



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Approved April 10, 2024

Pursuant to the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) and LA City Council approval on November 1, 2023, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted virtually.

Document copies were shown online and available at www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

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 online. President Conrad Starr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m. and explained procedures, including about conflict of interest and recusal.

B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

The Secretary called the roll. Eighteen of the 20 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Tommy Atlee, Selene Betancourt, Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Romi Cortier, Brian Curran, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Andy Galan, John Gresham, Jesseca Harvey, Julie Kim, David Meister (Alternate for Gary Gilbert), Alex Nava, Sixto Sicilia and Conrad Starr (President). Suzana Kim arrived later. Owen Smith were absent and not represented by an Alternate. 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. 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.; and eight Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. A. 2.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately 23 Stakeholders and guests.

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. CA Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair, 51st District. (Joshua Marin-Mora, Field Representative - joshua.marinm@asm.ca.gov)

Assemblymember Zbur [323-436-5184; <https://a51.asmdc.org>] described his role and work on housing, homelessness, and public safety, and Retail Theft Committee work. He described legislation regarding foster youth, civil rights, social justice, anti-Semitism and

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climate change. He said that crime rings are perpetrating the overwhelming amount of retail theft and “we are facing a humungous budget deficit . . . We are going to have to make some very hard choices.” Joshua Marin-Mora, a Field Representative for Assemblymember Zbur, also was present.

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

B. Fifth Council District (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. Mr. Starr relayed a CD5 update with a slide.

C. Thirteenth Council District (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>], reported on “No dumping” signs and more.

D. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho & Pelayo (Olympic), Parker & Rodriguez (Wilshire).
Harry Cho, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/ text phone 213-793-0649; 33817@LAPD.Online; http://www.LAPDonline.org/olympic_community_police_station], reported on crime. He encouraged installing a catalytic plate on vehicles, especially for most-often-stolen Teslas and Hondas.

E. LA Metro (Ned Racine - racinen@metro.net)
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], described current work. Every Station will have six escalators. The Purple Line is “still slated to open in Spring '25.”

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. I.

F. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE (John Darnell - john.darnell@lacity.org)
John Darnell, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org], reported.

G. 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; <http://LAMayor.org>], was not present; there was no

report.

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H. 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.

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

I. Other Government Representatives

Tristen Marler, of the L.A. Sanitation Dept. (Tristen.Marler@LACity.org), offered help and can give a presentation regarding illegal dumping.

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

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VI.

IV. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS

A. LADWP (Jack Humphreville)

Mr. Humphreville reported that the LA100 Renewable Study is done; the goal is the City using 100% renewables by 2035. He believed that rates may triple in the next 10 years.

Board Member Suzana Kim arrived at this time (7:00), making 19 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

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

Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [<http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>] that labor agreements are contributing to an estimated City budget shortfall of \$700 million next year; fees and the sales tax may increase. The City draft budget will be released April 20th; the City Council then will consider approving it.

C. LANCC (Jennifer DeVore - see LANCC agenda/notes in Board Docs). Ms. DeVore, about LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org], referred to www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

D. Other Liaisons or Representatives

No other Liaison reports were made.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration

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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. There were no candidates at this time.

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 for your training expirations and email secretary@greaterwilshire.org if there are any inconsistencies.

1. Code of Conduct is required for all board members and must be renewed every two years. 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.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

a) The following board members are shown at EmpowerLA.org/GWNC as having EXPIRED or INCOMPLETE Code of Conduct:

- John Winther

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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 and/or Funding and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters:

- Bill Newby (Ethics, Funding)
- Cathy Roberts (Funding)
- Brian Curran (Ethics)
- Nicholas Wood (Ethics, Funding)

- Sarah Bryan (Ethics, Funding)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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3. The following have not yet completed the REQUIRED anti-bias (ABLE) training:
- Brian Curran
 - Bill Newby
 - Sarah Bryan
 - Nicholas Wood

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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

Mr. Starr noted the above.

C. Adoption of February 14, 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes.

No corrections or amendments were made.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its February 14, 2024 General Board Meeting as seen in the Board Docs.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report

Mr. Starr noted the online meeting quorum Board Member attendance rule. He reported that, according to DONE, effective Monday, June 3rd, Board Members must be current on ethics, funding, anti-bias, and gender identity training, and have signed the Code of Conduct. Cornerstone sometimes falsely shows completions; go by the monthly profile sent to Board Members. Business cards will be created in PowerPoint.

B. Treasurer's Report (Discussion and Possible Action) Preliminary Report... 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 January, 2024.
Card Expenses

2/3 Public Storage \$
2/15 Anderson Trophy Lanyard Badges \$115.74

Checks Cleared

2/7 AppleOne Minutes Writer 12/23-1/27 \$790.00
2/7 AppleOne Admin 12/23-01/06 \$881.79

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2/7 Village Mail Call \$400.00
2/7 Hope Lutheran Church \$200.00

Checks Outstanding

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
2/26 AppleOne Admin 5/27/23-6/3/23 \$542.64
3/6 Ebell of LA January \$400.00

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above. She noted that the Motion is for February, not January, and that Public Storage (\$200) was left off.

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

Board Member Tommy Atlee had left by this time (7:45), making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Suzana Kim, Meister, Nava, Sicilia 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.

b) Motion to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed in the Jan 2024 MER.
Ms. Carroll reviewed noted that the Motion is for February, not January.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves each individual expense listed in the February 2024.MER.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter,

Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Suzana Kim, Meister, Nava, Sicilia 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 February 2024 MER.

Ebell of LA Nov Board Meeting \$400

Ebell of LA Dec Board Meeting \$400

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Apple One Minutes and Admin TBC

Ume Works \$130

Ume Works \$ 65.00

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

- C. Possible Motion: The GWNC will reduce its Webmaster budget by \$116 from \$2,713.75 to \$2,597.75 and increase its Public Storage budget from \$2,352 to \$2,468.00 to cover the \$29 monthly increase in the cost of the storage unit.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will reduce its Webmaster budget by \$116 from \$2,713.75 to \$2,597.75 and increase its Public Storage budget from \$2,352 to \$2,468.00 to cover the \$29 monthly increase in the cost of the storage unit.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Suzana Kim, Meister, Nava, Sicilia 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.

- D. LAHSA Gift Cards. Background: For the January 2024 Homeless Count, LAHSA gave \$75 in Visa gift cards to the GWNC for the purchase of refreshments; however, the GWNC had already bought the needed refreshments using board-approved funds. Possible Motion: The GWNC approves GWNC President’s use of \$45.94 in LAHSA gift cards to buy \$45.94 in prepackaged snacks for GWNC’s tabling at the February 25, 2024 CicLAvia Melrose; and the GWNC approves the use of the remaining \$29.06 in gift cards for the purchase of prepackaged snacks for upcoming GWNC meetings, tablings, and/or events.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves GWNC President’s use of \$45.94 in LAHSA gift cards to buy \$45.94 in prepackaged snacks for GWNC’s tabling at the February 25, 2024 CicLAvia Melrose; and the GWNC approves the use of the remaining \$29.06 in gift cards for the purchase of prepackaged snacks for upcoming GWNC meetings, tablings, and/or events.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Suzana Kim, Meister, Nava, Sicilia 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.

E. Vice-President’s Report

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Mr. D’Atri ceded his time.

F. Secretary’s Report

Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no report.

VII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and possible action)

A. Report of NPG Committee (Jesseca Harvey, Chair)

Ms. Harvey reported that the Committee will meet at the end of March; she “urge[d] everyone to get the word out.”

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

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

[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.] A. Committee Report on the February 27, 2024 Land Use Meeting.

Mr. Curran reported that the Committee met and discussed the below project.

B. 800 S. Lorraine Blvd (ED1 Project): The construction of a new 24,566 sf, 6-story, 100% Affordable Housing apartment building, with 65 dwelling units (28 studio apts. and 37 one-bedroom apts.) consisting of 51-Low Income (LI) units, 13-Moderate Income (MI) units, and 1-Manager’s unit, on a 7,856 sf vacant lot in a [Q]R3-1-HPOZ zone within the Windsor Village Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ). Filing Date: 12/22/23. Case no: ADM-2023-8417-DB-VHCA-ED1. Possible Motion: The GWNC opposes the ED1 project at 800 S. Lorraine Boulevard [the construction of a new 24,566 sf, 6-story, 100% Affordable Housing apartment building, with 65 dwelling units (28 studio apartments and 37 one-bedroom apartments) consisting of 51-Low Income (LI) units, 13-Moderate Income (MI) units, and 1-Manager’s unit, on a 7,856 sf vacant lot in a [Q]R3-1-HPOZ zone within the Windsor Village Historic Preservation Overlay Zone. Filing Date: 12/22/23; Case No: ADM-2023-8417-DB-VHCA-ED1] until the project satisfactorily resolves (i) the inconsistencies identified in the City’s “hold” letter dated 1/19/24, (ii) the public and neighborhood concerns regarding the project’s height, setbacks, building line, articulation, dedications, lack of trees, plan for

trash, recycling and organic waste pickup, bicycle parking and the narrowness of the street, and (iii) the non-compliance with the Q Conditions and the Windsor Village HPOZ objective guidelines.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the ED1 project at 800 S. Lorraine Boulevard [the construction of a new 24,566 sf, 6-story, 100% Affordable Housing apartment building, with 65 dwelling units (28 studio apartments and 37 one-bedroom apartments) consisting of 51-Low Income (LI) units, 13-Moderate Income (MI) units, and 1-Manager’s unit, on a 7,856 sf vacant lot in a [Q]R3-1-HPOZ zone within the Windsor

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Village Historic Preservation Overlay Zone. Filing Date: 12/22/23; Case No: ADM-2023-8417-DB-VHCA-ED1] until the project satisfactorily resolves (i) the inconsistencies identified in the City’s “hold” letter dated 1/19/24, (ii) the public and neighborhood concerns regarding the project’s height, setbacks, building line, articulation, dedications, lack of trees, plan for trash, recycling and organic waste pickup, bicycle parking and the narrowness of the street, and (iii) the non-compliance with the Q Conditions and the Windsor Village HPOZ objective guidelines.

DISCUSSION: Julie Kim commented, before recusing, that she “personally opposes this project” for multiple reasons she listed; her Homeowners Association also opposes the project.

One recused and was ineligible to vote (Julie Kim) from voting (self-declared as ineligible to participate in a discussion or vote on a Motion in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest [because she owns a home and lives within 500 feet of the project, and was instructed to recuse]) and was muted and left the video at this time, making 17 Board Members present and eligible to vote on non-funding Motions (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”

Alternate Board Member Sarah Bryan (for Owen Smith) had arrived before this time (8:14), making 18 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

Nearby resident Richard Hoffman believed that “the project violates Q conditions and violates the Specific Plan.” Ms. Wolfe opposed the project as too large, saying “it is inappropriate for Windsor Village.” Mr. Starr read part of an email from developer representative Gary Benjamin that indicated there’d been “no substantial changes” to the project. It was noted that the project’s square footage declined from 29,000 to 24,000; Mr. Gresham said the change was at the rear, facing Crenshaw, to avoid power lines.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Bryan, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gresham, Harvey, Meister and Sicilia); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”)

(Betancourt and Galan); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Suzana Kim, Nava and Starr). One recused and was ineligible to vote (Julie Kim).

Julie Kim’s recusal ended and she was unmuted and returned to the video at this time, making 19 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

C. Draft Bill (SB 834) to Close the AB 2097 Parking Loophole. Possible Motion: The GWNC will take an action to endorse and support Senate Bill 834, the draft Bill to close the Parking Loophole created by AB 2097.

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Mr. Starr explained that this couldn’t be voted on at this time. Barbara Gallen, of Friends of Historic Miracle Mile, reported that State 25th District Senator Anthony Portantino (818-409-0400; <https://sd25.senate.ca.gov>) sponsored legislation to protect Preferred Parking Districts; see Info@HistoricMiracleMile.org for support letter templates.

D. Letter in Response to Approved Motion from February 14, 2024, Item VIII.F (City CEQA Threshold Updates). Possible Motion: The GWNC approves GWNC President’s and Land Use Chair’s letter dated February 14, 2024, including its references to the letter from Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council dated January 9, 2023, although the GWNC believes the date of that letter should have been January 9, 2024.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Gresham.): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves GWNC President’s and Land Use Chair’s letter dated February 14, 2024, including its references to the letter from Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council dated January 9, 2023, although the GWNC believes the date of that letter should have been January 9, 2024.

MOTION PASSED unanimously with all 19 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained

E. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>.

Mr. Curran noted the above.

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

A. Committee Report

Ms. Estabrook reported.

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

Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

C. Earth Day Event. Possible Motion: The GWNC will commemorate Earth Day by hosting an event on April 27, 2024 at Robert Burns Park, Memorial Park, or Harold Henry Park, and will budget \$500 to cover the cost of various items, such as permits, rentals, refreshments, and promotional materials.

Ms. Estabrook explained this, including a “Preliminary GWNC Earth Day Budget.” She’s discussing with CD13 and other NCs about possible event co-sponsorship. She

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Gen’l Bd Mtg Minutes 3-13-24 Pg. 10 of 18 showed slides. The City said insurance probably won’t be needed; if needed, it “should be less than \$60.” It was agreed to revise the Motion wording.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will commemorate Earth Day by hosting an event on April 27, 2024 at L.A. High Memorial Park and will budget \$500 to cover the cost of various items, such as permits, rentals, refreshments, and promotional materials. The GWNC will offer space for tables to community groups and other Neighborhood Councils, including Wilshire Center - Koreatown NC, Koreatown Youth + Community Center, and HangOutDoGood.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Suzana Kim, Meister, Nava and Sicilia); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr). Two (Bryan and Curran) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

D. Next Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be a special meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6 p.m. via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86369859784>).

Ms. Estabrook noted that the Meeting would be Friday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m.

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

A. Committee Report

Ms. Harvey reported that CicLAvia [www.ciclavia.org/ciclavia_melrose] was a great event; “we got a lot of emails.”

B. Upcoming Events:

1. Block Beautification - Country Club Heights Saturday, March 23

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

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

Ms. Harvey encouraged volunteering.

3. Metro Transit Day Saturday, May 25

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

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- C. Next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>.

Ms. Harvey noted the above and invited everyone to attend.

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

A. Committee Report

Mr. D'Atri reported that the Committee "had a fine . . . meeting."

- B. Discussion and Possible Motion: The GWNC approves the addition of John Winther to the Quality of Life Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the addition of John Winther to the Quality of Life Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously with all 17 favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Mayoral Appointments to the LA Metro Board. Possible Motion: "WHEREAS the LA County Municipal Code gives the Mayor of Los Angeles the power to appoint three members to the LA County Metro Transportation Authority; and WHEREAS the LA County Municipal Code specifies that the Mayor may appoint two "public members" and one "member of the LA City Council"; and WHEREAS two members of the LA City Council and one public member of the City of Los Angeles currently serve on the LACMTA; NOW THEREFORE, the GWNC shall write a letter to the Mayor and the City Attorney of Los Angeles asking for advice on, and explaining the reasoning behind, the following questions: 1) under what authority did Mayor Bass appoint an extra councilmember to the LA County Metro Transportation Authority? And 2) what was the

rationale behind depriving a member of the public from directly participating in the work of the LACMTA in a board member role as the legislature intended?"

Mr. D'Atri explained this and that Stakeholder Max Kirkham brought it to the Committee's attention. It was agreed to replace "and explaining the reasoning behind" with "and to explain the reasoning behind." Mr. Kirkham explained that he contacted many officials about this; there's been no response. He said "the Mayor should not be allowed to just change the rules . . . This has been a long-standing tradition" that other Mayors also have done.

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council WHEREAS the LA County Municipal Code gives the Mayor of Los Angeles the power to appoint three members to the LA County Metro Transportation Authority; and WHEREAS the LA County Municipal Code specifies that the Mayor may appoint two "public members" and one "member of the LA City Council"; and WHEREAS two

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Gen'l Bd Mtg Minutes 3-13-24 Pg. 12 of 18 members of the LA City Council and one public member of the City of Los Angeles currently serve on the LACMTA; NOW THEREFORE, the GWNC shall write a letter to the Mayor and the City Attorney of Los Angeles asking for advice on, and to explain the reasoning behind, the following questions: 1) under what authority did Mayor Bass appoint an extra councilmember to the LA County Metro Transportation Authority? And 2) what was the rationale behind depriving a member of the public from directly participating in the work of the LACMTA in a board member role as the legislature intended?

Alternate Board Member Sarah Bryan left by this time (8:58), making 18 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Nava and Sicilia); zero opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Galan, Suzana Kim, Meister and Starr).

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

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

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

A. Committee Report

Ms. Chvatal reported that the Committee will have a presentation on the Metro Main

Line North Extension. Liz Fuller, of the Larchmont Buzz, noted that the Line was formerly known as the Crenshaw Line; “they have three lines that they’re currently studying,” which she described and said “it’s light rail and it’s all underground.”

B. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555>.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above.

XIII. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Gary Gilbert). A. Committee Report

Chair Mr. Gilbert was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

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>.

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Chair Mr. Gilbert was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

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

XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Possible Motion (Selene Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS to express its full support of the Tourism Workers Rising motion (Council File: 14-1371-S13) introduced in April to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/ hr now & \$30/hr by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.

Mr. Starr noted that the above is a duplicate of Item #XV. A.; see that Item.

B. Possible Motion: Approval of GWNC General Purpose Postcard Flyer. No

Motion was made or vote taken.

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

A. Council File: 14-1371-S13 (Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) / Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (LA HWMO) / Wage Increase / Health Care Credit / Public Housekeeping Training / Amendments). Possible Motion (Selene Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS to express its full support of the Tourism Workers Rising motion (Council File: 14-1371-S13) introduced in April to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr now & \$30/hr by

2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.

Ms. Betancourt explained this, saying “it would impact” 4,500 workers. Ashley Gonzales briefly presented with slides.

MOTION (by Ms. Betancourt, seconded by Mr. Nava): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS to express its full support of the Tourism Workers Rising motion (Council File: 14-1371-S13) introduced in April to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance requiring \$25/hr. now & \$30/hr. by 2028, quality health care, and worker protections, as a matter of economic justice, housing justice, and public safety.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Galan explained for which workers this is intended, especially airport workers. The cost “wouldn’t actually come out of the L.A. City budget.” The City Council is expected to vote March 19th on the Ordinances.

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MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Curran, Galan, Gresham, Suzana Kim and Nava); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Appel and Carroll); nine abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Harvey, Julie Kim, Meister, Sicilia and Starr).

- B. Council File 23-0623 (Executive Directive No. 1 (ED 1) / Expedition of Permits and Clearances / Temporary Shelters / Affordable Housing / Codification of Provisions). Possible Motion: 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.

Ms. Chvatal explained ED1. She reported that the Mayor and City Council are working to make it an Ordinance/law. She said “we’re asking for a few more tweaks.”

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Curran): 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.

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DISCUSSION: Resident Sam Uretsky was concerned about Upper Larchmont and wanted “reasonable height and density . . . This allows six stories . . . [He wanted] four stories or less . . .” Windsor Village resident Jennifer Wolfe supported the Motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Suzana Kim, Meister and Sicilia); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Betancourt and Galan); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Appel, Nava and Starr).

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VIII.

C. 2024-2025 Budget Request from DONE - possible CIS or letter detailing GWNC concerns regarding requested funds for city-provided public email addresses for all NC board members.

President Starr turned over the Presiding Officership to Mr. D’Atri at this time. This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XV. A.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

Whereas the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) currently manages its own domain, greaterwilshire.org, and provides domain-based email accounts or aliases to up to 21 board directors, 21 board alternates, 4 officers, 6 committee chairs, 1 committee secretary, 1 administrator, and 1 webmaster; and provides aliases and email accounts for ad hoc committees and special projects, at a cost of less than \$400 per year for its email

and website hosting and approximately \$500-\$1,000 per year for webmaster support of the GWNC's email system; and

Whereas the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) has included in its FY 2024-2025 Budget Request ("Request") (https://issuu.com/empowerla/docs/neighborhood_empowerment_2425_budget_request_final), "\$153,435 for City emails for Neighborhood Council board members"; and

Whereas, in the Request, DONE states the funds are to "provide every Neighborhood Council board member Citywide with a City of Los Angeles email address" (page 89) and the Request later states that "...Role-based email addresses (such as ABCNCchair@LAcity.org) which are tied to board seats and roles rather than to individual board members would be best, as they would ensure a smooth transition between those holding specific roles," and yet the Request would only cover the cost of 1,840 board members (including directors and alternates) and would be insufficient to also cover the costs for separate role-based email accounts, including board officers, which number roughly 443 across the 99 Neighborhood Councils (NC), and committee

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Whereas DONE, in the Request, has not identified additional staff to support NCs to define, execute, and support a process for transitioning from an existing domain-based email system to the City of Los Angeles email system; and

Whereas DONE, in the Request has not asked for dedicated new staff to assist in supporting NC board members, officers, and committee chairs following the email transition; but rather has included "other duties as assigned" in its new staff requests, but often at just 5% of each staff's duties (see page 223, for example); and

Whereas the City, due to budget shortfalls, is entering a period of hiring freezes and is considering the permanent elimination of currently unfilled vacant staff positions; and

Whereas DONE refers in the Request to "...[its] challenge of providing increasing maintenance and support for an ever growing list of applications and technology..." (page 126), where it cites Cornerstone as an example; and

Whereas, DONE needed approximately two months from the certification of the 2023 election to issue Cornerstone accounts to all GWNC board directors and alternates despite the GWNC's repeated requests; and

Whereas the GWNC would be eager to transition to the City email system if adequately funded, well supported, and sufficiently aligned with GWNC's current email uses;

Now, Therefore, the GWNC resolves to file a Community Impact Statement on CF _____, regarding the “Neighborhood Empowerment_2425 Budget Request_FINAL”, with the position of AGAINST UNLESS AMENDED, with the requested amendments as follows:

- to increase the budget request for “Communications Division 4706, Request A, City emails for Neighborhood Council board members” from \$153,435 to \$215,175”;
AND
- On page 89, to replace “to provide every Neighborhood Council board member Citywide with a City of Los Angeles email address” with “...to provide every Neighborhood Council board member with a seat-based City of Los Angeles email address and to offer an additional role-based email addresses to each board officer, each standing committee chair, and at least one paid temporary staff who engages in regular email communication with the board, its stakeholders, and/or project applicants and representatives”; AND
- to require that the procurement of said City email accounts to NCs be conditional on first funding and hiring at least one additional dedicated DONE support staff to provide ongoing, on-call, one-on-one, helpline-style email support, during regular

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business hours, throughout the initial rollout of the City email accounts, and for at least 180 days after the completion of the rollout to all Neighborhood Councils;

Furthermore, the GWNC will attach to its CIS any additional justifications, comments, and questions related to this resolution.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Suzana Kim, Nava, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Appel).

Mr. D’Atri turned the Presiding Officership back to President Starr at this time.

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board Member comments or reports at this time.

XVII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Provision of Zoom Accounts

There were no requests at this time.

B. Proposed Corrections on the 2025 Election Handbook and Timeline

The above Item was skipped.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 10 in person at The Ebell of Los Angeles.

Mr. Starr noted the above and **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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