



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee

October 23, 2025 Special Meeting  
**Minutes approved by the committee on November 6, 2025**

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order

A duly noticed special meeting of the Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held virtually over Zoom (Webinar ID No. 852 7699 4679) on October 23, 2025. Committee chairperson, Conrad Starr, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

B. Welcome

Mr. Starr welcomed the assembled group.

C. Roll Call

Mr. Starr called the roll. Three committee members were present (Mr. Starr, John Gresham, and Natalie Irby). *[The GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc 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.]* Erika Stuart joined at 4:15 p.m. Mark Alpers was absent.

Three members of the public were present.

Without objection, the committee agreed to invite members of the public to be “panelists,” which allowed them to share their screens and unmute themselves. Mr. Starr acknowledged Max Kirkham and Douglas Epperhart, who both accepted the invitation to rejoin as panelists.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A third member of the public made a general public comment. She said she was a “neighbor since before times.” She thanked the chair for his public comment at the October 22, 2025 meeting of the Charter Reform Commission (CRC) Planning & Infrastructure Committee, wherein Mr. Starr raised the issue of poor audio for anyone following the meeting over Zoom.

III. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

A. Review of CR Links and Resources

Mr. Starr reviewed this document and shared his screen over Zoom. *The document is available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/121W-KgDDFXwiIT4Si8NX187tmaFgKok2aOUaLndmyqo/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.uq08onwrj6f6>.*

B. Review of CR Scope Questions

Mr. Starr reviewed this document and shared his screen over Zoom. *The document is available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16mnLytZd9TRHEyDTOfOKUQdT6rXpKmG9EUj3HZjQms/eit?tab=t.0#heading=h.cvfrgnziafbb>.*

#### IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

##### A. Review and Adoption of Minutes

There were no minutes to review.

##### B. Scheduling of Committee Meetings

This was taken up later. The committee agreed to meet at 4 p.m. every other Thursday, except for November 6th, when they would meet at 2 p.m.

##### C. Committee Membership - Seeking to Join, Departing

There were no nominations, motions, or votes.

1. Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/> for non-Board members

#### V. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Starr said he had invited Douglas Epperhart to participate, and that Mr. Epperhart was involved in the Neighborhood Council system since its inception as well as a member of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC).

Mr. Epperhart said he was a member of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and the chair of BONC's Charter Reform Subcommittee.

He explained the charter reform timeline and provided some insight regarding the type of recommendations that he thought would be likely to be included in the Charter Reform Commission (CRC) recommendations; as well as the types of recommendations which would more appropriately be addressed by Ordinance.

The Commission was scheduled to provide its recommendations to the City Council in March 2026, and the Council could then decide whether to place any charter reform measure or measures on the November 2026 ballot.

For a Neighborhood Council wishing to make changes by Ordinance, here was an opportunity to get the attention of City Council, he said.

Regarding a prospective Community Impact Statement from Greater Wilshire or another NC, he recommended a "top five things" approach, as opposed to a "99 asks" list.

Mr. Epperhart explained that the Charter Reform Commission included eight seats selected by the Mayor, the Council President, and the Council President Pro Tem, and five appointed by those eight. One member — Carla Fuentes — was an NC board member from the Valley, he said, adding, "Carla would love to hear from folks."

He mentioned that most people were talking about the Budget Advocates's recommendations and those from the controller's office. There was a discussion of moving some Area Planning Commission responsibilities to the NCs. Epperhart suggested that the GWNC focus on two or three things in each of the four broad categories as identified by the Charter Commission in its committee structure. *Mr. Starr later shared the Committee Descriptions document at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AjdViBpNs2pcpmjSKi\\_hV-NTTboxEb\\_c/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AjdViBpNs2pcpmjSKi_hV-NTTboxEb_c/view).*

Mr. Epperhart encouraged the committee to attend Commission meetings and to speak with the Commissioners. "They're volunteers just like us," he said.

## VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

No report was given.

## VII. VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

See

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QeIX0Hsogm0Al0d76RXyHcaPN7Yb2rZnqOqcebEaqwg/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

### A. Charter Reform Commission Meetings

Mr. Gresham agreed to take up the matters under the Government Structure category. Mr. Starr, Ms. Irby, and Ms. Stuart all agreed to study the Better Government category. The group assigned Mr. Alpers to Infrastructure and Planning. No member volunteered for Personnel & Budget, though Mr. Starr noted the GWNC Budget Representative Jack Humphreville was a Budget Advocate and was likely to participate with the group.

Mr. Starr expressed the importance of maintaining a presence at Commission meetings. He planned to attend the October 30th CRC Government Structure Committee Meeting. Mr. Gresham and Ms. Irby would follow the Zoom.

Mr. Starr said Mr. Alpers had agreed to attend the November 8th “Better Government” town hall study session in Highland Park.

### B. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

- Marketing

There were no volunteers.

- LANCC CR Committee/Working Group

There were no volunteers. Mr. Starr suggested that the GWNC delegate to LANCC could possibly act as a liaison to any committee that might be formed within that group.

### C. GWNC Board Meetings

Mr. Starr explained that he intended GWNC reports to consist of three parts: a report on the actions of the committee that he would give; a second report on an issue or set of issues to be given by another member of the committee to provide the GWNC Board with more “texture”; and a Community Impact Statement (CIS) if one was ready to share with the board. He envisioned the board might begin with a narrow CIS and build on it at subsequent meetings.

### D. GWNC and Community Events

- Larchmont Family Fair 10-26-2025

Ms. Stuart said she would attend this.

- LUNA 11-6-2025 Meeting

Ms. Irby would attend and notify the membership that the GWNC committee welcomed their participation.

- WSA 11-17-2025 Meeting

There were no volunteers.

- CicLAvia Melrose 11-23-2025

There were no volunteers.

## VIII. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

- A. **Proposed Motion:** Recommendation that the GWNC file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the Charter Commission and to City Council and Committees (Council File No's. \_\_\_\_\_) [POSITION TO BE TAKEN/LETTER TO BE REFERENCED] and that the GWNC appoint [NAME(S)] to present GWNC CIS and/or its Position to the Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commission at a meeting of said Commission, as directed by GWNC President and/or GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee Chair.

There were no motions or votes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Survey of GWNC Stakeholders

There was interest among the committee in conducting a simple survey.

- B. Infosheet on CR for sharing/distribution

Ms. Stuart supported the idea of an infosheet (“one-pager”) to share with the community.

- C. Town Hall for GWNC Stakeholders

No action was taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Starr adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m. without objection.

*Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr. The GWNC Outreach Committee Minutes page is located at <https://greaterwilshire.org/outreach-committee-agendas-minutes>.*