

**Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
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Area 8 - Melrose: Jessica Harvey
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Area 11 - Sycamore Square: Conrad Starr
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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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Environmental & Sustainability
Committee Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, Sept, 3, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>

Or by Toll Free Phone (888) 475 4499

Webinar ID: 928 2781 1179

www.greaterwilshire.org/SCdocs/

GWNC Sustainability Committee:

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

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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) **Done at 5:42 PM.**
- B. **Roll Call** (MJ Anderson) **Done by P. Estabrook:** Julie Kim, Andy Galan, Anders Waalan Present; MJ and Julie Dalton Not Present. Quorum was achieved with 4 of the 6 committee members present.
- C. **Self-Introduction of Guests** Tony Gittelsohn (GWNC Board Member Brookside), David Levin (GWNC Minute taker), Raylene Moreno (GWNC Stakeholder) Present.

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. **Stakeholder Committee Member Required Training:** All Committee members have completed required training. Any new non-GWNC Board members on the ESC would need to complete 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.
- B. Ethics – Ethics Training Link:

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

- A. Tony Gittelsohn discussed the work being done by the GWNC Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee to develop a Recycling forum to be held with LA Sanitation in the next few months.
- B. Motion: The GWNC Environmental and Sustainability Committee will support the GWNC Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee in their development of a Recycling forum to be held with LA Sanitation in the next few months.
- C. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. **Discussion of impacts of pesticides on human health, specifically cancer and Parkinson's.** Report by Dr. Anders Waalen. Followed by discussion of how to minimize use of pesticides on Wilshire Country Club golf course upgrade. **BACKGROUND:** 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.

Dr. Anders Waalen gave a brief review of the literature on links between pesticides and cancers and pesticides and Parkinson's Disease. The use of organic pesticides was discussed. The role of LA City Council or LA County in limiting the level of allowable pesticides was discussed. An action plan was discussed to understand this topic better and to develop motions that could be proposed to the Board for their approval. Working with other environmental and sustainability groups in Los Angeles, such as the NCSA, was discussed.

Two motions were proposed:

Motion: The GWNC Board approves the ESC to contact the Wilshire Country Club to discuss the on-going renovation of the golf course and potentially schedule an in-person visit for an more detailed discussion of the use of pesticides and fertilizers during renovation and afterwards.

This motion passed unanimously.

Motion: In order to further the discussion on the use of pesticides and fertilizers on public parks, the GWNC Board approves the ESC to contact the LANCC to determine if other NC have raised similar concerns.

This motion passed unanimously.

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, 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 6:55 PM**