

**Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Governing Board Members**

President - Conrad Starr
Vice President - Charles D'Atri
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Area 1 - Brookside: Owen Smith
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Area 4 - Fremont Place: Anne Rudnick
Area 5 - Hancock Park: Jennifer DeVore
Area 6 - La Brea-Hancock: Sixto Sicilia
Area 7 - Larchmont Village: Charles D'Atri
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: MJ Anderson
Business: Romi Cortier
Education: Scott Appel
Religion: *Vacant*
Other Nonprofit: Brian Curran

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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 6:30 PM
IN PERSON - Ebell of Los Angeles
743 S Lucerne Blvd, LA CA 90005

Supporting documents available at:
www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs/

**GREATER WILSHIRE
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*Concejo Vecinal de Greater
Wilshire - Agenda de reunión
general de la mesa*

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.

주민의회 체계는 모든 로스앤젤레스 시민들의 시민적 참여와, 지역 커뮤니티들에 대한 정부의 책임과 이들의 수요를 위한 목소리가 되어 봉사할 수 있게 합니다. 저희는 로스앤젤레스 시티의 선출된 자문기관으로서 저희 커뮤니티를 개선하고 정부가 저희에게 더욱 가깝게 다가오도록 하는 사명에 열중한 자원 이해관계자들로 구성되어 있습니다.

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 Angeles, 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. **Flag Salute**
- C. **Roll Call**

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Fifth Council District** (Michelle Flores - michelle.flores@lacity.org)
- B. **Thirteenth Council District** (Mark Fuentes - mark.fuentes@lacity.org)
- C. **LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions** (SLOs Cho 33817@lapd.online & Chavez 36304@lapd.online (Olympic), Rodriguez 35738@lapd.online and Shuck 40740@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 - david.c.nguyen@lacity.org)
- G. **Second Supervisorial District** (Field Deputy Daniel Park - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov)

H. **Third Supervisorial District** (Field Deputy Amanda Laflen - alaflen@bos.lacounty.gov)

I. **Other Government Representatives**

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

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

A. **Budget Representative** (Jack Humphreville)

B. **LADWP** (Jack Humphreville)

C. **LANCC** (Jennifer DeVore)

D. **Other Liaisons or Representatives**

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

A. **Filling Board and Board Alternate Vacant Seats**

1. **Board Vacancies:** Religion, Country Club Heights (fillable 4/23/25)

2. **Board Alternate Vacancies:** Area 3 - Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 6 - La Brea/Hancock; Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Education; Religion

3. **Possible Motion(s)** to appoint eligible stakeholders to vacant board and board alternate seats.

B. **Board Training (Required by DONE in order to vote)**

1. **EmpowerLA Training Guidelines:** Board members must have completed all five trainings (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias and Gender Expression and Gender Identity) in order to vote and are otherwise ineligible to vote on funding and non-funding items in committee and general board meetings.

a) **Currently unable to vote (as of 4/6/2025):**

○ Board Members: **none**

○ Board Alternates: **Newby, Cox, Winther, Aboltin**

b) **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.

2. **Code of Conduct:** Required of all Board Members and Alternates. More info here: <https://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>. The following Board Members and Alternates have not completed the Code of Conduct: **Aboltin**

3. **Ethics and Funding Training:** Ethics and Funding training is required every two years for Board members/Alternates. 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); Cox (Ethics, Funding); Newby (Ethics); Winther (Ethics, Funding)**

4. **Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training:** Gender training is required to vote. You must only complete this training once. The following are ineligible to vote: **Aboltin, Newby**

5. **Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training:** ABLE training is required to vote. You must only complete this training once. The following are ineligible to vote: **Aboltin**

C. Adoption of GWNC General Board Meeting Minutes

1. March 12, 2025 General Board Meeting
2. March 30, 2025 Special Meeting

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President’s Report

B. Treasurer’s Report (Discussion and Possible Action) Please refer to MER in the supporting documents folder (<https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs/>).

1. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for March 2025 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

2. CC

3/3/25	Public Storage Feb	\$247.00
3/6/25	Larchmont Chronicle	\$ 98.00
3/19/25	DRI Flyers- Election	\$436.86

3. Checks

2/1	AppleOne	Minutes	\$636.42
2/24	AppleOne	Admin	\$643.44
2/24	AppleOne	Admin	\$494.07
2/24	AppleOne	Admin	\$689.40
2/24	AppleOne	Minutes	\$416.96
2/24	Ume Works		\$101.25
2/28	Village Mail Call		\$300.00
3/19	AppleOne	Admin	\$666.42
3/19	AppleOne	Minutes	\$453.54
3/19	AppleOne	Admin	\$818.03
3/19	AppleOne	Admin	\$402.15

4. Past expenses that may show up in april

NPG	Reissue check	\$200.00
	Apple One	TBD
	Ume Works	

5. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (VI.B.4.a-d) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

Possible Motion: The GWNC Approves the Consent Calendar for April 9, 2025 consisting of items VI.B.5.a-d.

- a) **Website/Email Hosting Renewal:** The GWNC will pay DreamHost \$383.88 for a one-year renewal of DreamHost VPS for website and email hosting, for service from 5/1/2025 through 4/30/2026.
- b) **DropBox Essentials:** The GWNC will pay DropBox \$199.00 for a one-year renewal of DropBox Essentials for the account associated with gwncwebmaster[at]gmail[dot]com for service from 6/2/2025 to 6/2/2026.
- c) **Acrobat Professional:** The GWNC will pay \$239.88 for a one-year subscription renewal of Acrobat Pro for use by the GWNC President.
- d) **Canva Pro:** The GWNC requests that its Canva Pro license be renewed for FY 2025-2026 at a cost of approximately \$130/year, and up to \$150/year.

C. Vice President’s Report

D. **Secretary's Report**

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

A. **Election Committee Report - Chair:** Jesseca Harvey

VIII. **LAND USE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Brian Curran

B. **SB 79 (Abundant & Affordable Homes Near Transit Act):** A bill that would allow the State to develop criteria and standards to allow residential uses within a specified distance of a transit-oriented development (TOD) on any site zoned for residential, mixed commercial or light industrial use.

Background: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee strongly recommends that the Board take steps to encourage the City to oppose SB 79 because: it effectively eliminates local control over land use matters; it impedes the ability of the City to meet its housing commitment as set forth in the latest housing element adopted by the City and approved by the State; it ignores and results in the loss of the careful planning that has gone into creating historic zones and specific and community plans; and it threatens the fabric of thriving communities and neighborhoods in our City.

Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will write a letter to the LA City Council urging them to oppose SB 79 because: (1) it effectively eliminates local control over land use matters; (2) it impedes the ability of the City to meet its housing commitment as set forth in the latest housing element adopted by the City and approved by the State; (3) it ignores and results in the loss of the careful planning that has gone into creating historic zones and specific and community plans; and (4) it threatens the fabric of thriving communities and neighborhoods in our City.

C. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 pm at the Marlborough School (Room C115), 250 S. Rossmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

IX. **ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Polly Estabrook.

B. **Council File #21-1395-S1**

1. **File Description:** "... **WE THEREFORE MOVE** the Council instruct the Board of Public Works' Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, and in consultation with, but not limited to, the Department of City Planning, the Fire Department, and the Department of Building and Safety, the City Attorney, and any Council office/Mayor's Office, to report on recommendations on instituting best practices relative to oil and gas uses in the land use regulatory process, in addition to solutions to protect the health and safety of residents from developments built over oil wells. The report should include the following information: ... " Various reports are then cited to be discussed.

2. **Possible Motion:** The GWNC will file a CIS in support the Council File #21-1395-S1 to have the city develop policies for addressing unsafe development issues that arise with the reuse of land containing used oil fields.

C. **Possible speakers for our next Committee meetings which could be advertised:**

1. Arisa Cleaveland, Central Santa Monica Bay, Safe Clean Water Program. This program funds projects that enhance stormwater capture, improve water quality, and provide recreational and green spaces. Funding for these initiatives is raised through a property tax passed as Measure W in 2018. She will discuss opportunities to fund green infrastructure projects in our area, which could greatly benefit our local community.
 2. Bronwyn Berry, principal of Passive House BB and longtime board member and leader at The Passive House Network. In 2022, she presented at COP27 in Egypt discussing the mutually supportive role that the international Passive House standard and building energy code development can play.
- D. **Possible Motion** to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.
- E. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2025 via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>
- X. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)
- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Jesseca Harvey
 1. **Possible Motion** to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee
 - B. **Community Cleanup and Resource Fair in 10th Council District**
 1. **Possible Motion** that the GWNC take part in the Community Cleanup and Resource Fair in the 10th Council District on April 27, 2025, by hosting a booth.
 - C. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>
- XI. **RESILIENCE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)
- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Gary Gilbert.
 1. Update on “So you think you’re prepared?” Quiz.
 2. Report on new plan to address fire preparedness in the GWNC area
 3. Create a supplemental list for earthquake preparedness for GWNC website
 - B. **Next Meeting:** The next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>
- XII. **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 on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977930618>
- XIII. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Action)
- A. **Committee Report - Chair:** Cindy Chvatal.
 - B. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30pm via Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555>
- XIV. **NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)
- XV. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- A. **Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting:** The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 by Zoom. See agenda when posted for details.

XVI. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. FY 2024-2025 Administrative Packet and Budget

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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