



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Approved 10 July 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 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, 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. Sixteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternate were present online at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers (Alternate for Brian Curran), Selene Betancourt, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Romi Cortier, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Andy Galan, Gary Gilbert, Jesseca Harvey, Julie Kim, Anne Rudnick, Sixto Sicilia, Owen Smith and Conrad Starr (President). John Gresham arrived later. Scott Appel, Tommy Atlee, Alex Nava and Benny Rosenberg were absent and not represented by an Alternate. Suzana Kim had resigned and was replaced by her now-former Alternate Benny Rosenberg. 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. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Seven Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. A.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately 32 Stakeholders and guests.

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. 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; there was no report.

Board Member Brian Curran arrived at this time (6:38), replacing his Alternate Mark Alpers, keeping 16 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

- B. 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>], was not present; there was no report.
- C. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho 33817@lapd.online & Pelayo 31762@lapd.online (Olympic), Rodriguez 35738@lapd.online (Wilshire)). Harry Cho, an Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0649; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station], reported that Officer Pelayo will be retiring. The Mayor's Inside Safe program continues to house homeless people. National Night Out will be August 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Olympic Station at 1130 S. Vermont Ave. Officer Cho reported on a shooting that happened this day by St. Andrews and Olympic; he warned not to approach homeless encampments and noted how many resources were spent investigating it. He noted a recent "rash of burglaries . . . These crews are moving around," including those doing "tourist" crimes. Some are "pretending to be Amazon drivers . . . [and] construction crews . . . targeting homes . . . monitoring the comings and goings of your neighbors . . . It's happening all over California."

This Agenda Item was continued after Item #V. E. Hebel Rodriguez, a Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-473-0476; cell/text phone 213-793-0715; <https://www.LAPDOnline.org/lapd-contact/west-bureau/wilshire-community-police-station>], reported that catalytic converter theft "has gone down percentage-wise . . . Car break-ins" increased 13% over last year. Crews hired "by warehouses" are stealing "shopping carts" of "baby formula and diapers." Some warehouses have been raided by Police and stolen items confiscated. Robberies decreased 9% and burglaries decreased. Stolen vehicles were down 13.5%. He announced an upcoming catalytic converter VIN number etching event. National Night Out will be August 6th after 5:00 p.m. at Poinsettia Park. Officer Rodriguez agreed to work to get more Police for Hancock Park.

- D. 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], reported that Section One is expected to be completed in the Fall.
- E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE (Octaviano Rios - octaviano.rios@lacity.org). John Darnell announced upcoming events and introduced his replacement Octaviano Rios, a long-time Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org]. Mr. Rios

briefly spoke. Mr. Darnell “put the new map in your Bylaws.”

F. Mayor’s Office (David C. Nguyen - david.c.nguyen@lacity.org).

David Nguyen, Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; [http:// LAMayor.org](http://LAMayor.org)], was not present; there was no report.

G. 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.

H. Other Government Representatives.

There were no other reports at this time.

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

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report [see <http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>].

B. LANCC (Jennifer DeVore – see agenda in Board Docs).

Ms. DeVore reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] discussed that the City decided to make all NC elections vote-by-mail; more information should be available by August; she believed that “this is another step to marginalize NCs.” Ms. DeVore confirmed that the City Council didn’t budget the City Clerk Office to do in-person NC elections.

C. Other Liaisons or Representatives.

Dan Sterling, new GWNC Homeless Liaison [see below Item #XIV. A.], reported on an “inspiring” NCs Homeless Liaisons meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 2 - Citrus Square; Area 3 - Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Area 12 - Western-Wilton; Education; Religion.

Mr. Galan recommended long-time resident Kimberly Aboltin [see below].

B. Appointment of Eligible Stakeholders to Vacant Seats.

1. Kimberly Aboltin (Area 12 Western-Wilton Alt)

Ms. Aboltin was unable to attend this Meeting; Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to Postpone this Item to the next Board Meeting.

2. Other candidates/appointments.

There were no others at this time.

C. 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 indicated that there were no nominations.

D. 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. New DONE Training Requirements:

a) Per DONE: “Board members must have completed all FIVE trainings (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias and Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training) in order to be current and vote on the board.”

b) Failure to complete these trainings or acknowledge the amended Code of Conduct prior to July 1 (new extended deadline) will result in ineligibility to vote on funding and non-funding items in committee and general board meetings. Following the July 1 deadline, new Board and Committee members will have 30 days to acknowledge the Code of Conduct.

Ms. DeVore explained the above.

2. Code of Conduct:

a) Completion of the new 2024 Code of Conduct is required for all Board Members, Alternates and Stakeholders and must only be completed once. Board members with expired Codes may not vote and will be suspended after 30 days and removed after 60 days. Stakeholder Code of Conduct for Committee members can be found on the DONE website at <https://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>. Committee chairs should submit signed copies of stakeholder codes to secretary@greaterwilshire.org.

Ms. DeVore explained the above.

b) The following board members are shown at EmpowerLA.org/GWNC as having an out-of-date Code of Conduct:

- Nava
- Cortier?
- Rosenberg
- Roberts
- Meister
- Winther

Ms. DeVore confirmed that Mr. Cortier's trainings are up-to-date.

3. Ethics and Funding Training:

a) Ethics and Funding training is required every two years for Board members/ Alternates and failure to take/update training renders members ineligible to vote on funding motions. Stakeholder Committee Member Ethics Training can be found at <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx> (certificate of completion required)

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 funding motions: - Bill Newby (Funding)
- Vince Cox (Ethics)
- Cathy Roberts (Funding)

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

4. Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training:

a) Gender training is required in order to vote on both funding and non-funding items. You must only complete this training once.

b) The following have not yet completed Gender training:

- Carpenter?
- Rudnick
- Harvey
- Galan
- Rosenberg
- Roberts
- Meister
- Winther
- Newby

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

5. Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training:

- a) ABLE training is required to vote on both funding and non-funding items. You must only complete this training once.
- b) The following have not completed ABLE training:
 - o All complete.

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

E. Adoption of May 8, 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to Postpone the above Item to the July Board Meeting.

The next Agenda Item addressed was (again) Item #II. C.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report.

Mr. Starr reported that, though he tried to get the amount increased, NCs still will be funded \$32,000 annually by the City. He'll continue to try. GWNC email accts will be created; he'll send instructions. He'll continue to work to reduce spam email received by Board Members.

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. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for May 2024 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Card Expenses

- o 5/2 Dreamhost May 1,24-April 30, 25 \$383.88
- o 5/3 Public Storage May \$234.00
- o 5/14 Larchmont Chronicle May \$204.00

Checks Cleared

- o 5/10 AppleOne MW WE 9/16/23 \$299.92
- o 5/15 AppleOne Admin WE 3/23&3/30 \$587.86
- o 5/15 AppleOne Admin WE 3/16 \$293.93
- o 5/15 AppleOne MW WE 3/16 \$292.60
- o 5/15 AppleOne Admin WE 4/8&4/13 \$565.25
- o 5/14 HopeNet NPG \$875.00
- o 5/16 AppleOne Admin WE 4/20&4/27 \$587.86
- o 5/10 AppleOne Admin WE 9/2&9/16/23 \$587.86
- o 5/10 AppleOne Admin WE 3/9/24 \$293.93

- 5/20 AppleOne MW WE 3/30 \$117.04

Checks Outstanding

- 5/14 Launch Productions NPG \$250.00
- 5/14 Food Cycle NPG \$875.00
- 5/17 Ebell Board Meeting April \$400.00
- 6/3 Conrad Starr Reimbursement /certificates \$ 43.19
- 6/3 Ume Works Webmaster \$243.75
- 6/3 AppleOne Admin WE 5/25 \$271.32
- 6/3 AppleOne Admin WE 5/18 \$271.32
- 6/4 AppleOne MW WE 5/11 \$292.60

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for May 2024 and each individual expense listed therein.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Harvey, Kim, Rosenberg, Rudnick, Sicilia, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the June 2024 MER.
 - Apple One Minutes and Admin TBC
 - UmeWorks TBC

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above. The credit card use deadline will be June 20th.

3. Approval of 24/25 Budget & Administrative Packet.

Mr. Starr showed a slide. Ms. Carroll reviewed a draft budget.

Board Member John Gresham arrived by this time (8:00), making 17 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

Mr. Starr clarified that some items were general descriptions or amounts; they and the budget can be changed and some Board Members were advised by the City Attorney to recuse from discussing or voting on certain items. There was extensive discussion

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Administrative & Budget Packet for 2024-2025.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible

voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rosenberg, Rudnick, Sicilia, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained.

4. Reminder...Final Dates:

- o June 20th, 2024 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card

The above was noted.

C. Vice-President’s Report.

Mr. D’Atri ceded his time.

D. Secretary’s Report.

1. Reminder to Committee Chairs: please have stakeholders on your committee sign the new Code and submit copies to secretary@greaterwilshire.org.

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

VII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. NPG Committee (Jesseca Harvey, Chair)

GWNC Administrator Julia Christiansen reported that HopeNet sent a thankyou letter to the GWNC.

VIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran.

Mr. Curran reported that the Committee mainly discussed the 5901 Melrose, 800 La Brea, and ED 1 projects.

B. 5901 Melrose Ave. Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 5901 Melrose Ave. described as The Pawn Shop Sports Bar and Restaurant, a CUB to allow the on-site sale and consumption of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a 7,808 sq. ft. restaurant with limited live entertainment operating from 6am-2am, daily, filing date: 8/22/23, Case no: ZA-2023-5732-CUB, Zoning: C4-1XL SN, as presented to the Committee on November 28, 2023, because the applicant was unwilling to return to the Committee to address the concerns of the Committee regarding hours of operation, parking, the proximity of a preschool and a church, security, public safety, traffic, historic preservation, live entertainment, noise and CEQA compliance.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the project at 5901 Melrose Ave. described as The Pawn Shop Sports Bar and Restaurant, a CUB to allow the on-site sale and consumption of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a 7,808 sq. ft. restaurant with limited

live entertainment operating from 6am-2am, daily, filing date: 8/22/23, Case no: ZA-2023-5732-CUB, Zoning: C4-1XL-SN, as presented to the Committee on November 28, 2023, because the applicant was unwilling to return to the Committee to address the concerns of the Committee regarding hours of operation, parking, the proximity of a preschool and a church, security, public safety, traffic, historic preservation, live entertainment, noise and CEQA compliance.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Cortier): after the phrase, “November 28, 2023,” remove the next 18 words: “because the applicant was unwilling to return to the Committee to address the concerns of the Committee regarding” and replace them with “because the Committee still has concerns about”

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gilbert explained why he offered his amendment. Mr. Gresham explained that the Committee carefully crafted the original Motion wording so that the City would know of the applicant’s unwillingness to attend Committee Meetings.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Curran, Galan and Gilbert); five opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carroll, Chvatal, DeVore, Gresham and Smith); nine abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Cortier, D’Atri, Harvey, Kim, Rosenberg, Rudnick, Sicilia and Starr).

DISCUSSION: Residents Karen Gilman and Sam Uretsky requested that the Board support the Motion and thanked Mr. Starr for testifying to the City on behalf of it.

UNAMENDED MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rosenberg, Rudnick, Sicilia and Smith); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Galan and Gilbert); two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Betancourt and Starr).

- C. Removal of ED1 Projects from Early Notification System (ENS) Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, in the interest of bringing transparency to the Department of City Planning, requests: That Mayor Karen Bass instruct the Department of City Planning (DCP) that case files for ALL land use applications, including those with the prefix ADM or otherwise considered to be ministerial or by-right, submitted to DCP for approval be made available for public access and scrutiny in the DCP's Document Imaging and Early Notification Systems, and that all case file information be available online (via the internet) for public scrutiny including (a) Initial Documents, (b) additional or revised documents and plans as they are submitted, Approved Documents and (c) any correspondence between The Department of City Planning and the applicant; and That City Council Members Katy Yaroslavsky (CD5) and Hugo Soto-Martinez (CD13) work separately or jointly to introduce a motion before the City Council requiring the Department of City Planning to allow public access to and scrutiny of all Department of City Planning case files and that all case files include the information

described in (1) above; and That this Motion be circulated to the 98 other Neighborhood Councils with the request that they make the same requests as in (1) above and to Council Members as are appropriate to their Neighborhood Council areas as in (2) above.

Mr. Curran explained the above. It was agreed to add individuating numbers to subitems in the Motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, in the interest of bringing transparency to the Department of City Planning, requests: 1) That Mayor Karen Bass instruct the Department of City Planning (DCP) that case files for ALL land use applications, including those with the prefix ADM or otherwise considered to be ministerial or by-right, submitted to DCP for approval be made available for public access and scrutiny in the DCP’s Document Imaging and Early Notification Systems, and that all case file information be available online (via the internet) for public scrutiny including (a) Initial Documents, (b) additional or revised documents and plans as they are submitted, Approved Documents and (c) any correspondence between The Department of City Planning and the applicant; and 2) That City Council Members Katy Yaroslavsky (CD5) and Hugo Soto Martinez (CD13) work separately or jointly to introduce a motion before the City Council requiring the Department of City Planning to allow public access to and scrutiny of all Department of City Planning case files and that all case files include the information described in (1) above; and 3) That this Motion be circulated to the 98 other Neighborhood Councils with the request that they make the same requests as in (1) above and to Council Members as are appropriate to their Neighborhood Council areas as in (2) above.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr reported that he brought this up at a meeting with City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky and other City officials. Mr. D’Atri strongly believed that “this is an attempt by the City to hide substantial changes” about which residents should’ve been advised. Mr. Uretsky further explained that City staff “broke the links” to many projects’ records. Ms. Gilman said “this is a very important” issue and supported the Motion.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Smith): replace the phrase “other 98 NCs” with “to be circulated to DONE with the request that it be.”

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rosenberg, Rudnick, Sicilia, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Galan).

DISCUSSION: Resident Max Kirkham suggested and Ms. Chvatal agreed to submit the Motion to LANCC. Mr. Starr reported that he already had submitted this to LANCC;

there was no reply.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Julie Kim, Sicilia, Smith and Starr); zero opposed; yeo abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Galan and Rudnick).

D. Amendment to March Minutes The Land Use Committee amended the March 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes [Item #II Motion] to include the following list of possible CUB violations at 800 S. La Brea Ave. (All Season Brewing Co.) that include music, sound, or noise heard beyond the property line; advertisement or signs promoting or indicating the availability of alcoholic beverages on the exterior of the premise; and the use of the premises for private parties. Additionally, by measurements taken, the outdoor area has extended into the public right of way.

The above was noted.

E. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>.

Mr. Curran noted the above.

IX. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair Polly Estabrook. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee met on June 6th, 2024. Possible activities for next fiscal year 2024 - 2025 were discussed along with estimated budgets for each. This total budget was estimated to be \$1,180 to cover events such as holding another Earth Day in conjunction with CD 5, a transit day (no cost envisioned), planting in a public location in GWNC, holding a public meeting to discuss city and state environmental legislation, along with funding for the Outreach Committee to support these events.

Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

B. Next Meeting: The next ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024 via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>.

Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

X. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey.

Ms. Harvey reported that the Committee discussed its budget.

B. 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Advertising Placements.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC approves up to \$684 for advertising in The Larchmont Chronicle for a 1/16 ad space to run six (6) times a year on a bi-monthly basis during the 2024-2025 fiscal year notifying the public of board meetings, committee meetings, elections, and/or events.

One (Curran) recused and was ineligible to vote (self-declared as ineligible to participate in a discussion or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest) (because he is a paid columnist for the Larchmont Chronicle), and was muted and left the video at this time, making 16 Board Members present and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$684 for advertising in The Larchmont Chronicle for a 1/16 ad space to run six (6) times a year on a bi-monthly basis during the 2024-2025 fiscal year notifying the public of board meetings, committee meetings, elections, and/or events.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr further explained the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rosenberg, Rudnick, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr); one recused (Curran).

Mr. Curran’s recusal ended and he was unmuted and returned to the video at this time, making 17 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

2. Possible Motion: The GWNC approves up to \$1,020 for advertising GWNC meetings in the Larchmont Buzz including six (6) seven-day “email header” ads @ \$125/week, and 18 “sticky ads” @ \$15/day.

Two (Carroll and Rudnick) recused and were ineligible to vote (self-declared as ineligible to participate in a discussion or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest) (because they both have a business relationship with the Larchmont Buzz), and were muted and left the video at this time, making 15 Board Members present and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Betancourt): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to \$1,020 for advertising GWNC meetings in the Larchmont Buzz including six (6) seven-day “email header” ads @

\$125/week, and 18 “sticky ads” @ \$15/day.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Harvey and Mr. Starr explained the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, 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); two recused (Carroll and Rudnick).

Ms. Carroll’s and Ms. Rudnick’s recusals ended and they were unmuted and returned to the video at this time, making 17 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

3. Possible Motion: The GWNC approves \$390 for boosted posts on Instagram to promote GWNC meetings and events.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to Postpone Indefinitely the above Item. No Motion was made or vote taken.

4. Possible Motion: the GWNC approves \$250 for the purchase of water, prepackaged snacks, and other approved refreshments for GWNC tablings during the 24-25 fiscal year.

Mr. Starr indicated that the above Item was moot. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- C. Next Meeting: The Next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 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)

- A. Committee Report - Chair: Charles D’Atri.

Mr. D’Atri indicated that the Committee didn’t meet.

- B. Next Meeting: The next Quality of Life Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 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)

- A. Committee Report - Chair: Cindy Chvatal-Keane

1. Presentation by Jarret Thompson CD5 Transportation Director on Impacts and Funding of Measure HLA in GWNC area. City Atty reviewing need to update Mobility Plan

2035.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above.

2. Update from Ned Racine - Metro

Ms. Chvatal noted the above.

3. Discussion of Bicycle Safety Event e.g. understanding and importance of following Rules of the Road. CD5 and ASM Rick Zbur to co-host. Possible partnering with local schools.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above; MJ Anderson will work with her.

B. Possible Motion: GWNC appoints Jennifer DeVore to fill the current Transportation Committee Member vacant seat.

Mr. Starr explained that Ms. DeVore was not yet eligible because she already was serving on two Committees. He requested and it was agreed to Postpone this to the July Board Meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be Thursday, July 18th, 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)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Gary Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert reported.

B. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>.

Mr. Gilbert noted the above.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints Dan Sterling to be Homelessness Liaison.

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Dan Sterling to be Homelessness Liaison.

Board Member John Gresham was unavailable to vote at this time, making 16 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent with all 16 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. 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 with the Ebell 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 explained the Motion.

Board Member John Gresham had returned by this time, making 17 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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 with the Ebell on its behalf, subject to renewal for the next fiscal year; and the GWNC agrees to pay \$400 per monthly meeting as a rental fee.

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

- 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 explained that the above was not needed because it already was approved.

- D. GWNC Agendas/Translation of Headers, Footers, Section Titles Background: The GWNC voted 8/2020 to “include Korean and Spanish boilerplate language and major section titles...for all GWNC agendas.” Possible Motion: The GWNC will require Korean and Spanish translation in its agendas only as follows: in the name/title of the meeting, in the description of the Neighborhood Council System (p.1 of Board agendas); and in the footer sections regarding teleconferencing instructions, public input at Neighborhood Council meetings, and translation services; and the GWNC will update its Board Rules accordingly at a future date.

Mr. Starr explained the above and that there was no need for a Motion.

- E. Zoom Licenses. Possible Motion: The GWNC requests two (2) Zoom licenses from DONE for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests two (2) Zoom licenses from DONE for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr explained the Motion; it already was budgeted.

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

XV. 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.

Mr. Starr explained that this Item was from the Sustainability Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Curran): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Estabrook showed explanatory slides and explained that the gondola would go 1.2 miles between Union Station and Dodger Stadium.

Board Member Sixto Sicilia had left by this time, making 16 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Betancourt, Carpenter, Galan and Harvey); five opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri and Smith); seven abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Cortier, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Rosenberg, Rudnick and Starr).

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

XVII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion only)

A. Approval of Individual Expenses from the FY 2024-25 Budget.

Mr. Starr will Agendize, for the July Board Meeting, the above item to limit its Board Meetings to 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., 2 1/2 hours.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Starr noted the above and **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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