording this . . . the LAPD showed up in force . . . [and] shut down [a] party . . . 300 to 400 people” attended; “LAPD has been called out there multiple times . . . once for the Property Manager chasing a resident.” Mr. Starr noted that a video is in BDdocs.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 17 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- E. Appointment of Mark Alpers as Committee Secretary Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Mark Alpers to be Land Use Committee Secretary.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Mark Alpers to be Land Use Committee Secretary.

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

- F. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, Los Angeles, Board Room (C115).

Mr. Curran noted the above.

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

A. Committee Report

Ms. Chvatal reported.

- B. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. at JC Fremont Branch Library, 6121 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 90038.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. GWNC Business Cards. Possible Motion: The GWNC will allocate up to \$400 for the purchase of business cards for its Directors and committee chairs; and will reallocate up to \$400 from Rollover Funds to Office/Operational

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

B. GWNC Badges Possible Motion: The GWNC will allocate up to \$250 for the purchase of lanyard badges for its Directors from Anderson Trophy; and will reallocate \$250 from Rollover Funds to Office/Operational.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

C. Formation of Ad Hoc Neighborhood Purposes Grants Committee

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

D. SB 411 - Resumption of Virtual Meetings

1. Possible Motion [only if signed by the Governor; requires a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the entire board (14)]: The GWNC will hold the first regular monthly board meeting each quarter in person; and will hold its second and third regular board meetings each quarter virtually.

Mr. Starr explained the above. The Governor signed SB 411.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will hold the first regular monthly board meeting each quarter in person; and will hold its second and third regular board meetings each quarter virtually.

It was agreed to add the wording from Item #XIV. D. 2. as an amendment.

MOTION to AMEND (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adds the following wording to the Motion: “The GWNC may, at the discretion of the President or by a simple majority vote of the Board, occasionally substitute a virtual meeting for an in-person meeting or vice-versa.”

MOTION to AMEND PASSED by a hand vote with 14 in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes (Harvey, Kim and Sicilia).

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 14 in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes (Harvey, Kim and Sicilia).

2. Possible Motion (contingent on above motion): The GWNC may, at the discretion of the President or by a simple majority vote of the Board, occasionally substitute a virtual meeting for an in-person meeting or vice-versa.

See above Item #XIV. D. 1.

3. Possible Motion: The GWNC President, or in President’s absence, the GWNC Vice President may call Special Meetings of the Board as needed and may call for such meetings to be held virtually or in-person, at their discretion.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

E. Selection of Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers (up to 5)

1. Possible Motion: Be it resolved, that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board: Conrad Starr [and FILL IN UP TO 4 OTHERS]. Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board member(s) (is/are) authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

F. Digital Media Policy Appointments

(See: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AeXn3tS2kzoRJWit-OMKAUVwTtRhyh45/view>)

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints/elects _____ (and _____ etc.) as its Digital Media Account Administrator(s) to ensure compliance with the Digital Communications Policy. (Required role; absent designation, filled by board president.)
2. 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.)

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

XV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Temporary Services Contract and Temporary Staff Pay Rates Explanation: GWNC's Minutes Taker and Administrative Assistant are contracted through AppleOne as part of the citywide Temporary Services Contracts adopted 7/1/2018 and expired 6/30/2021. Per Melvin Cañas, Neighborhood Council Funding Program Manager, "Agencies with now-expired City-wide contracts can be contracted under a one-off contract, while we await for a new City-wide contract. They can provide services at previously established rates under the City-wide contract, but they are not bound to those rates anymore as the contract has expired. In previous years, these agencies have continued providing services under established rates, before a new City-wide contract was executed. As we know, cost of services are different now than they were back in 2018/2019, so we can expect agencies to charge higher rates now." The current rate of pay for the Minutes Taker is \$22/hour and the rate for the Administrative Assistant is \$17/hour. GWNC pays AppleOne the contractual 30% upcharge for each, so \$29.26 and \$22.61 for the two positions, respectively. AppleOne has been asked by GWNC President to provide an updated range of pay based on temp staff's job descriptions and typical rates of pay for similar roles in October, 2023. To conform with the Brown Act's requirement that no funding motions exceed dollar amounts listed in the agendas, the placeholder motion below uses hypothetical maximums of \$50/hour; the quote from AppleOne is anticipated to be significantly lower.

Possible Motion: the GWNC requests the City Clerk contract with Howroyd-Wright Agency, Inc., dba AppleOne Employment Services, for administrative assistant services from Julia Christiansen at a rate of pay not to exceed \$50/hour and a billable rate not to exceed \$50/hour and for minute taking services from David Levin at a rate of pay not to exceed \$50/hour and a billable rate not to exceed \$50/hour, based on the provided scope of services (job descriptions) provided by the GWNC for each role.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

- B. November 2023 Board Meeting Date/Location Explanation: The Ebell no longer needs GWNC to reschedule its November meeting. Possible Motion: The GWNC will revert to its normal meeting date/time for its November General Board Meeting: November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION (by Ms. Betancourt, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will revert to its normal meeting date/time for its November General Board Meeting: November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent with all 17 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XVI. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS), RESOLUTIONS, REQUESTS FOR ACTION (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Neighborhood Council Bill of Rights - Possible GWNC Endorsement

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

- B. Amendment to Rule 48 - Request for Action Possible Motion: the GWNC requests the City Council amend and pass forthwith the following amendment to its current Rule 48: that so-called default voting be abandoned, that every Council Member must be physically present in their seat in the Council Chamber to count towards quorum, and must vote either "yes" or "no" or be indicated as "absent" and, under no circumstances, may a vote when the Councilmember is not physically in their seat be counted as anything other than "absent."

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

- C. Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy Explanation: current policy: <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/NEIGHBORHOOD-COUNCIL-BOARD-MEMBER-CODE-OF-CONDUCT-POLICY.pdf>; proposed policy: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rIAOLlc_Tp0PurhiX-o-IgID0EV5VM3J/view Possible Motion to support or oppose, or support or oppose if amended, etc.; AND/OR to urge BONC to provide for a 90 day comment period (extended for intervening holidays) for all board members and stakeholders to weigh in with concerns about the 9/17/23 version of the Proposed Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy; AND/OR to urge BONC to ensure that the Code of Conduct appears on every

BONC agenda during such period; AND/OR to urge BONC to circulate each of BONC's agendas during that period to every Neighborhood Council and Board member.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

- D. Council File 23-1097, Office of Compliance / Conflict of Interests / Ethics Laws / City Councilmembers Possible Motion to support or oppose, or support or oppose if amended, etc.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to postpone the above.

- E. Council File 23-1200-S145, Julie Stromberg / Central Area Planning Commission / Commission Appointment Possible Motion to support or oppose, or support or oppose if amended, etc.

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will revert to its normal meeting date/time for its November General Board Meeting: November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 16 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Galan).

XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Smith spoke about Greater Wilshire area land use history. "You have to be vigilant about the neighborhood . . . We planted trees . . . You can only have the kind of community that you demand . . . We need to be more vigilant . . . Learn the rules . . . follow them."

XVIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Potential Expansion of the Los Angeles City Council
- B. Independent Redistricting Commission / City Charter Amendment / Ballot Measure / November 2022.
- C. NPG Grants
- D. Participating in and/or providing financial support for LAUSD Board District 4 School Beautification Day event on December 2nd - Van Ness Elementary - see https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxczwYeX7nJB_SuOc_W5hi1mFtPtHc5sry-Uzvmp3bfCL6jw/viewform.
- E. 2024 Homeless Count

The above were noted.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. *[The following sentence is copied from the Agenda.]* The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S Lucerne Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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