

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Special Meeting of the Transportation Committee
January 26, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order

A duly noticed Special Meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Thursday, January 26, 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: Jeffry Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal (chair), Owen Smith, Conrad Starr, Julie Stromberg, Sam Uretsky and Jon Vein. Frank Moser joined the meeting shortly after the first item was considered. *[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. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Committee Membership

- i. Nomination of Lindsay Sturman, GWNC stakeholder, to the Transportation Committee.

MOTION: (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Uretsky) That the Transportation Committee recommends to the GWNC Board the appointment of Lindsay Sturman to the Transportation Committee.

MOTION PASSES unanimously with 7 “yes” votes.

B. Transportation Committee Regular Meetings Time and Place

- i. Committee member preferences for the date, time, and location of the regular Transportation Committee meetings once in-person are required and resumed.

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Mr. Starr updated the Committee on possible options for an in-person meeting location. The former location at the Marlborough School is not presently available, having given precedence to the Land Use Committee’s request.

The John Fremont Library's community space is only available on the second Tuesday and the third Thursday of the month. The Memorial Branch Library on Olympic across from LA High School has not yet responded to queries. Ms. Stromberg reported that she had not had the opportunity to investigate the Lebanese Cultural Center. Another possibility that Mr. Starr had just identified was an upstairs meeting room at the Hope Lutheran Church (on Melrose at Mansfield) that was offered at \$50 per meeting.

Mr. Starr noted that the Fremont Library community room had the advantages of a separate room and entrance from the library and direct (ramped) access from the parking lot

MOTION: (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Smith) That the Transportation Committee change its meeting time to the third Thursday of the month, meeting at the community room at the John Fremont Library.

MOTION PASSES unanimously with 8 “yes”

C. Proposed Study of Protected Bike Lanes on 6th Street between La Brea Avenue and Wilton Place

i. Possible Motion to Amend Motion Previously Adopted.

Ms. Chvatal reported on a concern that simply supporting “studies” often leaves project shy of the documentation needed to actually get a project funded and implemented, hence the recommendation for proposed substitute language in the motion for “required traffic studies for” instead of “proposed study”. There was discussion that this change might mis-interpreted as being hostile to the prospect of bike lanes, so it was agreed to preface the motion with language “to move the project forward” as well as to incorporate the need for community outreach to fully ground any prospective project in community consensus.

MOTION: (Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Stromberg) That the previous motion, “That the GWNC board support a proposed study of the feasibility of protected bike lanes on 6th Street between La Brea and Wilton” with the motion, “In that we favor protected bike lanes on 6th Street from La Brea to Wilton, the GWNC Transportation Committee recommends the board support any required traffic studies and outreach to move the project forward.”

A stakeholder of Windsor Square, Mary H., reported that the Windsor Square Association supported the prospect of protected bike lanes. It was also reported that, Cathy Roberts, the president of the La Brea/Hancock Association, was in favor of bike lanes and that a formal endorsement by that association was pending.

Another Windsor Square stakeholder, Polly Estabrook, wondered how the prospective bike lanes could be connected into the 2035 Mobility Plan. It was noted that the Mobility Plan often failed to provide bike lane connectivity, leaving it up to individual neighborhoods to make connections.

Koreatown was said to be looking at pedestrianizing 6th Street within its boundaries. The position of MCWCC would need to be sought out.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Uretsky noted a need to improve connections to the new Council District 13 staff.

He also said that he wanted to continue to press for the option to meet remotely. This sentiment was expanded on by Ms. Stromberg. Mr. Carpenter suggested forwarding GWNC resolutions to the State legislators representing GWNC neighborhoods, but Ms. Stromberg said that Neighborhood Councils were prohibited from advocating to State legislators and agencies. Mr. Starr noted, however, that individual GWNC stakeholders were free to make their views known.

IV. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Details of the time and place for the next meeting of the Committee remained to be confirmed at the time of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.