

GWNC Quality of Life Committee:

Charles D'Atri - Area 7 (Chair)

Romi Cortier - Business

Jennifer DeVore - Area 5

John Gresham - Area 13

Max Kirkham - Area 9

John Winthner - Business Alt



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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL*
**Quality of Life Committee
Meeting Notes**

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks (Chair)

B. Roll Call: Present: Charles, Romi, Jennifer, John, Max. Absent: John Winthner

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A. Rick Markovitz introduced himself.

B. Lionel Mares – Council File for Douglas Eberhart being nominated for BONC

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Deferred approving the minutes from November to the next meeting

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Restoration of \$10,000 in NC Funding

1. In the Comm docs, there is a letter written by Max, substance approved by Board.

CS-200416 suggested that no rollover would be approved, so had to spend the money.

In addition, in 2020, budgets were cut for each NC by around \$10K – just about \$1MM for all the NCs, a rounding error for City of LA.

2. Goal is to write another letter and ALSO to send a standard letter to other NCs for them to submit.

3. GWNC board did vote to submit this sentiment. Conrad spoke to John Darnell and there is now a council file. Conrad will do that. Max will help. Can discuss at LANCC.

B. LA County Metro Transportation Authority Membership

1. Legislature – Mayor of LA serves and is allowed to appoint 3 members - 2 public members and 1 member of the City Council. Currently, there are 2 city council members. What is the rationale for depriving 1 additional member of the public from serving.

2. Max is asking for a letter from the GWNC Board to go to the Mayor, primarily. And also with a copy to City Council and hope to get buy in from other NCs..

3. Motion:

- a) 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; Whereas the LA County Municipal Code specifies that the Mayor may appoint two “public members” and one “member of the LA City Council”; Whereas two members of the LA City Council and one public member of the City of Los Angeles currently serve on the LACMTA; Therefore, the GWNC QOL Committee recommends that the GWNC Board write a letter to the Mayor and 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?
 - (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?
- b) Max made motion, Jen seconded. Unanimous approval.

C. Larchmont Boulevard issues:

1. Ongoing Center Lane Usage discussion (report)
 - a) Stakeholder position given to Councilmember?
 - b) Enforcement has improved a little but still an ongoing issue.
 - c) Maybe ask LBA to put up signs saying no parking in center lane?
 - d) Maybe put up signs about cost of ticket?
 - e) Could parking enforcement do it or does it have to be LAPD?
 - f) Considered double parking – \$63 fine. Can also have vehicles towed.
2. Design aspects to North Larchmont ad hoc committee (main committee is Land Use) – moved to old business

D. Live Meeting discussion re: Zoom

E. New issues

1. Frequency of the QLC committee meetings
2. City budget and unfilled positions - non-essential city worker positions will be eliminated
3. Welborn article in Chronicle – park in lower Larchmont, where the pay stations are, add some trees and benches, have go across sidewalk in to one of parking spots. Romi’s idea is Blue – benches, etc. Romi will have more info in the next month.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on alcohol applications for Larchmont restaurants
- B. Moved this to old business – Design aspects to North Larchmont ad hoc committee (main committee is Land Use)

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. The next regular QLC meeting is scheduled be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 via Zoom ID # 849 7793 0618

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

