



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”)  
Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 5, 2022  
Approved May 7, 2022

In conformity with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

A. Call to order (Cathy Roberts)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Environmental & Sustainability Committee was held online. Chair Cathy Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call (Cathy Roberts)

The Chair called the roll. Four of the six Committee Members were present online at the Roll Call: Polly Chu, Polly Estabrook, Juan Portillo, and Cathy Roberts (Chair). Bindhu Varghese joined at 7:55pm. Dan Kegel (Secretary) was absent.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

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

A. Review and Adoption of December 7, 2021 Minutes.

**MOTION** (by Cathy Roberts, seconded by Juan Portillo): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee adopts the Minutes of its December 7, 2021 meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** with four in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

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inalize focus of next Sustainability Committee event/webinar. Discuss the merits (food waste, recycling, rebates for items that reduce impacts on climate change and the environment in general) of the topics -and- propose a motion.

**MOTION** (by Cathy Roberts, seconded by Bindhu Varghese): That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board support holding a webinar on Thursday, June 23 from 7:30-8:00 p.m. exploring available tools, resources, and rebates for household items and appliances that reduce impacts on climate change and allocate \$150 for promotion.

**MOTION PASSED** with five in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

A. Discussion of possible Community Impact Statements regarding decarbonization in support of the LA Green New Deal - CF21-1463 and CF22-0151

**MOTION** (by Cathy Roberts, seconded by Juan Portillo): That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board support filing a CIS and sending a letter in support of Council File 21-1463 in requiring the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office and other city entities to conduct public engagement when developing decarbonization programs.

**MOTION PASSED** with four in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**MOTION** (by Cathy Roberts, seconded by Juan Portillo): That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC Board support filing a CIS in support of Council File 22-0151 and attaching a letter that reads: “Whereas zero-emission buildings help the environment, save money, and improve health and; whereas the City of Los Angeles should come up with a sensible plan to require new buildings to have zero emissions in a way that is fair to both renters and owners; therefore, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports investigating a plan for new developments to be carbon neutral.”

**MOTION PASSED** with four in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

NOTE: Polly Estabrook left the meeting around 8:15pm before the New Business votes took place.

B. Discussion of a possible webinar on grey water.

**VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. None at this time

**VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, via Zoom.

**VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None at this time.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:28 p.m.

