

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Meeting of the Transportation Committee
January 23, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order

A duly noticed meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Monday, January 23, 2023, via Zoom (online and by telephone). Committee chairperson Cindy Chvatal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mr. Carpenter called the roll. Seven of the eight Committee Members were present at Roll Call: Jeffrey Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal (chair), Frank Moser, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr, Julie Stromberg, and Sam Uretsky. Jon Vein was absent. GWNC board secretary Jennifer DeVore moderated the initiation of the meeting. *[The GWNC Transportation Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of 8 Committee Seats, or five, so the Committee was able to take such votes.]*

II. COMMENTS BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

There were no government representatives present.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Chvatal reported that Lindsay Sturman had previously requested to join the Transportation Committee and intended to have her request considered at this meeting but inadvertently forgot to get it on the agenda. Ms. Chvatal canvassed the committee members and it appeared that a special meeting could be arranged for Thursday, January 26th so as to have Ms. Sturman’s nomination considered at the February meeting of the GWNC board.

It was suggested to always include “membership” as a standing agenda item.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and Adoption of Committee Minutes. Mr. Carpenter moved adoption of the draft minutes for the November 28^h, 2022 meeting. Mr. Smith seconds the

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MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Smith): That the GWNC Transportation Committee approve the draft meeting minutes for September 28,

2022.

MOTION PASSED 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

V. NEW BUSINESS

This discussion occurred at the start of the meeting.

A. Prospective Protected Bike Lane on 6th Street.

MOTION: (Ms. Chvatal moves, Mr. Starr seconds); That the GWNC board support a proposed study of the feasibility of protected bike lanes on 6th Street between La Brea and Wilton.

(Note that the language of this motion was reconsidered at the next committee meeting.)

Mr. Starr raised the question of reaching out to constituents in Windsor Square and other neighborhoods that could be affected by the proposed project. Ms. Chvatal reported that La Brea Hancock is in favor of the project and that she would call Larry Guzin to have the issue discussed by the Windsor Square Association.

Ms. Stromberg asks what the 13th Council District Council member has said about the proposed bike land. Committee members reported that Council Member Soto Martinez supports the bike lane. Ms. Chvatal reported that east of the project in Koreatown there are initiatives to “pedestrianize” 6th Street.

MOTION PASSED 7 yes, 0 no, no abstentions.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of Pedestrian Crossings at 8th and Highland.

Ms. Chvatal said that she would try to check on the status of the studies promised by the District Engineer.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Moser said that he was asked what could be done about speeding traffic on Beverly and 3rd Street, particularly west of Larchmont Blvd. It seems enforcement is sorely inadequate. He also noted that neighborhood residents are ignoring turn restrictions that bollards were attempting to enforce.

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Dave Mai was identified as our new field deputy from CD 13 and should attempt to engage him on this concern. *(This might not be current information.)*

Mr. Carpenter mentions recent Los Angeles Times editorials that were included with the meeting documents, including one by Michael Schneider of MCWCC.

Mr. Starr provided an update on prospective venues for in-person meetings of the Transportation Committee. The John Fremont Library is a leading prospect, but has hard close up at 8 pm. Ms. Stromberg reported that she not yet had a chance to investigate the Lebanese Cultural Center or the Ebell for accommodations. Mr. Moser suggested that the Wilshire Country Club might be investigated.

VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Chvatal asked Committee members to hold open the following Thursday evening for a Special Meeting of the Committee to approve the recommendation to add Ms. Sturman to the Committee..

The next Regular meeting of the Committee was noted to be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023. via Zoom ID 921 5993 555.

(This was subsequently found to be in conflict with the GWNC candidate forum and the meeting was re-scheduled for March 23rd at 6:30 pm.)

Ms. Chvatal adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.