



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Quality of Life Committee and Resilience Committee SPECIAL JOINT Meeting

August 27, 2025

MINUTES

Approved by the Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee on 10/6/2025

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order

A duly noticed Special Meeting of the Quality of Life Committee and the Resilience Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held virtually over Zoom (Webinar ID No. 849 7793 0618) on August 27, 2025. Quality of Life Committee chairperson, Charles D’Atri, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Resilience Committee member, Conrad Starr, called the roll of the Quality of Life Committee. Three (3) members, Mr. D’Atri, Romi Cortier, and John Gresham were present. Max Kirkham and John Winther were absent. *[The GWNC Quality of Life Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of 5 Committee Seats, or three, so the Committee was able to take such votes.]*

Mr. Starr called the roll of the Resilience Committee. Three (3) members were present, including Resilience Committee Chairperson, Gary Gilbert, Mr. Starr, and Diana Braker. Dan Sterling was absent. *[The GWNC Resilience Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of 4 Committee Seats, or three, so the Committee was able to take such votes.]*

[It was understood that given the quorum of both committees, all committee members present at the meeting would be entitled to vote on all items.]

GWNC Board President, Jennifer DeVore, was also present.

Ms. DeVore made introductory comments.

Mr. D’Atri invited Mr. Starr (as GWNC past president) to explain the rules governing the constitution and leadership of GWNC committees, which he did; Mr. Starr took questions.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Approve Committee Minutes from past committee meetings

No motions were made or votes taken.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed combination of QOL and Resilience Committees: Subject matter jurisdiction of the combined committees would be all matters concerning public safety, emergency preparedness, crime, homelessness, or stakeholder well-being that come before the GWNC and that do not fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of another GWNC Committee, or that is expressly referred by the Board to the Resilience and Quality of Life Committee. Board rules will be updated accordingly.

Mr. Starr moved [that the Committees would recommend that] the GWNC will combine the Quality of Life and Resilience Committees, and the following Subject matter jurisdiction of the combined committees will be all matters concerning public safety, emergency preparedness, crime, homelessness, and stakeholder well-being which come before the GWNC and which do not fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of another GWNC Committee, or which are expressly referred by the Board to the Committee. Mr. Gresham seconded. There was discussion. **The motion passed with all six (6) members present (Braker, Cortier, D'Atri, Gilbert, Gresham, and Starr) voting in favor.**

B. Discussion of Scope and Composition of Possible QOL/Resilience Committee

1. Name

Prior to any motion being made, Mr. Gresham suggested that the combined committee be called the Quality of Life and Resilience Committee.

Mr. Starr moved that the combined committee be named the Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee. Mr. Gilbert Seconded.

In discussion, Mr. Gresham proposed "Emergency Preparedness and Quality of Life" as the name. No motions to amend were made.

The motion passed with all six (6) members present voting in favor.

2. Scope

Mr. D'Atri said this had already been decided by the vote under IV.A.

3. Leadership

[This was taken up after IV.B.4.]

Mr. Gilbert nominated Mr. D'Atri to be the committee chairperson. Mr. D'Atri accepted. There were no further nominations.

Mr. Starr moved that the Committee recommend that Charles D'Atri be named chair of the committee tentatively named "Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee." Mr. Gresham seconded. There was no public comment.

The motion passed with all six (6) members present voting in favor.

Mr. Starr nominated himself to be committee secretary. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Gresham moved to recommend the GWNC appoint Conrad Starr as secretary of the new committee. Mr. Gilbert seconded.

There was brief discussion.

The motion passed with all six (6) members present voting in favor.

4. Membership

[This was taken up before IV.B.3.]

Mr. D'Atri asked for the meeting's attendees to confirm if they wished to be members of the committee. Mr. Starr repeated back the names and explained that there were more than the 5 allowable board members or alternates according to the GWNC Board Rules. He noted that the GWNC could change its board rules to allow a larger maximum number of "members" (Board Directors or Alternates) on a committee, as long as the number of members (where a director plus his/her alternate counts as one) did not equal seven (7) which was the majority of a quorum of the board, which the City Attorney had interpreted to be a potential violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

After Mr. Gresham and Mr. Cortier withdrew their names from consideration, there were six board members who wished to be considered as members. Mr. Starr said that Dan Sterling, a stakeholder from Area 11, also wished to be on the committee.

Mr. Starr moved that the membership of the committee tentatively named the Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee be Gary Gilbert, Conrad Starr, Natalie Irby, Tony Gittelson, Charles D'Atri, Diana Yin Braker, and Dan Sterling.

Mr. Gilbert seconded.

The motion passed with all six (6) members present voting in favor.

C. Meeting Schedule, frequency, venue

After some informal discussion around possible dates and upcoming holidays, **Mr. Starr moved that the committee meet on the first Monday of even-numbered months over Zoom.**

Mr. Gilbert seconded.

The motion passed with all six (6) members present voting in favor.

[At this time (8:06 p.m.), Mr. Starr left the meeting.]

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

VII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Gittelson requested a town hall meeting on public safety. He said there had been many break-ins recently in Area 1, Brookside. He referred to the issues of streetlight outages, hardening homes, wildfire risk, and recycling. Others suggested the Environmental & Sustainability Committee would be a better fit for the recycling topic.

Ms. Irby said she would follow up with Mr. D'Atri regarding innovative approaches to security techniques she'd come to know through her neighborhood.

There was further discussion, including around outreach and tablings.

A. **Next Outreach Meeting: TBD on Zoom:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>

This was noted.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. D'Atri adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr.