



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”)
Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 6, 2024
Approved March 15, 2024

Members

Polly Estabrook (Chair) (Area 14)
MJ Anderson (Secretary-Elect) (Area 12)
Polly Chu (Area 15)
Jesseca Harvey (Area 8)
Julie Kim (Area 15)

(Four vacancies, up to two board member vacancies)

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to order (Polly Estabrook)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Environmental & Sustainability Committee was held in person at the Memorial Branch Library. Chair Polly Estabrook called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

B. Roll Call (Polly Estabrook)

The Chair called the roll. Three of the five Committee Members were present in person at the Roll Call: MJ Anderson, Jesseca Harvey, and Polly Estabrook (Chair). Polly Chu, and Julie Kim were absent. A quorum was met. Guests included Board President Conrad Starr.

C. Self-Induction of Guests

No guests were present.

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 approval of past meeting minutes. Minutes from the previous meeting were not voted on due to lack of quorum at December meeting.
- B. Training requirements. None required.
- C. Nomination of a committee member to the role of Chair
 - i. **Motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental &

Sustainability Committee vote Polly Estabrook to be Environmental & Sustainability Committee Chair.

Jessica Harvey moved that the motion be considered and MJ Anderson seconded. Jessica Harvey, MJ Anderson, and Polly Estabrook voted to pass the motion. The motion passed.

D. Nomination of a committee member to the role of Secretary

- i. **Motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee recommend that the GWNC Board approve MJ Anderson as Environmental & Sustainability Committee Secretary.

Jessica Harvey moved that the motion be considered and MJ Anderson seconded. Jessica Harvey, MJ Anderson, and Polly Estabrook voted to pass the motion. The motion passed.

E. Possible nomination of new committee members. None presented.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Recapped the Special Town Hall entitled “Can I Recycle That? And New Rules for the Green Bin” held on Nov 4 at the Memorial Branch Library. MJ Anderson, Jessica Harvey, Cathy Roberts, and Conrad Starr attended the event and reported on it.
- B. Discuss the proposal proposed at the August meeting for a Transit Day with a possible motion to hold an event. Jessica and MJ volunteered to work on the Transit Day event discussed at the previous meetings. Those in attendance embraced the event idea. Jessica shared information from Metro about passes.

V. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Group Metro Ride Event

Description: Invite members of the GWNC community to learn about how to ride the Los Angeles Metro System. Jessica stated that she had spoken to Ned Racine, Metro. The purple line will be finished and the opening day will be a VIP event only. We discussed taking the regional connector (below the Disney Concert Hall) and then taking the new subway line to Japantown and having lunch there. Discussed whether we will need waivers for group event. We can email Anna, the City Clerk, or the City Attorney. We will send out a EVITE once we converge on date.

- i. **Motion:** The GWNC Sustainability Committee will hold a Transit Day when GWNC stakeholders can ride the metro as a group starting / ending at the Wilshire / Western stop on Saturday May 25th or Saturday March 30th.

Jessica Harvey moved that the motion be considered and MJ Anderson seconded. Jessica Harvey, MJ Anderson, and Polly Estabrook voted to pass the motion. The motion passed.

B. SB 411 - Resumption of Virtual Meetings

- i. **Motion:** The GWNC Sustainability Committee will hold the February, June, and October bi-monthly committee meetings in person; and will hold the April, August and December committee meetings virtually. The GWNC Sustainability Committee may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, occasionally substitute a virtual meeting for an in-person meeting or vice-versa.

Jesseca Harvey moved that the motion be considered and MJ Anderson seconded. Jessica Harvey, MJ Anderson, and Polly Estabrook voted to pass the motion. The motion passed.

C. Upcoming CicLAvia (Feb 25) Melrose (Discussion Only)

- i. Ways of supporting the event. Most important would be attendance at GWNC booth. Please volunteer.
- ii. Possible bike ride from GWNC booth. This may be hard to coordinate. Bring your bicycles and we can spontaneously see whether there are enough GWNC members to ride together.

D. Earth Day 2024 (50th Anniversary April 22, 2024) Event

- i. **Motion** to recommend the GWNC commemorate Earth Day by hosting an event on [TBD date] at [LOCATION]. The event will be developed by the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee and the Outreach Committees. The Sustainability Committee requests up to \$300 to cover cost of various items, such as permits, rentals, refreshments and promotions.

Jesseca Harvey moved that the motion be considered and MJ Anderson seconded.

Jessica Harvey, MJ Anderson, and Polly Estabrook voted to pass the motion. The motion passed.

- ii. **Motion** to recommend that the GWNC have a booth at the Climate Day event being organized by HangOutDoGood (HODG), a neighborhood group, at [TBD location] on a weekend [TBD] near Earth Day as long as it is not on the same day as the GWNC Earth Day.

Jesseca Harvey moved that the motion be considered and MJ Anderson seconded.

Jessica Harvey, MJ Anderson, and Polly Estabrook voted to pass the motion. The motion passed.

E. General Discussion of Activities for 2024

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Report on most recent NC Sustainability Alliance meeting - Polly Estabrook
- B. Report on any other sustainability or environmental issues not on the agenda

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 4th, 2024 in person via zoom, assuming the GWNC Board approves the motion to change the meeting times.

VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** around 7:55 p.m. We did not have a chance to discuss topics beyond V. and decided to bring that up in a special meeting if needed.