



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 9, 2023
Approved September 13, 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 6:31 p. m. and explained procedures.

B. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

C. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

GWNC Administrator Julia Christiansen called the roll. Fifteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers (Alternate for Brian Curran), Scott Appel, Selene Betancourt, Jeffry Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Romi Cortier, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), John Gresham, Jesseca Harvey, Mark McQueen, David Meister (Alternate for Gary Gilbert), Alex Nava, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President) and David Trainer (Alternate for Jennifer DeVore). Tommy Atlee, Andy Galan, Julie Kim and Patricia Carroll (Treasurer) arrived later. Two Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Benny Rosenberg and Sixto Sicilia. Stephanie Lee, Beau Lloyd and John Winther no longer were Board Members. 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. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Eight Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. A. 2.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately 25 Stakeholders and guests.

Board Members Patti Carroll and Tommy Atlee arrived at this time (6:35), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen.)

Mr. Starr gave remarks and explained procedures.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III. D.

II. 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 / Julie Stromberg)

Neither Mr. Humphreville nor Ms. Stromberg were present; there was no Budget Advocates [<http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>] report.

C. Other Liaisons or Representatives

There were no other reports.

III. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. Fifth Council District (Field Deputy Michelle Flores - michelle.flores@lacity.org).

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>], was not present; there was no report.

B. Thirteenth Council District (Field Deputy 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.

The next Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. C.

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

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], and Harry Cho, another Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [cell/text phone 213-793-0649; 33817@LAPD.Online], reported. Officer Pelayo encouraged that, if you see someone suspicious, such as “walking up and down driveways . . . sitting in a car” for a long time, call 9-1-1 and say “because we’ve had residential burglaries, we’ve been advised by the LAPD” to call.

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

D. LADWP (Michael Ventre - michael.ventre@ladwp.com). Explanation: Michael Ventre, Senior Public Relations Specialist at LADWP, will provide a brief overview of DWP's upcoming maintenance project on Murfield and 3rd St. Construction is estimated to run from late September to late January. DWP will take the necessary precautions to minimize disruptions for residents in the area and comply with the HPOZ.

Mr. Ventre presented and introduced their team. He explained service interruptions. The Project Engineer described both project phases. He said that, for phase one on Muirfield between 3rd and 6th, “mail delivery and trash pickup are not going to be affected.” Phase two on 3rd Street is planned to last three to four weeks and will have “no impact to parking.” Both phases’ work will be Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and occasional

Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. They're digging 10-12 feet down. Water will be turned off for up to eight hours at a time. Sidewalks "are going to be accessible all the time." Staff said "we are using steel for this particular station . . . the existing pipe is cast iron." They will outreach to schools about the project.

Board Member Andy Galan arrived at this time (6:59), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen.)

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

This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XV. A. 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 that from Friday, September 29th at 9:00 p.m. to Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 a.m. the Wilshire/La Brea intersection will be closed. They will pave Wilshire from Mansfield to Detroit on the fourth weekend of October.

F. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (John Darnell - john.darnell@LACity.org)

Jose Galdamez, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that the City's Crisis Response Team seeks volunteers; training is available. He listed upcoming Board Member trainings. The State still is considering SB411. DONE is working with the Mayor's Office to be ready to guide Neighborhood Councils if SB411 is approved. The Congress of Neighborhoods will be Saturday, September 23rd in-person at City Hall is "open to the public . . . an all-day event. We provide breakfast and lunch." Bylaws amendments are due by April 1st.

G. 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.

H. Other Government Representatives

LAFD Battalion 18 Chief Kenneth Miller reported that 29, 61 and 52 "are your main local Fire Stations."

Board Member Julie Kim arrived at this time (7:04), making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen.) The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #8. C.

Sherwin Shamoel, a Field Representative for State 51st District Assemblymember Rick Chavez [323-436-5184; Sherwin.Shamoel@asm.ca.gov; <https://a51.asmdc.org>], reported

that an SB411 vote is scheduled for by September 15th and that “we read every single comment.”

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

David Merad (408.859.7173) explained automated delivery vehicles.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration

1. Board Director Vacancies: None

Mr. Starr noted the above.

2. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 2 - Citrus Square; Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 8 - Melrose (fillable August 23, 2023); Area 9 - Oakwood, Maplewood, St Andrews (fillable August 23, 2023); Area 11 - Sycamore Square; Area 12 - Western-Wilton; Area 13 - Wilshire Park; Business.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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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 new members within 30 days or they will be suspended; after 60 days, they are automatically removed.
 - a) Julie Kim and Romi Cortier have been suspended by DONE pending completion of the Code of Conduct. Lucy Pinkwater shows as not having completed her Code of Conduct.

Mr. Starr noted the above. See below Item #VI. B. 1. a. regarding Mr. Cortier.

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, Funding and/or Code of Conduct and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters.
 - Alex Nava (Ethics)
 - Gary Gilbert (Ethics)
 - Julie Kim (Ethics, Code)
 - Romi Cortier (Ethics, Funding, Code)
 - Benny Rosenberg (Code)
 - Cathy Roberts (Ethics, Funding, Code)
 - Bob Reeves (Funding, Code)
 - Suzana Kim (Funding)
 - Mark Alpers (Funding)

- Lucy Pinkwater (Ethics, Funding, Code)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

3. The following have not yet completed the REQUIRED anti-bias (ABLE) training:

- Brian Curran
- Mark McQueen
- Sixto Sicilia
- Alex Nava
- Andy Galan
- Julie Kim
- Tommy Atlee
- Romi Cortier
- David Meister
- Bianca Sparks Rojas
- Suzana Kim
- Mark Alpers
- Lucy Pinkwater

Mr. Starr noted the above.

4. Non-Board Committee Member Ethics Training Link - <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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

It was agreed to postpone the Minutes adoption pending corrections.

VI. 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 submitted the following report:

TRAININGS and ONBOARDING:

· Meet and Greet opportunity at City Hall on August 31st at 6:00 p.m. to meet staff from EmpowerLA, City Clerk, and the City Attorney's Neighborhood Council Advice Division, as well as the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (by the way, our Commissioner for Region 5 is Debby Wehbe). Includes dinner. RSVP info is in our supporting docs under Government Reports/Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

· Your NCAD contact is Ruth Kwon <ruth.kwon@lacity.org>. Please contact her with any conflict of interest questions, and do so before the item comes up for a vote. As

President, I serve as the legal liaison, so general questions about how laws and City Attorney guidance should be sent to me.

- DONE Board Member onboarding training on Aug 24, 29, and Sept 28, plus a Spanish language training on 9/13. RSVP info in that same folder

- Roberts Rules Made Simple training in Robert's Rules (parliamentary procedure) is available to all board members and alternates. If you have not received an invitation, see the information in the President's Report folder. If you are unable to login, please contact john.darnell@empowerla.org.

- A training workshop for Neighborhood Purposes Grants will be held virtually on August 17th. Anyone wishing to serve on an ad hoc NPG committee and those members or stakeholders interested in notifying local public schools or nonprofit organizations about our upcoming grant window (TBD) should sign up to attend.

- Email Transition: Thank you to continuing board members for helping make this a smooth transition. Board members were asked to choose between an email ACCOUNT and a FORWARDER. On our last system, a hybrid was available but we learned this option was not available on the new system. If you have an account, I strongly recommend setting it up on your mobile device and on your computer. There is a webmail option, and though it looks better than our last webmail, it's pretty slow.

Please reach out to admin@greaterwilshire.org if you would like to switch from an email account to a forwarder or vice-versa or if you need to be resent the email setup instructions.

Best practices for spam and phishing: a lot of spam comes through — most of this seems to be related to the empowerla.org/gwnc email listing, so you're probably getting some of this to your personal address if that's what's listed on that site. Occasionally legitimate messages are caught in the spam folder, so please check it occasionally. In addition to deleting messages regarding inheritances, the United Nations, or romance, please also delete any password expiration notices, invoice links, voicemail links, or other messages from EmpowerLA that are not informational in nature. If your name is not at the top of the email, it's likely spam or phishing. If you're not sure, please email admin@greaterwilshire.org.

You should all be receiving Board Agendas. You can sign up at greaterwilshire.org if you aren't currently receiving.

OTHER INFO:

- EnrichLA Provided an After-Action report on the grant we gave Wilshire Park School which you can find in the President's Report Folder.

· There is a vacancy for the office of Alternate Public Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LAFCO), which a State-mandated Commission charged with the responsibility to provide for the orderly formation and growth of cities and special districts.

· Hugo Soto-Martínez will attend the September 13th GWNC General Board Meeting to introduce himself to the new board, so get your questions ready for him.

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 July, 2023.

Card Expenses

7/3 Public Storage \$151.00

7/7 WEB: MYDOMAIN \$ 42.98

7/8 WEB: MYDOMAIN S 17.96

7/18 Larchmont Chronicle (July)) \$204.00

Checks Cleared

7/11 UMEworks LLC \$ 32.50

Checks Outstanding

7/23 AppleOne: Admin \$813.96

7/23 AppleOne: Minutes \$416.96

7/26 AppleOne: Admin \$813.96

7/26 AppleOne : Minutes \$270.66

Mr. Starr noted that Romi Cortier completed his training. Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, McQueen, Meister, Nava, Smith, Starr and Trainer); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Atlee). One (Kim) was ineligible 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 July 2023 MER.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, McQueen, Meister, Nava, Smith, Starr and Trainer); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Atlee). One (Kim) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

C. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the August, 2023 MER.

[This Item was meant to be #VI. B. 1. c., not “VI. B. 1. C.”]

Any Outstanding AppleOne expenses TBC

Ebell July Rent \$400

1. Discussion on Year End & Roll Over Funds
2. Larchmont Chronicle raised rates from \$188 to \$204

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

D. Vice-President’s Report

Mr. D’Atri ceded his time.

E. Secretary’s Report

Mr. Starr noted that Ms. DeVore was absent; there was no report.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Acting Chair: Cathy Roberts).

- A. Town Hall: The following town hall was approved by the Board at the February 2023 meeting, but was not held due to rain. The event is now proposed for October 2023. Possible Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approve holding a Town Hall in October 2023 entitled “Can I Recycle That? And New Rules For the Green Bin” and allocate up to \$200 from its Print and Digital Advertising Budgets for event promotion.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves holding a Town Hall in October 2023 entitled “Can I Recycle That? And New Rules For the Green Bin” and allocate up to \$200 from its Print and Digital Advertising Budgets for event promotion.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, McQueen, Meister, Nava, Smith, Starr and Trainer); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Kim) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

B. Committee Report: August 1, 2023 meeting.
There was no report.

C. Next Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Branch Library located at 4625 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

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

VIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Acting Chair: Brian Curran).

A. Report on the July 25, 2023 Land Use Committee Meeting.
There was no report.

B. 3377 W. Olympic Blvd: Pursuant to LA Municipal Code Section 12.37 1.3, a waiver of required dedication and improvements has been requested to provide relief from the requirement to: Complete the dedication process of 3’ along St. Andrews Pl. and 5’ along Olympic Blvd. Case no: DIR-2022-2825-TOC-SPR-WDI-HCA. Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

Mr. Gresham explained the above.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports a waiver of required dedication and improvements, pursuant to LA Municipal Code Section 12.37 1.3, to provide relief from the requirement to: Complete the dedication process of 3’ along St. Andrews Pl. and 5’ along Olympic Blvd. for the proposed project at 3377 W. Olympic Blvd., with the Council’s support subject to the submittal and city approval of a landscape, irrigation, and maintenance plan to be funded in perpetuity by the developer and its successors for the area where the dedication will be waived.

Board Member Cindy Chvatal stepped away at this time (8:32), making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Cortier, D’Atri, Gresham, Harvey, McQueen, Nava, Smith and Trainer); zero opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Galan, Kim, Meister and Starr).

C. 300 N. Plymouth Blvd: Nuisance Party House Motion: The GWNC requests [see the below Motion].

Mr. Gresham reported that “many, many neighbors” attended the Committee meeting. He described the party house problems.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that Council District 13, LAPD Olympic Division, the LA Department of City Planning, the LA Department of Building and Safety, the LA City Attorney’s Office, FilmLA, and all other applicable City or state agencies actively support the North Plymouth Blvd. Coalition in their efforts to restore a safe and secure environment in the area of Larchmont and Windsor Square, principally bounded by Rosewood Avenue to the North, Beachwood Drive to the East, Windsor Blvd. to the West, and First Street to the South, by ending the use of 300 N. Plymouth as a Party and Event venue.

DISCUSSION: Resident Sam Uretsky explained the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program and said “the Neighborhood Prosecutor played a key and vital role . . . encouraging . . . [to] cite offenses . . . [There’s] a lack of transfer information.” Delilah Loud, head of the North Plymouth Association, which has more than 40 Members, appreciated TWNC support. Resident Dorie Lobel said “there’s been a lot of intimidation coming out of that house . . . three times a week . . . it’s converted into a nightclub.” He described security guards’ and partygoers’ intimidating behavior. One “absolutely drunk, threw up on the street . . . There’s been so many parties it’s hard to keep track.” He described vandalism to his home and added “there’s also a lot of racing on the street.” Resident Robin Park said that, for “two years . . . illicit use of drugs, underage drinking . . . illegal activities . . . It’s a family neighborhood . . . It’s making the environment unsafe . . . The noise is out of control . . . from three in the afternoon to one on the morning . . . drag racing . . . littering . . . defecating.” Resident Knox White reported that a Police Officer said “weren’t you 17 once? . . . [There’s been] obscene graffiti . . . [They] charge 40 bucks at the door . . . The girls are getting waved in . . . This is . . . a money-making enterprise . . . a commercial enterprise.” Resident Tracy Clark said “there’s a cluster of traffic . . . Cars revving up . . . Why isn’t [the Party House Ordinance] being enforced? . . . It’s disruptive to the neighbors . . . It’s against our zoning laws.” Senior Lead Officer Pelayo reported that “emails, photos, videos” have been sent to him. “Obviously, it’s a nuisance to the community” and “nuisance abatement” is needed. However, all Permits were secured, including alcohol sales.

CD13’s Ms. Martinez said it’s “on [her] radar . . . We’re in the process of awaiting an investigation from the Dept. of Building and Safety.” The alcohol Permit is allowed for holding events. CD13 is working to determine how the Permits were granted. Mr. D’Atri reported “unpermitted film shoots . . . This is an outrageous situation.” Ms. Carroll said “they’re obviously selling tickets.” Officer Pelayo said the Neighborhood Prosecutor was unavailable due to City Attorney directive. He reported that he asked

how “they’ve been able to get a Permit every single night?” Mr. Gresham noted “if they’re running a business, they should be paying taxes.” Mr. Uretsky said “there’re numerous violations in plain sight that Officers driving by have seen.” Mr. D’Atri said “we’re asking for Councilmember Soto-Martinez to talk directly with the City Attorney.”

Board Member Cindy Chvatal had returned by this time, making 19 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, McQueen, Meister, Nava, Smith, Starr and Trainer); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

D. Committee Membership: With the resignation of three current Committee Members, David Trainer (Area 5), Tommy Atlee (Area 14), and Susan O’Connell (Area 10), the total number of Committee Members is reduced to eight, leaving one seat open for the following nominees: Mark Alpers (Area 5), MJ Anderson (Area 12), David Meister (Area 14), and Julie Kim (Area 15). Motion: The GWNC selects Patricia Carroll (Area 10), Rory Cunningham (Area 10), Brian Curran (Area 14), Karen Gilman (Area 7), John Gresham (Area 13), Dick Herman (Area 10), Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo (Area 1), Jane Usher (Area 14), and Mark Alpers (Area 5) as members of the Land Use Committee, with Brian Curran as Committee Chair.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Patricia Carroll (Area 10), Rory Cunningham (Area 10), Brian Curran (Area 14), Karen Gilman (Area 7), John Gresham (Area 13), Dick Herman (Area 10), Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo (Area 1), Jane Usher (Area 14), and Mark Alpers (Area 5) as members of the Land Use Committee, with Brian Curran as Committee Chair.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr thanked the Committee for making the Board Rules work and for trying to ensure Area representation. Mr. Gresham noted the Committee’s recognition of Members’ expertise.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, McQueen, Meister, Nava, Smith and Trainer); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Kim and Starr).

E. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at the Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave, Los Angeles, Board Room (C115).

The above was noted.

IX. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Vacant; Acting Committee Secretary: Jennifer DeVore).

A. Report on the July 18th Meeting.

1. Update on Gleaning (Colette Amin)

Ms. Harvey updated.

B. Committee Membership. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects Jesseca Harvey (Area 8), Alex Nava (Area 9) Colette Amin (Area 14), Brian Curran (Area 14), Patti Carroll (Area 10), and _____ as members of its Outreach Committee. [Note: GWNC committees must have up to nine members, from which up to five may be board members.]

Mr. Starr noted that Committees may (not “must”) have up to nine members. Ms. Betancourt volunteered.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Atlee): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Jesseca Harvey (Area 8), Alex Nava (Area 9) Colette Amin (Area 14), Brian Curran (Area 14), Patti Carroll (Area 10) and Selene Betancourt (Area 3) as members of its Outreach Committee.

MOTION PASSED with no opposition; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Committee Leadership. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects Jesseca Harvey as Outreach Committee Chair.

MOTION (by Mr. Atlee, seconded by Mr. Nava): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Jesseca Harvey as Outreach Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED with no opposition; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Social Media Coordinator. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects Alex Nava as Social Media Coordinator.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Alex Nava as Social Media Coordinator.

MOTION PASSED with no opposition; zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. Next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the John C Fremont Library at 6121 Melrose, Los Angeles 90038

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #IV.

X. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Acting Chair: Charles D’Atri).

- A. Committee Membership. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects Charles D’Atri (Area 7), John Gresham (Area 13), Jennifer DeVore (Area 5), and _____ as members of its Quality of Life Committee. [Note: GWNC committees must have a minimum of three members, and up to nine, from which up to five may be board members.]
- B. Committee Leadership. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects Charles D’Atri as Quality of Life Committee Chair.
- C. Next Quality of Life Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #849 7793 0618 or a time and physical location to be determined.

[CS/JC CONFIRM: _] The above Item #X was not addressed.

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

- A. Committee Membership. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects Gary Gilbert (Area 14), Max Kirkham (Area 9), Conrad Starr (Area 11), Anne Loveland (Area 5), Jennifer DeVore (Area 5), and _____ as members of its Resilience Committee.
- B. Committee Leadership. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects Gary Gilbert as chair of its Resilience Committee.
- C. Next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, September 4, 2023 at a location to be determined.

[CS/JC CONFIRM: _] The above Item #XI was not addressed.

XII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible Action) (Acting Chair: Cindy Chvatal).

- A. Report on the July 20, 2023 Meeting: Meeting was canceled due to anticipated lack of quorum.
Ms. Chvatal reported that ___
Chair M_. _ was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.
- B. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be Thursday, September 21st, 6:30 p.m. at JC Fremont Branch Library, 6121 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 90038.

Ms. Chvatal reported that ___
Chair M_. _ was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action).

- A. Web Domain Registry. Possible Motion: The GWNC will register its greaterwilshire.org and greaterwilshire.com domain registrations with DreamHost at a cost of up to \$100/year.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Trainer): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will register its greaterwilshire.org and greaterwilshire.com domain registrations with DreamHost at a cost of up to \$100/year.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr explained the need.

Board Member Romi Cortier had stepped away by this time (8:46), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, D’Atri, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, McQueen, Meister, Nava, Smith, Starr and Trainer); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Kim) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

B. Larchmont Family Fair — October 29, 2023. 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)

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council POSTPONES Items XIII. B. - XIII. G.

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

C. Liaison/GWNC Representative Appointments. Explanation: see <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/con21/alliances-and-liaisons>.

1. Budget Representative(s)
2. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative(s)
3. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Representative(s)
4. LADWP Representative
5. LADWP Ratepayer Advocate
6. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance Representative
7. Homelessness Liaison
8. Public Works Liaison

There were no appointments.

D. 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:

- Filer #1: _____
- Filer #2: _____

- Filer #3: _____
- Filer #4: _____
- Filer #5: _____

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 members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

There were no selections.

E. Appointment of Assistant Secretary (optional)

There was no appointment.

F. Appointment of Assistant Treasurer (optional)

There was no appointment.

G. 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.)

There were no appointments.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action).

- A. 2023 Congress of Neighborhoods: Register at <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la> starting August 19th. 2021 sessions archived at <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/con21>. Possible Motion: The GWNC will provide a grant of up to \$250 to the Congress of Neighborhoods. [Budget Category: Outreach].

It was agreed to delete the phrase “up to” from the Motion.

Board Member Romi Cortier at this time, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. McQueen): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will provide a grant of \$250 to the Congress of Neighborhoods. [Budget Category: Outreach].

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Cortier, D’Atri, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, McQueen, Meister, Nava, Smith, Starr and Trainer); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Kim) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

B. November 2023 Board Meeting. Explanation: The Ebell of Los Angeles is unavailable on November 8, 2023. Possible Motion: The GWNC will reschedule its November General Board Meeting to Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m.

[CS/JC CONFIRM: _] No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. 2023 Election Materials. Possible Motion: The GWNC designates Jennifer DeVore to collect 2023 GWNC Election Materials from the City Clerk.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council designates Jennifer DeVore to collect 2023 GWNC Election Materials from the City Clerk.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, McQueen, Meister, Nava, Smith, Starr and Trainer); zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Storage Keys. Possible Motion: The GWNC designates Conrad Starr and Jesseca Harvey as the keepers of its storage space keys.

MOTION (by Mr. Nava, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council designates Conrad Starr and Jesseca Harvey as the keepers of its storage space keys.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XV. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS), RESOLUTIONS.

A. CicLAVia / LADOT / Metro Open Streets Cycle 5 (Presenter: Lea Le Rouzo). Possible Motion: The GWNC offers its support for the LADOT’s application for Metro’s Cycle 5 Open Streets Program for Wilshire Blvd., Downtown to San Vicente CicLAVia proposed for 2025.

Ms. Le Rouzo, Outreach Coordinator, explained the event. “It’s not a race; you can start or end wherever you like.”

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council offers its support for the LADOT’s application for Metro’s Cycle

5 Open Streets Program for Wilshire Blvd., Downtown to San Vicente CicLAvia proposed for 2025.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 19 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Le Rouzo added that an outreach booth is available.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III. E.

B. Jamie York / City Ethics Commission / Commission Appointment (CF 23-1200-S130). Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Atlee, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement in support of the appointment of Jamie York to the City Ethics Commission.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Cortier, Gresham, McQueen, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; nine abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Alpers, Carpenter, D’Atri, Galan, Harvey, Kim, Meister, Nava and Trainer).

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

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Ms. Carroll announced Anderson Munger YMCA August 18th and Taste of Larchmont September 18th events.

XVII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

- A. GWNC Business Cards. Possible Motion: The GWNC will allocate up to _____ for the purchase of business cards for its Directors and committee chairs from [NextDayFlyers.com, etc.].
- B. GWNC Badges. Possible Motion: The GWNC will allocate up to _____ for the purchase of lanyard-style badges for its Directors from Anderson Trophy.
- C. Neighborhood Council Bill of Rights
- D. LAPD Wilshire Open House

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

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S Lucerne Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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