

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Approved September 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)

Assistant Secretary Jesseca Harvey called the roll. Eighteen of the 20 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers (Alternate for Brian Curran), Scott Appel, Tommy Atlee, Selene Betancourt, Jeffry Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal Keane, Romi Cortier, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Andy Galan, Gary Gilbert, John Gresham, Jesseca Harvey (Assistant Secretary), Julie Kim, Anne Rudnick, Sixto Sicilia, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President) (from out of the GWNC area, so not counting toward quorum), and David Trainer (Alternate for Jennifer DeVore). Patricia Carroll (Treasurer) arrived later. Benny Rosenberg was absent and not represented by an Alternate. New Area 9 - Oakwood-Maplewood-St Andrews Seat Board Member Rochelle Lewis was appointed to the Board during below Item # VI. A. 2. 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(s) was vacant [Area 9 - Oakwood Maplewood-St Andrews; see Item #VI. A. 1.]. Six Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. A. 3.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately 24 Stakeholders and guests.

Board Member Patti Carroll arrived at this time (6:34), making 19 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

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

Ms. Buck described the program for businesses 20+ years old that're not connected with a national chain

Yonah Hong invited everyone to the free annual LA Korean Festival at Seoul International Park by Olympic Boulevard on September 26-29 [https://visitkoreatown.org/event/la korean-festival]. Hours are weekdays 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and weekends 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There'll be traditional and contemporary Korean cuisine, shopping, and cultural performances (including K-Pop contests) and exhibitions.

III. 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], reported on an upcoming event and legislation regarding homeless people. Discretionary funds of \$60,000 were allocated for tree trimming. There's restrictive parking on Lillian Way between Rosewood and Clinton due to construction

- 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 & Chavez 36304@lapd.online (Olympic), Rodriguez 35738@lapd.online (Wilshire)) Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD 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 temporary SLO Tyler Shuck (213-712-3715, 40740@lapd.online) soon will start. Theft from vehicles is still an issue. A new crime reporting system run by the FBI will allow them to access reports nationwide; complications are being worked out. There'll be a September 27-29 carnival; funds go to the Cadet Program.
- D. LA Metro (Ned Racine racinen@metro.net)

 Ned Racine, Metro Principal Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-418-5993, 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 on construction progress and

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Gen'l Board Mtg Minutes 8-14-24 Pg. 2 of 13 that all three K Line routes are underground. He will report back on when the east and westbound Wilshire at La Brea bus stops will be restored.

E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE (Octaviano Rios - octaviano.rios@lacity.org).

Octaviano Rios, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; Octaviano.Rios@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], reported that General Manager Chang is meeting with Board Presidents. The Congress of Neighborhoods will be September 28th; see NeighborhoodCongress.LA to register. Election information is being sent to Board Members; the GWNC is in Region 5. The GWNC election will be in April 2025; candidate filing begins December 13th. He asked that Board Members complete DONE's survey and to review the GWNC Bylaws for any wanted revisions.

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], was not present; there was no report.

Serapia Kim, Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; Serapia.Kim@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)

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

Joshua Marin-Mora, a representative for State 51st District Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur [323-436-5184; https://a51.asmdc.org], updated about legislation. A retail crime bill was sent to the Governor. Grants are being allocated for physical security improvements for non-profits. The Assemblymember recognized the GWNC for attending National Night Out.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #IV.

V. <u>REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS</u> 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

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B. LADWP (Jack Humphreville).

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report.

- C. LANCC (Jennifer DeVore see agenda and notes in Board Docs).

 Ms. DeVore was not present. The LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] report was in BDdocs file.
- D. Homelessness Liaison (Dan Sterling).
 Mr. Sterling reported that reports can be made through the MyLA311 app, which he showed on screen, along with other outreach and homeless count information.
- E. Public Works Liaison (Edward Ruiz).Mr. Ruiz was not present; there was no report.
- F. Other Liaisons or Representatives.

 No other Liaison reports were made.

VI. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS</u> (Discussion and Possible Action).

- A. Board Vacancies:
 - 1. Board Vacant Seats: Area 9 Oakwood-Maplewood-St Andrews.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

- 2. Possible Motion(s) to Appoint Eligible Stakeholders to Vacant Seats.
 - a) Rochelle Lewis, Candidate for Area 9 Oakwood-Maplewood/St. Andrews Board seat.

Ms. Lewis introduced herself and described her background, including much community service. She was interested in the Outreach Committee. Ms. Harvey nominated Ms. Lewis for the Seat; Ms. Lewis accepted the nomination. There were no other candidates.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Rochelle Lewis to the Area 9 - Oakwood Maplewood/St. Andrews Board seat.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D'Atri, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rudnick, Sicilia, Smith and Trainer); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr). One (Lewis) 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.

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There were no other candidates.

- B. Board Alternate Vacancies:
 - 1. Board Alternate Vacant Seats: Area 2 Citrus Square; Area 3 Country Club Heights; Area 4 Fremont Place; Area 9 Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Education; Religion.
 - 2. Possible Motion(s) to Appoint Eligible Stakeholders to Vacant Alternate Seats.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. 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."

Ms. Lewis read aloud the above Oath.

New Board Member Rochelle Lewis was Seated at this time, making 20 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

- 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. 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. Currently unable to vote (as of 8/6/2024):
 - Board Members: None
 - Board Alternates: Roberts, Newby, Cox, Meister, Winther
 - 1. 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 and are ineligible to vote:

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- Winther (Ethics)
- Cox (Ethics)
- Newby (Ethics)
- 2. Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training: the following are ineligible to vote until this training is complete:
 - Roberts
 - Newby
 - Meister
- 3. 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 have not completed ABLE training: [NONE]
- E. Adoption of July 10, 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes.

It was agreed to postpone the above Item to the September meeting because the draft Minutes were not posted in Bddocs.

VII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report.

Mr. Starr reported that Wilshire Division Captain Hollis will attend the GWNC October 9th Board meeting. If a Board Member is not receiving the bi-weekly City Planning Dept. report, sign up or re-sign up; contact Admin@GreaterWilshire.org if help is needed. If a City ballot measure is to be considered by a GWNC Committee, a Town Hall meeting can be requested.

- 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 July 2024 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Card Expenses

- 7/3 Public Storage July \$234.00
- 7/23 Larchmont Chronicle July \$ 98.00

Checks Cleared

- 7/16 Launch Productions NPG - reissued check \$250.00

- 7/18 Ebell July Board Meeting Rent \$400.00
- 7/21 Ume Works \$195.00
- 7/21 AppleOne Admin WE 6/22&6/29 \$542.64
- 7/21 AppleOne MW WE 6/1 \$175.56
- 7/21 AppleOne Admin WE 7/6 \$248.71
- 7/21 AppleOne Admin WE6/1,6/8,6/15 \$831.96

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- 7/21 Congress of Neighborhoods \$100.00

Checks Outstanding [none]

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above and balances.

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

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D'Atri, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Sicilia, Smith, Starr and Trainer); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Lewis) 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 August 2024 MER.
 - Apple One Minutes and Admin TBC
 - UmeWorks TBC

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

3. Launch LA Budget Adjustment \$250.

Ms. Carroll reported that Launch LA never received their GWNC funding check, which had to be re-issued.

4. Rollover Funds \$7,295.75.

Ms. Carroll noted the above and explained some of the history; Mr. Starr further explained it.

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.

Mr. Starr, on behalf of Ms. DeVore, reminded about the above.

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

Mr. Starr recommended and it was agreed to postpone the above item, so that another application received by the deadline could be considered. No Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Possible Creation and Seating of Election Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Starr explained the above. Ms. Lewis, Mr. Gilbert, Ms. Harvey and Mr. Starr were interested in being on the Committee. Mr. Starr will agendize this for appointments at the September Board meeting.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

- A. Committee Report Chair: Cindy Chvatal.
- B. Proposed K Line Northern Extension (Discussion and Possible Motion). 1. Proposed Motion: In the event that the La Brea alternative is selected for the K Line Northern Extension, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council urges Metro to pursue a design for the K Line at Wilshire that, to the greatest extent possible, is fully integrated with the D Line station at the mezzanine level so that the connection between the two station platforms is as short and convenient as possible.

The below wording was agreed upon.

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Trainer): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council urges Metro to pursue a design for the K Line at Wilshire that, to the greatest extent possible, is fully integrated with the D Line station at the mezzanine level so that the connection between the two station platforms is as short and convenient as possible, in the event that the La Brea alternative is selected for the K Line Northern Extension

DISCUSSION: David Fenn, City of West Hollywood Planner, urged supporting the

San Vicente-Fairfax alignment. MJ Anderson supported Mr. Fenn's comment.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D'Atri, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rudnick, Sicilia, Smith and Trainer); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr). One (Lewis) was ineligible to

- Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Gen'l Board Mtg Minutes 8-14-24 Pg. 8 of 13 vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.
 - C. Committee Vacancies (Discussion and Possible Motion).
 - 1. Proposed Motion: The GWNC approves adding Jennifer DeVore to the Committee. Ms. Chvatal reported that Committee unanimously supported adding Ms. DeVore.

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves adding Jennifer DeVore to the Transportation Committee.

MOTION PASSED by consent with 18 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr).

D. Next Meeting: September 19th, 6:30pm via Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555

Ms. Chyatal noted the above and that there was one more Committee opening.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #V.

X. <u>OUTREACH COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey.

Ms. Harvey reported that she attended National Night Out and it was "really nice and interesting" to talk with Police Officers. She thanked Mr. Galan and Mr. Starr for helping.

Two (Carroll and Cortier) 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 are LBA Board Members), and were 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."

B. Possible Motion: The GWNC will participate in the 10/27/24 Larchmont Family Fair and approves up to \$500, payable to the Larchmont Boulevard Association, for a booth.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire

Neighborhood Council will participate in the 10/27/24 Larchmont Family Fair and approves up to \$500, payable to the Larchmont Boulevard Association, for a booth.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr thought some of the funding should instead be used for outreach. Booth cost is \$500.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Chvatal, D'Atri, Galan,

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Gen'l Board Mtg Minutes 8-14-24 Pg. 9 of 13 Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Sicilia and Smith); zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Carpenter, Starr and Trainer). One (Lewis) 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. Two recused and were ineligible to vote (Carroll and Cortier).

C. Possible Motion: The GWNC approves attendance and hosting a booth at the upcoming LAPD Open House Wilshire Division, date TBC.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves attendance and hosting a booth at the upcoming LAPD Open House Wilshire Division, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 20th.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent; zero opposed; zero abstained. D. Possible Motion to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Rochelle Lewis to the Outreach Committee.

MOTION PASSED by consent with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr). One (Lewis) 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. Next Meeting: The Next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

XI. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran.

Mr. Alpers indicated that there was no report.

B. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326.

XII. <u>RESILIENCE COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Gary Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the Committee is close to finishing the below-described item. Greater

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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.

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council immediately appoints Dan Sterling to the Resilience Committee.

MOTION PASSED by consent with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr). One (Lewis) 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.

No Motion was made or vote taken regarding the survey/quiz.

C. Possible Motion to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.

No appointment was made or vote taken.

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.

Mr. Gilbert noted the above.

XIII. **QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Charles D'Atri. No report.

B. Possible Motion to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.

No appointment was made or vote taken.

C. 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.

XIV. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.

Ms. Estabrook reported that there was no quorum for their meeting. The Committee will consider a City Council Motion to stop the use of artificial turf on City facilities.

B. Possible Motion to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee. Greater

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No appointment was made or vote taken.

C. Next Meeting: The next ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024 via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9282781117.

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

A. 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].

Mr. D'Atri didn't believe the GWNC should act upon the above.

MOTION to POSTPONE INDEFINATELY (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Trainer).

MOTION to POSTPONE INDEFINATELY PASSED unanimously by consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Motion: the GWNC will contribute \$100 to the City of Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods - Event.

Mr. Starr reported that the City Clerk rejected the GWNC check because the check didn't include the word "event"; this time it will.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will contribute \$100 to the City of Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods - Event.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Atlee, Betancourt, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, D'Atri, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Sicilia, Smith and Trainer); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr). One (Lewis) 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.

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- B. Possible Motion to take a position on the renewal of a cannabis license for the store located at 6803 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90038 (DCR Core Record Number 310039).
- Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Gen'l Board Mtg Minutes 8-14-24 Pg. 12 of 13 Mr. Starr explained that the applicant offered to present; the Hearing was the next day after this meeting. Ms. Harvey reported that the store, during their events, parks buses in front that take up public spaces, and plays loud music. Otherwise, they're quiet. Mr. Starr sent a letter to the City requesting to postpone the Hearing to allow for more public comment.

XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Carroll noted a YMCA soiree August 23rd honoring Ms. Chvatal and the Wilshire Rotary Club.

XVIII. <u>REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u> (Discussion only)

A. Formation of a 2028 Los Angeles Olympics Ad Hoc Committee.

No other requests were made.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting: The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 11th via Zoom.
 - Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:00 p.m.

