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**GREATER WILSHIRE  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Environmental & Sustainability  
Committee SPECIAL Agenda**

Friday, August 30, 2024 7 PM

Via Zoom:

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**GWNC Sustainability Committee:**

Chair - Polly Estabrook (Area 14)  
Secretary - MJ Anderson (Area 12)  
Andy Galan (Area 12)  
Jesseca Harvey (Area 8)  
Julie Kim (Area 15)  
*Multiple Vacancies*

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*Concejo Vecinal de Greater  
Wilshire - Comité de medio  
ambiente y sostenibilidad -  
Agenda de reunión especial*

**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.**

*The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an elected advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, made up of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.*

**I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

- A. **Call to Order** (Polly Estabrook)
- B. **Roll Call** (MJ Anderson)
- C. **Self-Introduction of Guests**

**II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** 의제 비포함 안건에 대한 일반  
공중 언급 *Comentario público general sobre temas no incluidos en la agenda*

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

**A. Review and approval of past meeting minutes:**

- i. Meeting Minutes 6/6/2024

**B. Stakeholder Committee Member Required Training.** All Committee members have completed required training. Any new members would need the following training:

- i. Code of Conduct – available at

<https://greaterwilshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2023-1-Code-of-Conduct-For-m.pdf>, send signed copy to [secretary@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:secretary@greaterwilshire.org).

- ii. Ethics – Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>

#### IV. **OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **2024/2025 Draft Sustainability Budget.** Below are some possible events and expenses. Discussion on what events the committee would like to organize. Possible events that were listed for budget consideration are listed below for discussion along with comments from our last meeting.

- i. Transit Day - 2025. Possible, no LA City funding required, outing in 2025 to explore the new Metro D stops along Wilshire?
- ii. Earth Day - spring 2025
- iii. Community Beautification Day (native plants at neighborhood library or post office or...). Polly Estabrook contacted Kim Hughes, Senior Librarian, John C. Fremont Branch, about the possibility of planting native plants around the library before the fall rainy season. She and her supervisor are interested. Let's discuss if there is interest and possible next steps.
- iv. Environmental Legislation Awareness Day (or IRA Rebate Discussion)

#### V. **NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Possible Events for 2024 - 2025**

B. **Enhancement of GWNC community involvement and recruitment of new members**

C. **Possible partnering with the Outreach Committee** on a Nov 16 & 17 Litter cleanup in GWNC Area 3, Country Club Heights. (The cleanup was rescheduled from Feb. ) The Outreach Committee is partnering with CD 5 and KYCC.

**Possible Motion:** The GWNC SC will partner with the GWNC Outreach Committee to participate in a Little Cleanup in the GWNC Area 3 - County Club Heights on Nov 16 & 17.

D. **Possible leadership role for the GWNC SC in working with the Food Coalition's Food Gleaning** activity which takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month. The GWNC has been represented by Colette Amin who is also a member of the Food Coalition.

**Possible Motion:** The GWNC SC will partner with the Food Coalition to support their Food Gleaning activity, the 1st Sunday of each month.

E. **Coordinating media posts about CA ballot proposals** related to the environment or sustainability.

F. **Discussion of a motion in front of the LA City Council, motion 24-0602**, to request for a report on the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles. Lisa Hart from the LA Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance will speak to us on the pro & cons of artificial turf.

**Possible Motion:** The GWNC Neighborhood Council supports the request for a report on the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles, via CF24-0602. In the wake of California's SB676 being signed into law, municipalities have an opportunity to investigate the regulation and possible banning of artificial turf installations in cities throughout the state. Los Angeles has an opportunity to be

a leader in this area. Artificial Turf has been a distraction from our environmental goals of making more sustainable landscaping choices. False promises of water savings have been coupled with great expense, increased heat island effect, loss of water permeability, toxic runoff pollution of PFAs and other toxic chemical, sports injuries, and devastating loss of urban habitat during the greatest biodiversity crisis in human history.

## VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- A. The NC Sustainability Alliance (LANCSA) will be meeting on Sunday 9/8/2024 at 6:30 PM. Info will be in LANCSA calendar (<https://www.ncsa.la/calendar>) or contact [Lisa Hart at lisahart@ncsa.la](mailto:lisahart@ncsa.la).
- B. Report on any other sustainability or environmental issues not on the agenda.
- C. Upcoming Environmental Activities planned by the Climate Reality Project:
  - i. The Climate Reality San Fernando Valley Chapter will be meeting on zoom on September 10th, 2024, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Meeting registration is [here](#).

## VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Regular Committee meeting date: Thursday, October 3, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Branch Library, Community Room - 4625 W Olympic Blvd, LA, 90019.

*Note: regular meetings are held on even-numbered months, alternating between Zoom and in-person.*

## VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

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