



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
Approved July 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](http://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, reminding about checking with the City Attorney if a Board Member has a possible or definite conflict of interest.

### **B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore).**

The Secretary called the roll. Seventeen of the 20 Board Members or their Alternate(s) were present online at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers (Alternate for Brian Curran), Scott Appel, MJ Anderson (Alternate for Tommy Atlee), Selene Betancourt, Jeffrey Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Romi Cortier, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Andy Galan, Gary Gilbert, John Gresham, Jesseca Harvey, Julie Kim, Sixto Sicilia, Owen Smith and Conrad Starr (President). Patricia Carroll (Treasurer) arrived later. Suzana Kim and Alex Nava was absent and not represented by an Alternate. New Area 4 - Fremont Place Board Member Anne Rudnick was appointed during below Item #V. 3. A. 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]. Ten Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. A. 2; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Also attended: approximately 25 Stakeholders and guests.

## **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 that the City budget is being considered, and on upcoming events. Mr. Starr said more information is on the GWNC website.

*Board Member Brian Curran arrived at this time (6:39), replacing his Alternate Mark Alpers, keeping 17 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen). Then Board*

*Member Patti Carroll arrived at 6:40, making 18 Board Members present.*

Ms. DeVore reported regarding tree maintenance at 324 S. June St.

- B. Thirteenth Council District (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>], reported that street light funding was identified; repairs are forthcoming. She urged reporting outages. They collaborated with LAUSD to install speed humps by two CD13-area schools. She explained homelessness service work. Regarding the Larchmont Blvd. illegal center turn lane parkers, they will ask for more LAPD enforcement for that and for homeless encampment illegal drug use. Mr. Starr asked for more than “double-parking” citations to be issued to those illegal parkers. Ms. Martinez will check with LAPD regarding installing more traffic signage. Senior Lead Officer Harry Cho said “99% of encampments have [illegal] drug use.”
- C. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho 33817@lapd.online & Pelayo 31762@lapd.online (Olympic), Rodriguez (Wilshire)).

Harry Cho, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0649; [33817@LAPD.Online](mailto:33817@LAPD.Online); [http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station)], reported that laptops, cellphones and more are being stolen from vehicles that are unlocked and/or windows are broken. He encouraged reporting if you see a group of young people walking on a sidewalk wearing hoodies in the middle of the day. He described law enforcement regarding encampment cleanups and illegal drug use. Some housed formerly homeless people “come back” to “hang out” and consume illegal drugs with former homeless neighbors.

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 that Mayor Bass is asking each Division what qualities and who should be the next LAPD Chief. He “will notify our Traffic Division Officers to have them address that issue” of Larchmont Blvd. illegal center turn lane parkers and have other officers help with enforcement and “extra patrol . . . We can cite them [for a moving violation] . . . if they’re behind the driver’s seat.” He also will contact LADOT to “address that.” Robberies are “down 5% compared to last year . . . Burglaries . . . almost [a] 28% decrease . . . Stolen vehicles . . . [a] 3.4% decrease . . . Car break-ins . . . [a] 22.6% increase year-to-date . . . Even change in the center console . . . they’re going to smack your window . . . [Keep it] out-of-sight, out-of-mind . . . Remove valuables from vehicles . . . Assaults . . . [had a] 100% increase . . . Thefts . . . [a] 22.7% increase . . . Make sure that when you’re in stores . . . do not leave items unattended . . . Take your items with you.” Officer Phillip Choy will be covering for Dave Cordova; Officer Choy is at 213-793-0650; [38788@LAPD.Online](mailto:38788@LAPD.Online).

- 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](http://www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt);

[www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt](https://www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt](http://www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt)], noted work at LaBrea and Fairfax; a new bus lane on Fairfax at Wilshire, and on Wilshire west of LaBrea. He will report back for Mr. Smith regarding turning off the water pumps.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. G.*

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; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)], was not present; there was no report.

F. Mayor's Office (David C. Nguyen - [david.c.nguyen@lacity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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>], reported that the County is considering their next budget; public comments are welcomed, including at [MyBudget.Metro.net](http://MyBudget.Metro.net).

H. Other Government Representatives.

*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III.* Joshua Marin-Mora, a representative for State 51st District Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur [323-436-5184; <https://a51.asmdc.org>], reported on legislation regarding homelessness, and on the Assemblymember's concern regarding the UCLA administration's lack of protection for its Jewish students. MJ Anderson was concerned regarding moped and e-bike State regulations; MJ Anderson will confer with Ms. Chvatal about that.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

### **IV. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS**

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)

Ms. DeVore relayed for Ms. Harvey that there'll be a lot of City budget cuts [see <http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>].

C. LANCC (see agenda in Board Docs).

Ms. DeVore reported regarding LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; [LANCC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:LANCC@EmpowerLA.org); [www.LANCC.org](http://www.LANCC.org)] that no City outreach to NCs was done regarding their just-hired General Manager.

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.

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

Mr. Starr noted the above.

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.

a) Anne Rudnick, Candidate for Area 4 - Fremont Place Director seat.

Mr. Gresham nominated Anne Rudnick. Resident Ms. Rudnick accepted the nomination, introduced herself and described her interest in serving the community. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Anne Rudnick to the Area 4 - Fremont Place Director seat.

**DISCUSSION:** Resident Patty Lombard supported Ms. Rudnick’s candidacy, which was unanimously supported by the Fremont Place Board.

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

b) Dan Sterling, Candidate for Area 11- Sycamore Square Alternate seat.

Ms. Harvey nominated Dan Sterling. Resident Mr. Sterling accepted the nomination, introduced himself and described his interest in serving the community. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Dan Sterling to the Area 11- Sycamore Square Alternate Seat.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in

favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Rudnick, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

*New Board Member Anne Rudnick was allowed to vote in the above and below Motions, then joined in (see below) to read aloud the Oath of Office.*

c) Robert (Bob) Reeves, Candidate for Area 10 - Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrews Square Alternate seat.

Ms. Carroll nominated Bob Reeves. Resident Mr. Reeves, a former GWNC Board Alternate, accepted the nomination, introduced himself and described his interest in serving the community. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Bob Reeves to the Area 10 - Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrews Square Alternate seat.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Rudnick, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

d) Other candidates.

Mr. Starr indicated that there were no more nominations. Resident Amy Zimmerman, who also lives in Area 10 - Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrews Square, introduced herself; Board Members encouraged her to consider Committee membership.

4. Oath of Office (for newly-appointed candidates).

“I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”

Mr. Starr led Ms. Rudnick, Mr. Sterling and Mr. Reeves in reading aloud the Oath of Office. Mr. Starr noted that Ms. DeVore will follow up with them regarding training information.

*New Board Member Anne Rudnick was Seated at this time, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

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.

Ms. DeVore and Mr. Starr noted the above; see [EmpowerLA.Rosters@gmail.com](mailto:EmpowerLA.Rosters@gmail.com). Mr. Starr relayed that DONE said that Committee Members do not need to complete Cornerstone training, but still must complete the Ethics Training and sign the Code of Conduct.

2. Code of Conduct:

- a) Required for all board members; only need to do Code training once.
- b) 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.
- c) The following board members are shown at [EmpowerLA.org/GWNC](http://EmpowerLA.org/GWNC) as having EXPIRED or INCOMPLETE Code of Conduct.
  - All board members and alternates must complete the new Code of Conduct before June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Starr and Ms. DeVore noted the above.

3. Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training:

- a) One new training is required: Gender Expression & Gender Identity. Please check your Cornerstone account. Only need to complete this training once.
- b) The following have not yet completed the REQUIRED Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training:
  - All Board members and alternates except Starr, DeVore & Anderson

Mr. Starr and Ms. DeVore noted the above.

4. Anti Bias (ABLE) Training:

- a) The following have not yet completed the REQUIRED anti-bias (ABLE) training:
  - Brian Curran
  - Bill Newby

5. Ethics and Funding Training:

- a) Required training for Board members or alternates to be able to vote on funding motions. Must be completed every two years.
- b) 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)

It was noted that Mr. Curran had completed his Ethics Training.

c) Non-board Committee Member Ethics Training:

<https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx> (certificate of completion required).

C. Adoption of April 10, 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections were requested: page 11, Item #X. C. 1: correct “MOTION (by M\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): . . . Earth Day” to “MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): . . . Earth Day”; and page 11, Item #X. C. 2: correct “MOTION (by M\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by M\_\_\_\_\_) : The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will revise . . .” to “**MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will revise . . .”

**MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its April 10, 2024 General Board Meeting as corrected.

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

## **VI. OFFICER REPORTS**

A. President’s Report.

Mr. Starr reported on upcoming events; see the online President’s report folder. A volunteer opportunity is available for a Homeless Liaison; contact him. The new GWNC map will be inserted into the GWNC Bylaws by the City Clerk.

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 April 2024 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Card Expenses

4/3 Public Storage March \$234.00

4/23 Larchmont Chronicle March \$204.00

Checks Cleared  
NONE

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2024 and each individual expense listed therein.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Sicilia, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Rudnick) 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 May 2024 MER.

- Ebell April Board rental \$400
- Apple One Minutes and Admin TBC
- UmeWorks TBC
- DreamHost Hosting Renewal \$383.88
- NPG’s \$2000.00

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

3. Reminder...Final Dates:

- May 20th, 2024 - Final date to submit an event request for approval using the current Fiscal year funds
- June 1st, 2024 - Final date to submit a check payment request through the NC Funding system portal (including Neighborhood Purpose Grants)
- June 20th, 2024 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

C. Vice-President’s Report.

Mr. D’Atri ceded his time.

D. Secretary’s Report.

Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no report.

**VII. AD HOC COMMITTEES** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. NPG Committee (Jesseca Harvey, Chair).

1. Report/Committee Recommendations:

Ms. Harvey explained the need due to City Clerk questions.



2. Motion to Amend the following Motions previously Adopted on April 10, 2024

a) HopeNet:

○ Possible Motion: The GWNC amends is motion adopted on April 10, 2024 by striking “pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024”

Therefore, the amended Motion will read:

○ Amended Motion: The GWNC awards \$875 to HopeNet in the form of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to cover the purchase of food to stock the many food pantries within the GWNC’s boundaries outlined in the application.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends its motion adopted on April 10, 2024 by striking “pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.”

Therefore, the amended Motion will read: The GWNC awards \$875 to HopeNet in the form of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to cover the purchase of food to stock the many food pantries within the GWNC’s boundaries outlined in the application.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, 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 (Rudnick) 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) LAUNCH

○ Possible Motion: The GWNC amends is motion adopted on April 10, 2024 by striking “pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024”

Therefore, the amended Motion will read:

○ Amended Motion: The GWNC awards \$250 to LAUNCH to cover production costs in the form of Artist Fees.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends its motion adopted on April 10, 2024 by striking “pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.”

Therefore, the amended Motion will read: The GWNC awards \$250 to LAUNCH to cover production costs in the form of Artist Fees.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, 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 (Rudnick) 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) FoodCycleLA

○ Possible Motion: The GWNC amends is motion adopted on April 10, 2024 by striking “pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024”

Therefore, the amended Motion will read

○ Amended Motion: The GWNC awards \$875 to FoodCycleLA 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.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends its motion adopted on April 10, 2024 by striking “pending the (re)submission of the board and City required documentation with the modifications requested by the committee by Friday, April 12, 2024.” Therefore, the amended Motion will read: The GWNC awards \$875 to FoodCycleLA 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.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, 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 (Rudnick) 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.

*Conrad Starr recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to participate in or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest [he “brought this to the Committee’s attention as a witness”]) and stepped away at this time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.” He also turned over the Presiding Officership to Mr. D’Atri at this time.*

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

A. Committee Report on the April 23, 2024 Land Use Meeting.

Mr. Curran reported that there was a “very animated discussion . . . the property owner [of 507 N. Larchmont] showed up and answered a lot of questions.”

*[The following paragraphs through “Possible Motion” are copied from the Agenda.] B.*

800 S. La Brea Ave (All Season Brewing Co): On 4/12/17, the GWNC supported the application for a CUB for the brewpub at 8th and La Brea in the former Firestone building, which opened several years later, during the pandemic, as the All Season Brewing Co - the GWNC support was “As presented with the conditions negotiated with the Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association (SSNA)”. The approved CUB lists several items that were requested to be included by the applicant and which align with the conditions negotiated with the SSNA. However, pertaining to the full list of conditions, the following items are seemingly not being adhered to and may or may not deserve a review with the business ownership or management:

21: Any music, sound, or noise emitted from the premise, including outdoor patio area must not be audible beyond the property line of the premise.

22: There shall be no advertisement or sign of any kind or type promoting or indicating the availability of alcoholic beverages on the exterior of the premise, including advertising directed to the exterior from within.

28: Applicant shall not allow the premises to be used for private parties.

Furthermore, by measurements taken, the fenced in outdoor area extends well into the public right of way/sidewalk: the property line according to the plans in the CUB is 183” from the curb to the west of the building and to the north; however, the fence on the west side is at approximately 120” from the curb (63” into the public right of way) and 90” from the curb on the north, or 93” into the public right of way.

Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council [see below Motion].

It was reported that company representatives “negotiated with the Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association,” however, next-door neighbor Dr. Ash had told the Committee of multiple violations by the business and its customers.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will send letters to CD 5 and the owners of All Season Brewing Co. at 800 S. La Brea Ave. regarding the concerns of neighbors and the adjacent homeowners about violations of the CUB, asking them to come into compliance, and requesting that they attend a GWNC Land Use Committee meeting to discuss this matter.

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Ash reported that “since 2020 they’ve broken every single thing on [the conditions] list” and communicated “very rudely” with him; “they have zero respect for the residents . . . Their parking situation is atrocious . . . They said “too bad, talk to the City.” He said there’s “no security” on the Eighth St. side. There’s outside smoking, public urination and “way more” by their customers. Public space has been appropriated by the bar. Mr. Starr, speaking as an individual resident, described problems reported to him about the bar, noting that he, Mr. Starr, reported problems to the City. Proprietor Brian Lenzo reported that outside audio speakers were removed and described other mitigations. He stated that “if there’s a problem for the neighborhood, we’re happy to

remove it . . . We're 100% on it . . . We're happy to have that meeting with you.” Resident Liz Fuller reported that neighbors communicated problems to ownership at least two years ago; “this has been an ongoing problem.” Mr. Lenzo said “I’m sorry if anybody spoke to you that way . . . That manager has been removed.” Mr. Lenzo offered his contact information.

**CALL for the QUESTION** (by Mr. D’Atri): **PASSED** by consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained. One recused and was ineligible to vote (Starr).

C. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>.

Mr. Curran noted the above.

*Conrad Starr’s recusal ended and he returned online at this time, making 19 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen). Mr. D’Atri turned the Presiding Officership back to Conrad Starr at this time.*

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

A. Committee Report.

*[The following paragraph is copied from the Agenda.]*

1. The Earth Day Fair was successful. The partnership with CD 5 worked very well. The City organized booths from LA Sanitation, Office of Community Beautification, and the South County Air Quality Management District. GWNC and the community group, HangOutDoGood, participated. There were 4 booths for kid activities: HODG Arts & Crafts, HODG Plant Native Seeds, GWNC Renewable Energy Toys, and GWNC Climate Game. Roughly 100 people attended. GWNC members from the Sustainability and Outreach Committees and the President attended and staffed the GWNC booth. Working with CD5, the GWNC Sustainability Committee and HODG to improve the event for next year. Earth Day Fair cost was \$99.18 for popsicles, bananas, and oranges. The budget allocated for food was \$100.

Ms. Flores described the “great” event. Ms. Estabrook reported that there were 14 booths; volunteers mostly were from Campbell Hall. Youths showed “renewable energy toys” to other youths. She thanked GWNC volunteers and CD5 and noted that “all this was accomplished with 99 dollars.”

2. Polly Chu resigned from the committee on 3/15/2024 by email.

Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

3. A Special Meeting of the Committee was scheduled on Friday, May 3rd to discuss possible budget request for 2024-2025, however a quorum was not met. A rough event

list and draft cost was prepared by the Chair for the meeting and is in the meeting folder. The ESC will discuss these events and possible funding at our next meeting.

Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

4. The next ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024 via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>.

Ms. Estabrook encouraged new Board Members to attend the Committee.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #14.*

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

A. Committee Report.

1. Alex Nava resigned as Social Media Coordinator. The role is vacant.

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

- B. Next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>.

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

**XI. 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.

**XII. 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 noted the above.

**XIII. 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, June 3rd 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>.

Mr. Gilbert noted the above.

**XIV. OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. 2025 Neighborhood Council Region 5 Elections.

Possible Motion to Amend a Motion Previously Adopted (Starr):

The GWNC will STRIKE the following passage:

*“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”*

from the motion passed on 4-10-24, which was approved as follows:

*“The GWNC 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’”*

No Motion was made or vote taken.

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

A. Reimbursement for Citizen Recognition Award Certificates Expenditures Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will reimburse Conrad Starr in the amount of \$43.19 for the following: Certificate paper & tax at \$12.58, first printing of certificates including backups at \$8.00, certificate covers & tax at \$18.60, reprinting of certificates at \$4.00, for a total of \$43.19.

*Board Members Jeff Carpenter Cindy Chvatal had left by this time, making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, 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 (Rudnick) 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. Reimbursement for Earth Day Expenditures Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will reimburse Conrad Starr in the amount of \$99.18 for the purchase of popsicles, bananas, and oranges for the 4/25/2024 Earth Day event.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, 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 (Rudnick) 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. October 2024 and November 2024 Meeting Locations Possible Motion: The GWNC will hold its October 9, 2024 regular board meeting on Zoom and its November 13, 2024 regular board meeting at the Ebell of Los Angeles.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item to the next Board Meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

D. Transit Expenses for Transit Day Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by MJ Anderson, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$70 to procure TAP cards for any transit day participants who do not have TAP cards (at \$2 each) and to load the TAP cards for funds sufficient for the day’s itinerary; and the GWNC will retain ownership of any cards purchased and any unused funds.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, 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 (Rudnick) 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. Selection of FY 2024-2025 Meeting Location / Annual Contract Possible Motion: The GWNC will hold its in-person regular board meetings at the Ebell of Los Angeles on July 10, 2024; November 13, 2024; January 8, 2025; and April 9, 2025, with all meetings commencing at 6:30 p.m.; and, if necessary, will ask the City to enter into a lease agreement on its behalf, and subject to renewal for the next fiscal year; and the GWNC agrees to pay \$400/month as a rental fee.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item to the next Board Meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #18.*

**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 TABLED. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- 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 [see the below Motion].

Ms. Estabrook explained the need.

**MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by MJ Anderson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. DeVore explained that the Hancock Park Homeowners Association offered a \$100 credit to homeowners who’d switch from gas to electric-powered leaf blowers. The draft CIS (Community Impact Statement) was shown online. Mr. Gilbert relayed that his gardener was concerned about cost, practicality and securing the batteries from theft. Various Board Members were concerned about who would enforce it.

*Board Members Jesseca Harvey and Sixto Sicilia had left by this time, making 15 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Betancourt, Curran, DeVore, Galan, Julie Kim and Rudnick); five opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carroll, D’Atri, Gilbert, Gresham and Smith); two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Cortier and Starr).

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

#### **XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/COMMENTS**

MJ Anderson recommended a Robert’s Rules of Order “cheat sheet.”

#### **XVIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (Discussion only) A. FY 2024-2025 Administrative Packet and Budget.

Mr. Starr showed a slide and requested Board Members to review the draft budget.

- B. UmeWorks (Webmaster) Contract. Possible Future Motion: The GWNC approves the Scope of Services for UmeWorks (Webmaster) dated \_\_\_\_\_ and requests that the City Clerk enter into a contract with UmeWorks for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year on its behalf.



No other requests were made.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #XVI. B.*

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 12th via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96677001434>.

Mr. Starr noted the above. He declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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