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GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Environmental & Sustainability
Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, June 6, 2024 6:30 p.m.

GWNC Sustainability Committee:

Chair - Polly Estabrook (Area 14)
Secretary - MJ Anderson (Area 12)
(removed) Polly Chu (Area 15)
(removed) Andy Galan (Area 12)
Jesseca Harvey (Area 8)
Julie Kim (Area 15)
Multiple Vacancies

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I. WELCOMING REMARKS 18:48

- A. **Call to Order** (Polly Estabrook)
- B. **Roll Call** (Polly Estabrook) (J. Harvey, M. Anderson, and P. Estabrook (18:49) present)
- C. **Self-Introduction of Guests** (Suzanne Semnacher, member of the public)

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Review and approval of past meeting minutes:
 - i. Meeting Minutes 3/15/2024 (Approved 3-0-0)
 - ii. Meeting Minutes 4/4/2024 (Approved 3-0-0)
- B. Stakeholder Committee Member Required Training (due 6/3)
 - i. Code of Conduct – available in GWNC Board Docs folder at www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs/, send signed copy to secretary@greaterwilshire.org
 - ii. Ethics – Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>

(All members have taken courses)

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion, Planning and Possible Action)

- A. Earth Day 2024 (50th Anniversary April 22, 2024) Event. We will discuss what worked well and what can be improved with regard to the event at the next Sustainability Committee meeting on June 6th.
 - i. CD 5 expressed interest in leading another Earth Day Fair next year. They would like GWNC participation but would proceed with or without GWNC. HODG was thanked for participation. J. Harvey added that next event would have to start planning 3-6 months in advance (eg December) for the Outreach

Committee to be able to support the event and to ensure that there were enough volunteers to staff the GWNC booth.

- B. Transit Day Event. MJ Anderson, the lead for this event, will report on the feedback from the LA City Clerk's office for event approval. We can discuss if we would like to proceed with this event.
 - i. MJ Anderson: City Clerk rejected event on grounds of transit fare as a "gift" and concerns of safety. Likely to try again given station in board district opening Feb '25 and approved funding for board owned TAP cards expiring in July.
- C. The Community Impact Statement (CIS), approved by this committee on 3/15/2024, for [LA City Council Motion 24-0055](#) entitled: Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers / Fiscal Year 2022-23 Complaints and Citations / Enforcement / Education Program was approved by the GWNC Board on May 8th, 2024 and uploaded to the LA City Clerk motion folder (a copy of the GWNC CIS is located in the folder for this meeting).
 - i. Acted upon in full board, not discussed.

V. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. 2024/2025 Draft Sustainability Budget. Below are some possible events and expenses.

Discussion on what events the committee would like to organize. A draft budget is located in the meeting folder).

- i. Rental of in-person meeting space
- ii. Transit Day
- iii. EarthDay-spring2025
- iv. Community Beautification Day (native plants at neighborhood library or post office or...)
- v. Environmental Legislation Awareness Day (or IRA Rebate Discussion)
- vi. Event Publicity
- vii. Other ...

Possible Motion: That the GWNC approve an annual Sustainability Committee budget up to \$1180; funds will be allocated to the following events / categories: such as event publishing, Transit Day, Earth Day, Native Planting in GWNC public space, Local and State Legislation Discussion, and Outreach at the board's approval by the committee's recommendation, funds can be reallocated as needed.

Approved 3-0-0

B. Reminder that the [LA City Council Motion 24-0011-S4](#) entitled: Dodger Stadium / Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit (LA ART) / Traffic Assessment / Council District 1 / Street Furniture Revenue Fund and which the Sustainability Committee unanimously voted to support on 3/15/2024 will be discussed at the next GWNC Board Meeting on Wed May 8th.

- i. skipped

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- A. The NC Sustainability Alliance (LANCSA) will be meeting on Sunday 6/9/2024 at 6:30 PM. Gubernatorial candidate Betty Yee will join us to hear about LANCSA's

priorities regarding sustainability. Contact [Lisa Hart at lisahart@ncsa.la](mailto:lisahart@ncsa.la) for meeting info.

- B. Report on any other sustainability or environmental issues not on the agenda.
None mentioned.

- C. Upcoming Environmental Activities planned by the Climate Reality Project:

- i. The Climate Reality San Fernando Valley Chapter will be meeting on Tues June 11th at 6 PM to hear from international law experts on the crime of ecocide. The speakers will be Steven Donziger is a renowned human rights lawyer, climate activist, and Lisa Oldring is a Senior Fellow with the UCLA Law Promise Institute Europe. Information [here](#).

Discussed, no action

VII.COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Regular Committee meeting date: Thursday, August 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>

- B. *Note: regular meetings are held on even-numbered months.* Alternating between zoom and in-person.

Discussed, no action

VIII.REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Foodcycle at the Larchmont Farmers Market every 1st Sunday. Current members volunteer and goals overlap with Sustainability Committee. Possible support by the Sustainability Committee will be discussed at our next meeting. -J. Harvey
- B. There are two motions submitted to the LA City Council, one on PFAS regulation and one on Artificial Turf, that the Sustainability Committee may be interested in supporting. This will be discussed at our next meeting in August. -P. Estabrook

IX. ADJOURNMENT 20:03
