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Area 12 - Western-Wilton: Andy Galan

Area 13 - Wilshire Park: John Gresham

Area 14 - Windsor Square: Gary Gilbert

Area 15 - Windsor Village: Julie Kim

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Renter: MJ Anderson Business: Romi Cortier

Education: Scott Appel

Religion: Vacant

Other Nonprofit: Brian Curran

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GREATER WILSHIRE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 12, 2025 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179
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GWNC Sustainability Committee:

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

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월셔 광역주민의회 환경 & 지속가능성 위원회 정기회의 의제

Concejo Vecinal de Greater Wilshire - Comité de medio ambiente y sostenibilidad -Agenda de reunión ordinaria

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.

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.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

- A. Call to Order (Polly Estabrook) Meeting was called to order at 18:40.
- B. Roll Call (MJ Anderson) MJ Anderson, Polly Estabrook Present.

Quorum was NOT established.

C. **Self-Introduction of Guests** – Vanessa Boudreau , SGA Marketing, and Anders Waalen, GWNC Stakeholder, Present.

As we had invited SCWP spokesperson, Vanessa Boudreau, to speak on LA County's SCWP program, those present heard her presentation and Anders Wallen discussed a matter of importance to him.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS 의제 비포함 안건에 대한 일반공중 언급 Comentario público general sobre temas no incluidos en la agenda

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Possible Motion:** The ESC approves the meeting minutes as submitted for April 2025.

- **B. Stakeholder Committee Member Required Training:** All Committee members have completed required training. Any new members would need the following training:
 - i. Code of Conduct available at https://greaterwilshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2023-1-Code-of-Conduct-Form.pdf, send signed copy to <u>secretary@greaterwilshire.org</u>.
 - ii. Ethics Ethics Training Link: https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/

IV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Discussion of the Safe Clean Water Project:** Vanessa Boudreau will speak to us about LA County's Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP), a stormwater infrastructure program, which was funded by LA County Measure W in 2018, with approx \$280M spent annually.

- i. Opportunities for community participation in SCWP
- ii. Examples of on-going SCWP community projects

Vanessa Boudreau discussed LA County's project for capturing stormwater and urban runoff. Community groups can apply for funds for the design, implementation, and maintenance of these projects. A score greater than 60 is required to proceed.

Some examples discussed were private and charter schools (LAUSD is reluctant to have these projects due to liability), LA Parks and Rec as a partner, or the Venice Canals. Ideas discussed were schools, homeless shelters, teen shelters, and other community based organizations,

Most of the applicants so far have been the cities in LA County as they understand how to write the application.

The SCWP program never ends. Applications for this year are due 7/31/2025. With a Letter of Support from the community (check this) by 10/31/2025. The Feasibility study is 18 months long after the project is approved.

B. Discussion of Wilshire Country Club golf course upgrade: Several GWNC residents have contacted GWNC to determine if the Wilshire Country Club will be using herbicides on the new golf course and if they could use more native plants on site. The impact of herbicides on human health is a topic of current research, see the May, 2025 JAMA article "Proximity to Golf Courses and Risk of Parkinson Disease." We are communicating with Katie Tilford, Theodore Payne Foundation, to see if she could speak at our next Sustainability Committee meeting.

Anders Waalen discussed the impact of pesticides and herbicides on human health. The LA City Golf Course send him the list of allowable pesticides and their levels, and he suggested getting the list from LA County. Anders is concerned about the use of both of these on human health especially those near the Golf Course.

- **C. Planning for Metro Trip.** MJ reported that the trip will need to be postponed until after 8/2025.
- D. Possible Events for 2025 2026

E. **Recruiting ESC Members:** Enhancement of GWNC community involvement and recruitment of new members

V . OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. LA City Council Motion 21-1395-S1- LA City Oil Field / Land-Use Regulatory Process / Residents Health and Safety, update. The GWNC Board approved the GWNC SC motion to support this LA City Council motion and uploaded the CIS on 4/10/2025. The LA City Council discussed the motion on 5/13/2025 and voted 14 0 1 (Monica Rodriguez absent) to adopt the motion pursuant to Council Rule 51. This update was discussed.
- **B. FoodCycle LA:** Report on FoodCycle LA food gleaning project at the Larchmont Farmers Market (1st Sunday of every month).
- **C. Community Beautification Day:** Report on Community Beautification Day project with the John C Fremont Public Library.
- **D. Rebuilding LA after the fires:** Follow up from Lisa Hart presentation

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Report on any other sustainability or environmental issues not on the agenda.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Regular Committee meeting date: Thursday, August 7, 2025, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179

Note: regular meetings are held on even-numbered months, alternating between Zoom and in-person.

VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discuss priorities and ideas for programs in 2025 2026.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT The informal discussion was concluded at 19:25.