



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
Approved May 8, 2024

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**I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

A. Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks (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 6:33 p. m. and explained procedures, reminding about checking with the City Attorney if a Board Member has a possible or definite conflict of interest.

B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore).

Assistant Secretary Jessica Harvey called the roll. Twelve of the 20 Board Members or their Alternate(s) were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Tommy Atlee, Selene Betancourt, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Romi Cortier, Brian Curran, Jesseca Harvey, Julie Kim, Sixto Sicilia, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President), David Trainer (Alternate for Jennifer DeVore) (Secretary) and Nicholas Wood (Alternate for John Gresham). Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Charles D'Atri (Vice-President) and Gary Gilbert arrived later. Five Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Scott Appel, Jeffrey Carpenter, Andy Galan, Alex Nava and Suzana Kim. 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 at this time the Board could only take public comments, could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [Area 4 - Fremont Place; see Item #V. A. 1.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Ten Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. A. 2.]. Also attended: approximately 39 Stakeholders and guests.

*Board Member Gary Gilbert arrived at this time (6:36), making 13 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen). Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items. Board Members Charles D'Atri and Patti Carroll arrived at 6:38, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present.*

## **II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### A. Fifth Council District (Michelle Flores -

[Michelle.Flores@LACity.org](mailto: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](mailto:Michelle.Flores@LACity.org); <https://councildistrict5.LACity.gov>], reported on current legislation and upcoming events. Regarding the Pawn Shop Sports Bar and Restaurant at 5901 Melrose Ave., the Councilmember supports limiting the hours during which alcohol can be served.

### B. Thirteenth Council District (Field Deputy Karla Martinez - [karla.g.martinez@LACity.org](mailto: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 (Olympic), Rodriguez (Wilshire))

Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-473-0476; cell/text phone 213-793-0715; [35738@LAPD.Online](mailto:35738@LAPD.Online); <https://www.LAPDOnline.org/lapd-contact/west-bureau/wilshire-community-police-station>], reported crime statistics. There's been a recent decrease in burglaries (crews were targeting the area), auto thefts and robberies. Vehicle break-ins and thefts have increased. He encouraged that, if you see a neighbor's home on fire, to contact the Police. A "Trespass Authorization form" [<https://housing2.lacity.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Trespass-Arrest-Authorization.pdf>], filed in the applicable Police Division (e.g., Wilshire or Olympic) authorizes the Police to arrest trespassers for up to a year. If a property owner is unavailable, the Police will contact the City Attorney. Email Officer Rodriguez to receive the Captain's newsletter.

### D. LA Metro (Ned Racine - [racinen@metro.net](mailto:racinen@metro.net))

Ned Racine, Metro Principal Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-418-5993, [RacineN@metro.net](mailto:RacineN@metro.net); 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; [PurpleLineExt@metro.net](mailto:PurpleLineExt@metro.net); [www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt](https://www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt](https://www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt](https://www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt)], reported that North Orange Drive and Detroit St. (north of Wilshire) soon will re-open.

### E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE (John Darnell -

[john.darnell@lacity.org](mailto:john.darnell@lacity.org))

John Darnell, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; [John.Darnell@LACity.org](mailto:John.Darnell@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](https://www.EmpowerLA.org)], reported that Budget Day will be June 15<sup>th</sup>, with breakfast from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. preceding the program. He encouraged Board Members to read the monthly Profile report.

F. Mayor's Office (David C. Nguyen - david.c.nguyen@lacity.org)  
David Nguyen, Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; [David.C.Nguyen@LACity.org](mailto:David.C.Nguyen@LACity.org); <http://LAMayor.org>], was not present; there was no report.

G. Third Supervisorial District (Field Deputy Savannah Portillo Heap - SHeap@bos.lacounty.gov)  
Mr. Starr relayed from Savannah Portillo Heap, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (213-440-0927; <https://lindseyhorvath.LACounty.gov>], that her report is online.

H. Other Government Representatives  
There were no other reports at this time.

### **III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.**

There were no public comments at this time.

### **IV. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS.** (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. LADWP (Jack Humphreville).

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

B. Budget Representative (Jack Humphreville/Jennifer DeVore - see report in Board Docs).

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report [see <http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>].

C. LANCC (see agenda in Board Docs).

Ms. DeVore was not present; there was no LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; [LANCC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:LANCC@EmpowerLA.org); [www.LANCC.org](http://www.LANCC.org)] report.

D. Other Liaisons or Representatives.

No other Liaison reports were made. Mr. Starr noted that documents are online.

### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

1. Board Director Vacancies: Area 4 - Fremont Place.

Mr. Starr noted the above. There were no candidates at this time.

2. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 2 - Citrus Square; Area 3 - Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Area 10 - Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrews Square; Area 11 - Sycamore Square; Area 12 - Western-Wilton; Education.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

### 3. Appointment of Eligible Stakeholders to Vacant Seats.

There were no appointments at this time.

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

1. Per DONE: “All Board and Committee members must complete the ABLE and Gender Expression and Gender Identity trainings, and acknowledge the amended Code of Conduct, no later than Monday June 3, 2024. The trainings and Code of Conduct acknowledgement are available on the Cornerstone platform. Failure to complete these trainings or acknowledge the amended Code of Conduct prior to June 3rd will result in ineligibility to vote on funding and non-funding items in committee and general board meetings. Following the June 3rd deadline, newly elected, appointed, or selected Board and Committee members will have 30 days to acknowledge the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct.”
2. One new training required: Gender Expression & Gender Identity. Please check your Cornerstone account. Only need to complete once.
3. Code of Conduct is required for all board members. There is a new Code of Conduct to complete. Please check your Cornerstone account. The Code must only be done once unless amended, as this one is. All Board members must access and sign the new Code on Cornerstone before June 3, 2024. 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](http://EmpowerLA.org/GWNC) as having EXPIRED or INCOMPLETE Code of Conduct.
    - John Winther
4. Ethics and Funding Training are required before members may vote on funding motions.
  - a) The following board members are shown at [EmpowerLA.org/GWNC](http://EmpowerLA.org/GWNC) as NOT having completed Ethics and/or Funding and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters.
    - Bill Newby (Ethics, Funding)
    - Cathy Roberts (Funding)
    - Brian Curran (Ethics)

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

- Brian Curran
- Bill Newby

6. Non-board Committee Members: <https://greaterwilshire.org/code-of-conduct/> (sign and date); <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx> (certificate of completion required).

Mr. Starr noted the above Item #V. B. Items.

C. Adoption of March 13, 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes.

No corrections or amendments were made.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its March 13, 2024 General Board Meeting.

*Board Member Julie Kim was unavailable to vote at this time, making 14 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

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

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Presentation of Citizen Recognition Awards to Recent Recipients James Dastoli, Shirlee Fuqua, Deborah King, and Max Kirkham.

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VII. B.]* Ms. Harvey introduced this Item. Mr. Starr presented a Certificate of Achievement to Mr. Kirkham; Mr. Kirkham presented a Certificate of Achievement to Ms. Fuqua’s relatives; Mary Rajswing presented a Certificate of Achievement to Dick Herman on behalf Ms. King; and Ms. Carroll presented a Certificate of Achievement to Mr. Dastoli. Each awardees’ community service was noted. Mr. Starr thanked Ms. Carroll for procuring the Certificates.

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

## **VI. OFFICER REPORTS**

A. President’s Report.

Mr. Starr noted upcoming events; see his online report. He relayed that the City Attorney advised that, because of the Brown Act, no more than six Committee Members who also are Board Members can discuss an Agenda Item in Committee.

B. Treasurer’s Report (Discussion and Possible Action). Please refer to MER in the Supporting Documents folder (<https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs>).

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VI. C.]*

1. Discussion and Possible Action – Motions

- a) Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for March 2024 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Card Expenses

3/3 Public Storage March \$224.00

3/5 Larchmont Chronicle March \$204.00

Checks Cleared

2/26 AppleOne Admin 1/13-1/27 \$972.23

2/26 AppleOne Admin 2 /3-2/17 \$881.79

2/26 AppleOne Admin 2/25 \$271.32

3/6 Ebell of LA January \$400.00

3/15 AppleOne Admin 2/24-3/2 \$587.86

3/15 AppleOne Minutes 2/17-3/2 \$548.63

3/15 Ebell Nov/Dec 23 \$800.00

3/15 Ume Works Nov 23 \$130.00

3/15 Ume Works Dec, Jan Feb \$162.50

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for March 2024.

*Board Member Julie Kim had returned by this time, making 15 Board Members (or their Alternate) present (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Sicilia, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Curran) 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.

2. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the April 2024 MER.

Apple One Minutes and Admin TBC

UmeWorks TBC.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

3. Website/Email Hosting Renewal: The GWNC will pay DreamHost \$383.88 for a one-year renewal of DreamHost VPS for website and email hosting, for service from 5/1/2024 through 4/30/2025.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will pay DreamHost \$383.88 for a one-year renewal of DreamHost VPS for website and email hosting, for service from 5/1/2024 through 4/30/2025.

Mr. Starr said there was a \$23 cost increase.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). One (Curran) 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.

4. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (VI.B.4.a-d) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately. Possible Motion: The GWNC Approves the Consent Calendar for April 10, 2024 consisting of items VI.B.4.a-d.
  - a) Reallocation of Budget: The GWNC will reallocate \$23.88 in its Office/Operational Expenditures Category from “Webmaster” to “Web Hosting and Security (Dreamhost)”.
  - b) DropBox Essentials: The GWNC will pay DropBox \$199.00 for a one-year renewal of DropBox Essentials for the account associated with gwncwebmaster[at]gmail[dot]com for service from 6/2/2024 to 6/2/2025.
  - c) Acrobat Professional: The GWNC will pay \$239.88 for a one-year subscription renewal of Acrobat Pro for use by the GWNC President.
  - d) Board Member Reimbursement: The GWNC will reimburse Conrad Starr \$27.35 for the 4/5/24 purchase at Staples of certificate blanks and holders.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to pull and POSTPONE Item #VI. B. 4. d. from the Consent Motion.

**CONSENT FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar for April 10, 2024 consisting of items VI. B. 4. a.-c.

**CONSENT FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Sicilia and Smith); zero

opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). One (Curran) 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. Vice-President’s Report.

Mr. D’Atri ceded his time.

D. Secretary’s Report.

Ms. DeVore was not present; there was no report.

**VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEES** (Discussion and possible action).

A. NPG Committee (Jesseca Harvey, Chair).

1. Report/Committee Recommendations:

- Recommend that award to HopeNet be \$875 to cover the purchase of food to stock the many food pantries within the GWNC’s boundaries.
- Recommend that award to LAUNCH be \$250 to cover production costs in the form of Artist Fees.
- Recommend that award to FoodCycleLA be \$875 to cover the cost of purchasing supplies needed to transport and distribute the food such as: hand cart, bushel waxed produce boxes, Igloo thermoelectric iceless electric plug-in 12V cooler, and extra heavy duty grocery bags.

Ms. Harvey reviewed the above and said the total budget was \$2,000. These three were the only non-profits that applied.

2. HopeNet. Possible Motion: The GWNC awards up to \$4000 to HopeNet in the form of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for purposes outlined in the application pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.

Ms. Harvey explained that the “Possible Motion” amounts were those organizations’ requests; the Committee allocated lower amounts.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Atlee): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council awards up to \$875 to HopeNet in the form of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for purposes outlined in the application pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).



One (Curran) 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.

3. LAUNCH. Possible Motion: The GWNC awards up to \$2500 to LAUNCH in the form of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for purposes outlined in the application pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council awards up to \$250 to LAUNCH in the form of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for purposes outlined in the application pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri and Starr). One (Curran) 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.

4. FoodCycleLA. Possible Motion: The GWNC awards up to \$3001.99 to FoodCycleLA in the form of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for purposes outlined in the application pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council awards up to \$875 to FoodCycleLA in the form of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for purposes outlined in the application pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). One (Curran) 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.

5. Provisional Extension of Committee Mandate. Possible Motion: The NPG Ad Hoc Committee may bring further recommendations to the May 2025 General Board

Meeting regarding any remaining NPG budget resulting from the City Clerk's denial of any submitted applications.

It was noted that the year should be 2024, not "2025." Wording was added, as below, to the possible Motion.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves that the NPG Ad Hoc Committee may bring further recommendations to the May 2024 General Board Meeting regarding any remaining NPG budget resulting from the City Clerk's denial of any submitted applications or failure by the applicants to submit revised applications per GWNC request.

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

**IX. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Brian Curran).

A. Committee Report on the March 26, 2024 Land Use Meeting.

Mr. Curran reported.

*[The following paragraphs before the made Motion are copied from the Agenda.]*

B. *Motion to Amend a Motion Previously Adopted (Approved Item XV.B from 3/13/24).*

***Motion Previously Adopted on March 13, 2024 (Item XV. B.)*** "The GWNC supports the mayor's intent to expedite worthy 100% affordable projects, however we feel guidelines must be added to prevent problematic projects from being expedited as well. We feel the following guidelines should be added to the draft ordinance for ED1 as follows. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS, directed to City Council and Committees, on the ED 1 Ordinance (CF 23-0623), listing its position as "For if Amended," and listing the guidelines sent by United Neighbors to the PLUM Committee, with a particular focus on the importance of the following required amendments: 1) to limit the number of waivers and off-menu incentives to a total of 6; 2) to require rear 15' setbacks to allow for trees to grow and stormwater to be captured; 3) to prevent post-development conversion of nonresidential spaces to market rate units; 4) to protect R1, HPOZs, and identified historic districts in their entirety; 5) to ensure that substandard streets/high-fire zones do not qualify for ED 1 fast track approval; 6) to require that ED 1 projects meet minimum Tier 2 TOC qualifications; and 7) to require that all projects which do not meet these requirements under ED 1, including the above proposed amendments, go through discretionary approval."

Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will modify the CIS previously presented to the Board (on 3/13/24) to add the following language to #4: "...and limit ED1 projects on NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL streets that abut, border, transect, or are adjacent to an R1 neighborhood to 4 stories".

[NOTE: Majority vote required to pass as written; 2/3 vote required if further amended.]

**MOTION** (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Sicilia): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will modify the CIS previously presented to the Board (on 3/13/24) to add the following language to #4: "...and limit ED1 projects on NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL streets that abut, border, transect, or are adjacent to an R1 neighborhood to 4 stories."

**MOTION to AMEND** (by Julie Kim, not seconded): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adds the words "or HPOZ" between the words "an R1 neighborhood" and "to 4 stories."

**MOTION to AMEND FAILED** for lack of a second.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Chvatal thought the Motion makes the GWNC appear to be against building more affordable housing. Mr. Gilbert believed that the Motion would make building affordable housing in Greater Wilshire "nearly impossible" and would cause the City "not to take the GWNC seriously." Residents Sam Uretsky and John Holloway, and a long-term Larchmont Village resident, supported the Motion; Todd Clemmons opposed it. A long-time Arden Blvd. resident said there's not enough infrastructure.

**MOTION FAILED** by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with four in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (D'Atri, Harvey, Julie Kim and Sicilia); 10 opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Atlee, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, Gilbert, Gresham, Smith and Trainer); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr).

C. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>.

The above was noted.

**X. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Polly Estabrook).

A. Committee Report.

Ms. Estabrook was not present; there was no report.

B. Committee Membership: Four (4) openings for committee membership.

The above Item was not addressed.

C. Earth Day Event.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC will resubmit its Event Application to the City Clerk listing the GWNC as a “co-sponsor” of a CD 5 sponsored Earth Day event 27 April 2024 10-2pm with one or more booths with information and activities.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will resubmit its Event Application to the City Clerk listing the GWNC as a “co-sponsor” of a CD 5 sponsored Earth Day event 27 April 2024 10-2pm with one or more booths with information and activities.

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

2. Possible Motion: The GWNC will revise its approved event budget by reallocating \$50 from its “Publicity” budget to its “Food” budget.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will revise its approved event budget by reallocating \$50 from its “Publicity” budget to its “Food” budget.

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

D. Transit Day Event on 5/25/24.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC names MJ Anderson event chair for its Transit Day Event.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council names MJ Anderson Event Chair for its Transit Day Event.

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

E. Support for two LA City Council Motions See “Community Impact Statements (CIS), Resolutions, Requests For Action” below.

The above Item was not addressed.

F. Next Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at Memorial Branch Library.

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

A. Committee Report.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC accepts the resignation of Alex Nava as the GWNC Social Media Coordinator.

The above Item was noted. No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Upcoming Events:

1. Earth Day Event will be held on Saturday, April 27.

a) Volunteers Needed

Ms. Harvey encouraged volunteering for the Earth Day event.

2. Metro Transit Day Saturday, May 25.

The above Item was noted.

C. Next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Branch Library.

The above Item was noted.

**XII. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Charles D'Atri).

A. Next Quality of Life Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977930618>.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

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

A. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2024 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555>.

Ms. Chvatal reported that the meeting will have a speaker.

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

A. Committee Report.

Mr. Gilbert reported.

B. Next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 1st, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>.

The above was noted.

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

A. 507 N Larchmont Bl. - Request for Action. Possible Motion: In light of neighbors' reports of illegal activities and criminal behavior by Manuel Funes aka Lucifer Rothschild reported both at the premises of 507 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004 and in the immediately adjacent neighborhood, and following the arrest on multiple felony counts of Mr. Funes, who occupied the premises at 507 N. Larchmont with the apparent knowledge of the property owner(s) from the beginning of December 2023 until his arrest on March 24, 2024 and incarceration on March 25, 2024, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests the temporary suspension of approval by the Department of City Planning for any project planned or being planned at this address and the halting of the issuance of all permits, including but not limited to planning, building, filming, and public works permits for this address for 120 days or until the owners of 507 N. Larchmont Blvd. take appropriate steps to secure the property and safeguard the

neighborhood including the filing of a No Trespass Authorization Form with LAPD Wilshire Division, with the option authorizing the Los Angeles Police Department to arrest anyone on the property who is not a lawful resident, guest, or visitor and not exempted under L.A.M.C. 41.24(h) for a violation of L.A.M.C. 41.24(a), and post the property with the required conforming signage.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Trainer, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves that, in light of neighbors' reports of illegal activities and criminal behavior by Manuel Funes aka Lucifer Rothschild reported both at the premises of 507 N. Larchmont Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90004 and in the immediately adjacent neighborhood, and following the arrest on multiple felony counts of Mr. Funes, who occupied the premises at 507 N. Larchmont with the apparent knowledge of the property owner(s) from the beginning of December 2023 until his arrest on March 24, 2024 and incarceration on March 25, 2024, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests the temporary suspension of approval by the Department of City Planning for any project planned or being planned at this address and the halting of the issuance of all permits, including but not limited to planning, building, filming, and public works permits for this address for 120 days or until the owners of 507 N. Larchmont Blvd. take appropriate steps to secure the property and safeguard the neighborhood including the filing of a No Trespass Authorization Form with LAPD Wilshire Division, with the option authorizing the Los Angeles Police Department to arrest anyone on the property who is not a lawful resident, guest, or visitor and not exempted under L.A.M.C. 41.24(h) for a violation of L.A.M.C. 41.24(a), and post the property with the required conforming signage.

**DISCUSSION:** Sam Uretsky showed photos of a broken door and window, overgrown front yard foliage, Mr. Funes on a roof looking into a neighbor's home; and videos of a fire in the house and the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 chase ending with the man "reaching thorough the broken window to open the [front] door." The next-door neighbor's property manager, Lauren Grant, said "my clients have been terrorized . . . it's been non-stop for six months." She said the 507 N. Larchmont Owner told her that he saw the video and didn't respond to any of the videos or photos and "to stop calling" him. She said the Owner "gave his permission" for the tenant to be on the roof "to help secure the property." She said neighbors have heard the tenant yelling. She said the door window was broken October 19<sup>th</sup> and that the owner still hadn't secured the property. She "was told that Lucifer is still in jail." She reported that there've been many trucks at the property and "people are constantly moving things in, moving things out." Resident Christopher Singh "got involved Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>"; he recounted that night's events. "This individual terrorized our neighborhood four times . . . the Owner had a relationship with this individual . . . [and] did not secure the property." Resident Serita Singh said "this man has broken into the home . . . [in a] multiple-day break-in." She described the man's unusual behavior and their fear of him. A "citizen's arrest" was made at 9:00 p.m.; she said "multiple homes . . . blocks were affected."

507 N. Larchmont property co-owner Sean Tabibian said his partner Shawn “has been very frustrated with this individual . . . Manuel Reyes is our maintenance guy . . . Lucifer . . . is a serial burglar . . . a known gang member . . . He has broken into the property numerous times.” Mr. Tabibian said he told the Police to remove Lucifer from the property and that “this individual is borderline crazy . . . We have secured the property . . . We’re using [the property] as storage.” He would be more than happy to get Lucifer off the property. He said that, when a property is boarded up, “it becomes a target . . . The property is secure . . . closed.” He believed that posting a “No Trespassing” sign would prompt break-ins. Mr. D’Atri said “it is incumbent on the land owner to secure the property.” Mr. Tabibian said “we’ve done everything we can to secure the property.” He lives “very close to the neighborhood . . . I’m there every day.” He said that, if they had someone living there, they’d have to turn on house services. He said “the problem has been mitigated by our employees going there every day . . . It’s not feasible to have a 24-hour security guard.” He promised that neighbors could contact him at any time on his cell at (310) 927-8811, and that he would contact the Wilshire Division SLO to file a No Trespass Authorization Form for the property.

**MOTION to AMEND** (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council inserts the following wording to the Motion between the words “take” and “appropriate”: “what this Board believes to be,” so that that part of the amended Motion would read “. . . or until the owners of 507 N. Larchmont Blvd. take what this Board believes to be appropriate steps . . .”

**MOTION to AMEND PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with 12 in favor; zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Atlee, Betancourt and Starr).

B. Draft 2025 Neighborhood Council Election Timeline and Handbook. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see below].

**MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that City Clerk select an alternate date for the 2025 Neighborhood Council Region 5 Elections because the proposed date of April 13, 2025 falls on the first day of Passover and on Palm Sunday; and the GWNC requests the clerk make the changes listed in “DRAFT 2025 NC Election Handbook Hybrid\_GWNC-Comments\_2024-04-10.pdf”.

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

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

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

A. Council File 24-0011-S4 (Dodger Stadium / Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit (LA ART) / Traffic Assessment / Council District 1 / Street Furniture Revenue Fund) (GWNC Sustainability Committee) Possible Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS on Council File 24-0011-S4, directed to City Council and Committees, listing its position as “for,” calling on the City to fully analyze the multifaceted impacts and potential solutions to alleviate traffic around Dodger Stadium and take the actions outlined in the motion. The above Item was not addressed.

B. Council File 24-0055 (Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers / Fiscal Year 2022-23 Complaints and Citations / Enforcement / Education Program) (GWNC Sustainability Committee) Possible Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS on Council File 24-0055, directed to City Council and Committees, listing its position as “for,” expressing its full support for the council file, as the particulate matter and CO2 emissions of gas powered leaf blowers are now better quantified and their negative impacts are now better understood, and the still much needed 1998 ordinance has not been effectively implemented. The above Item was not addressed.

**XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No such comments or announcements were made at this time.

**XVIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No such requests or Motions were made at this time.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 8 via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96677001434>.

Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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