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Area 8 - Melrose: Jesseca Harvey

Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews: Rochelle Lewis

Area 10 - Ridgewood-Wilton/St. Andrews Square: Patricia Carroll

Area 11 - Sycamore Square: Conrad Starr Area 12 - Western-Wilton: Andy Galan Area 13 - Wilshire Park: John Gresham Area 14 - Windsor Square: Gary Gilbert Area 15 - Windsor Village: Julie Kim At Large: Cindy Chvatal-Keane

Renter: Tommy Atlee Business:Romi Cortier Education: Scott Appel Religion: Benny Rosenberg Other Nonprofit: Brian Curran

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GREATER WILSHIRE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6:30 PM **ZOOM LINK:**

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Concejo Vecinal de Greater Wilshire - Agenda de reunión general de la mesa

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.

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El sistema de Concejo Vecinal hace posible la participación cívica para todos los Angelinos y sirve como voz para mejorar la capacidad de respuesta del gobierno frente a las comunidades locales y sus necesidades. Somos un organismo asesor elegido de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles, compuesto por voluntarios interesados dedicados a la misión de mejorar nuestras comunidades y acercar el gobierno a nosotros.

I WELCOMING REMARKS

- A. Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks (Conrad Starr)
- B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

II. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Economic Workforce Development Department - Legacy Business Program* (Nyssa Buck) *unconfirmed at the time of this agenda posting

Ш **GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Fifth Council District (Michelle Flores michelle.flores@lacity.org)
- B. Thirteenth Council District (Karla Martínez karla.g.martinez@lacity.org)
- C. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho 33817@lapd.online & Chavez 36304@lapd.online (Olympic), Rodriguez 35738@lapd.online (Wilshire))

- D. LA Metro (Ned Racine racinen@metro.net)
- E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org)
- F. Mayor's Office (David C. Nguyen <u>david.c.nguyen@lacity.org</u>)
- G. **Third Supervisorial District** (Field Deputy Savannah Portillo Heap SHeap@bos.lacounty.gov)
- **H. Other Government Representatives**

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS Limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

V. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS

- A. Budget Representative (Jack Humphreville/Jennifer DeVore see report in Board Docs)
- B. LADWP (Jack Humphreville)
- C. LANCC (Jennifer DeVore see agenda and notes in Board Docs)
- D. Homelessness Liaison (Dan Sterling)
- E. Public Works Liaison (Edward Ruiz)
- F. Other Liaisons or Representatives

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

- A. Board Vacancies:
 - 1. **Board Vacancies**: NONE
 - 2. Board Alternate Vacancies:
 - a) **Board Alternate Vacant Seats:** Area 2 Citrus Square; Area 3 Country Club Heights; Area 4 Fremont Place; Area 6 La Brea/Hancock; Area 9 Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Education; Religion
 - Possible Motion(s) to appoint eligible stakeholders to vacant alternate seats.
 - Erika Stuart, candidate for Area 2 Citrus Square Alternate
 - Other candidates
- B. Oath of Office (for newly-appointed board members:)

"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."

- C. Board Training Requirements:
 - 1. EmpowerLA Guidelines:
 - a) Currently unable to vote (as of 9/8/2024):
 - o Board Members: Carpenter, Lewis, Appel
 - o Board Alternates: Newby, Cox, Winther, Aboltin
 - b) Courses and instructions can be found at:

<u>http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/</u>. Please check <u>EmpowerLA.org/GWNC</u> for your training expirations and email <u>secretary@greaterwilshire.org</u> if there are any inconsistencies.

c) **Per DONE**, "Board members must have completed all FIVE trainings (Ethics, Funding, NEW Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias and Gender Expression

and Gender Identity Training) in order to be current and vote on the board." Failure to complete these trainings or acknowledge the amended Code of Conduct results in ineligibility to vote on funding and non-funding items in committee and general board meetings.

- 2. **Code of Conduct:** Required of all Board Members and Alternates. More info here: https://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/
 - Aboltin
 - Lewis
- 3. **Ethics and Funding Training:** 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).

The following board members are shown at EmpowerLA.org/GWNC as NOT having completed Ethics and/or Funding within the last 2 years and are ineligible to vote:

- Aboltin (Funding, Ethics)
- Appel (Funding, Ethics)
- Carpenter (Funding)
- Cox (Ethics)
- Lewis (Funding, Ethics)
- Newby (Ethics)
- Winther (Ethics)
- 4. **Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training:** Gender training is required to vote on both funding and non-funding items. You must only complete this training once. The following are ineligible to vote until this training is complete:
 - Aboltin
 - Lewis
 - Newby
- 5. **Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training:** ABLE training is required to vote on both funding and non-funding items. You must only complete this training once. The following are ineligible to vote until this training is complete:
 - Aboltin
 - Lewis
- D. Adoption of GWNC General Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. July 10, 2024
 - 2. August 14, 2024

VII. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. President's Report
- B. **Treasurer's Report** (Discussion and Possible Action)

Please refer to MER REPORT in the supporting documents folder (https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs/).

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

\$234.00

Card Expenses

- 8/3 Public Storage August

Checks Cleared

Checks Outstanding [none]

Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the August 2024 MER

Rollover Funds		\$7,295.75
-	Congress of Neighborhoods	\$100
-	UmeWorks	TBC
-	Apple One Minutes and Admin	TBC

- C. Vice President's Report
- D. Secretary's Report
 - a) **Reminder** to Committee Chairs: please have stakeholders on your committee sign the new Code and submit copies to <u>secretary@greaterwilshire.org</u>

VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Neighborhood Purposes Grants Ad Hoc Committee
 - 1. FoodCycleLA

Possible Motion: The GWNC will award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$250 to FoodCycle LA for the purchase of bags for use at the monthly Larchmont Farmers Market Gleaning Project through June 30, 2025.

2. Bicycle Kitchen

Possible Motion: The GWNC will award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$250 to Bicycle Kitchen for the purchase of tools.

- B. Possible Creation and Seating of Election Ad Hoc Committee
- IX. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - A. Committee Report Chair: Brian Curran
 - B. **6721 Melrose Ave** (and Mansfield): Filing date: 4/11/24. Demo of the existing commercial building and the construction, use, and maintenance of a new 29,313 sf, 6-story, 32-unit residential building with 4-VLI units, over one subterranean and one at-grade level of parking with 23 parking spaces total; plus a roof deck with open space and amenities, and 519 sf of commercial and lobby space on the ground floor. Case no: CPC-2024-2365-DB (Density Bonus)-WDI-VHCA. Zoning: C4-1XL. Area 8: Melrose; CD 5.

Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project located at 6721 Melrose Ave - the construction, use, and maintenance of a new 29,313 sf, 6-story, 32-unit residential building with 4-VLI units, over one subterranean and one at-grade level of parking with 23 parking spaces total; plus a roof deck with open space and amenities, and 519 sf of commercial and lobby space on the ground floor - as presented to the GWNC Land Use Committee on August 27, 2024.

C. **654** N Manhattan Pl (and Melrose): Licensing of Western Caregivers Inc. DBA California Cannabis WC. Zoning: C2-1. Area 9: Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; CD 13.

Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Cannabis Regulation Commission (CRC) Application for 654 N Manhattan Pl., for Western Caregivers Inc. DBA California Cannabis WC, as presented to the GWNC Land Use Committee on August 27, 2024.

D. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326

X. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Committee Report Chair: Polly Estabrook.
- B. **Possible Motion** to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.
- C. **Possible Motion:** The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee will be supported by the Sustainability Committee for the Litter Cleanup Day on November 16th, from 9:30 11:30 AM. All volunteers must sign up before the event.
- D. **Possible Motion:** Whenever the GWNC has a formal role with the FoodCycleLA food gleaning project at the Larchmont Farmers Market on the 1st Sunday of each month such as when the GWNC is providing an NPG to the program the Sustainability Committee will be the committee to liaise with the project's representatives, and members of the Committee will be invited to volunteer for the project.
- E. **Next Meeting:** The next ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at the Memorial Branch Library, Community Room, 4625 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, 90019.

XI. **QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Committee Report Chair: Charles D'Atri.
- B. **Next Meeting:** The next Quality of Life Committee Meeting will be held at a special date due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977930618

XII. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Committee Report Chair: Jesseca Harvey
- B. **Possible Motion** to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.
- C. **Next Meeting:** The Next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

XIII. **RESILIENCE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Committee Report Chair: Gary Gilbert.
- B. "So You Think You're Prepared?" Possible Motion to approve the content and distribution plan for an online earthquake preparedness survey/quiz to be shared with the Greater Wilshire community.
- C. **Possible Motion** to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.
- D. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957

XIV. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Committee Report Chair: Cindy Chvatal.
- B. Next Meeting: September 19th, 6:30pm via Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555

XV. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS), RESOLUTIONS, REQUESTS FOR ACTION (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Council File 24-0602 (Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping). This

motion requests that a report on the cost, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles be developed. California's SB676 was signed into law in October, 2023, thereby allowing municipalities an opportunity to investigate the regulation and possible banning of artificial turf installations in cities throughout the state. Prior to SB 676's passage, California homeowners who chose to install artificial turf were protected from possible sanctions by homeowner associations based on a bill (AB 349) passed in 2015. Most artificial turf contains PFAS chemicals. In April 2024, the EPA categorized PFAS and other "forever chemicals" as hazardous substances dangerous to human health. The EPA concluded that exposure to PFAS may lead to reproductive effects, developmental delays and risks of some cancers. Exposure can happen through inhalation, ingestion, skin contact and mucous membrane exposure, including microplastic dust kicked up on artificial turf fields. The Santa Clara County Medical Association published their Policy Recommendations on the use of Artificial Turf on Landscapes, Schools and Playing Fields on June 10, 2024 and came out against its use. In light of the issues arising with the use of artificial turf, the LA City Council's motion requests that the use of artificial turf be studied.

Possible Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS in support of ("For") Council File 24-0602 requesting a report on the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles.

B. Council File 24-0867 (Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth)

Possible Motion: The GWNC [supports/opposes/etc] the motion referred to by CF 24-0867 on the basis of [such-and-such].

- XVI. **NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)
- XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XVIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion only)
 - A. Formation of a 2028 Los Angeles Olympics Ad Hoc Committee
 - XIX. ADJOURNMENT
 - A. **Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting:** The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 9 via Zoom.

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