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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Environmental & Sustainability
Committee Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, August 7, 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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*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) 18:35 Meeting convened
- B. **Roll Call** (MJ Anderson) Present: MJ Anderson, A. Galan, P. Estabrook. Absent: Jesseca Harvey & Julie Kim. Quorum achieved.
- C. **Self-Introduction of Guests** (A. Holowitz, A. Waalen, J Dalton, Leah Fisher 19:00)

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS 의제 비포함 안건에 대한 일반
공중 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 and June 2025.
 - i. Approved April and June minutes by Unanimous consent.
- B. **Committee Membership** (Discussion and Possible Motion)
 - i. Potential New ESC Members
 - a. Julie Dalton (Fremont Place), Board Member persuaded by P. Estabrook.
 - b. Anders Waalen

c. Others

- ii. **Possible Motion:** The GWNC selects Polly Estabrook, MJ Anderson, Julie Kim, Andy Galan, Julia Dalton and Anders Waalen to serve as the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee with Ms. Estabrook serving as Chair and Mr. Anderson serving as secretary.

(1) J. Harvey has asked to be withdrawn from the Committee.

(2) [Approved Unanimously to board as amended.](#)

C. **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 secretary@greaterwilshire.org.

- i. Ethics – Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>

IV. **NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Possible Events for 2025 - 2026**

- i. Transit day. D line extension opening in Fall 2025

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

V. **OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. **Discussion of the Safe Clean Water Project and Opportunities to apply for SCWP funds for projects within GWNC:** Vanessa Boudreau spoke to us at our June 12, 2025 meeting about the 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. She described opportunities for community participation in SCWP and gave some examples of on-going SCWP community projects.

LASAN received funding from SCWP to maintain the Westwood Greenway (see <https://westwoodgreenway.org/>) – this is near the E line in Rancho Park. Possible speaker, Annette Mercer, from the Westwood Greenway to elaborate on how they applied for funds in October.

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.”](#)

Stakeholder Brianna Brandon emailed seconding the earlier concern. She offered to communicate with Katie Tilford, Theodore Payne Foundation, to see if Ms. Tilford could speak at our next Sustainability Committee meeting.

The Committee is currently in the information gathering on A. Waalens behalf and may hold a special Committee meeting to discuss this topic.

C. **Community Beautification Day - at the John C Fremont Public Library:** The Hancock Park Garden Club proposal - with input from the GWNC Sustainability Committee - to update the landscape at the John C Fremont Public Library was accepted by the Library. Our input consisted of proposing a butterfly garden in the parking area. We can look for volunteers to help with this project when its timeline becomes known.

- i. Hancock Park Garden Club, Leah Fisher, updated us on the status of this project. The city expressed passive interest in the HPGC pro bono renovation. Waiver signed volunteers via the committee would be welcomed. Information gathering is continuing. We expect updates from Leah Fischer and the HPGC by October or November.

D. FoodCycle LA: Report on FoodCycle LA food gleaning project at the Larchmont Farmers Market (1st Sunday of every month). All volunteers must take training. Volunteers?

- i. We will spread the word via word of mouth. B. Curran from the board frequents them.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

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

- i. NCSA has meeting Sunday 10 Aug 18:30 on SB 79.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Regular Committee meeting date: Thursday, October 2, 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

A. Adjourned **19:33**

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