



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee Regular Meeting

October 6, 2025 Regular Meeting  
MINUTES Approved by the Committee on December 1, 2025

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order

A duly noticed Regular Meeting of the Public Safety & Quality of Life (“PSQL”) Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held virtually over Zoom (Webinar ID No. 889 6098 2957) on October 6, 2025. Quality of Life Committee chairperson, Charles D’Atri, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Committee Secretary, Conrad Starr, called the roll. All seven members were present: Mr. D’Atri, Mr. Starr, Diana Braker, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelson, Natalie Irby, and Dan Sterling. *[The GWNC PSQL committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of 7 Committee Seats, or four, so the Committee was able to take such votes.]*

GWNC Board President, Jennifer DeVore, was also present, as were three members of the public according to the Zoom interface.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and Adoption of Quality of Life Committee Minutes for August 27, 2025  
(Secretary)

**Mr. Starr moved that the committee adopt the Quality of Life Committee Minutes for August 27, 2025. Mr. Gittelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all seven (7) members voting in favor.**

B. Committee Membership

**No motions were made or votes taken.**

C. Committee Member Training

Mr. Starr said all members were current with their Ethics Training.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

IV. REPORTS

#### A. Chairperson's Report

Mr. D'Atri reported briefly.

#### B. LAPD

Mr. Starr explained the Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) and Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) and how both programs emerged from the 1992 Civil Unrest in Los Angeles.

Mr. D'Atri said he wished for someone from the committee to participate in each C-PAB meeting and to report back to the committee.

##### 1. Olympic Division

LAPD was not present. There was no report.

##### 2. Wilshire Division

LAPD was not present. There was no report.

#### C. C-PAB Reports

##### 1. Olympic C-PAB Report (meets first Weds, 6pm, Olympic Station)

No representative was present. There was no report.

##### 2. Wilshire C-PAB Report (meets fourth Thurs, 6pm, Wilshire Station or Zoom)

[Note: this was incorrect - should have read "...third Thurs...".]

Mr. Starr introduced Mitchell "Mitch" Jacoves, C-PAB civilian co-chair. Jacoves said he had been in the role since 2018 or 19, and he also served as a Volunteer Community Patrol member.

C-PAB allowed stakeholders to bring quality of life and crime issues directly to SLOs; issues such as graffiti. The department relied on C-PAB members to bring issues to the forefront. Jacoves said SLOs should not be contacted for crimes in progress prior to calling 9-1-1. He said the 9-1-1 team was understaffed and some operators were overworked.

Jacoves said C-PAB provides the benefit of a direct line to the Captain of the Division.

Mr. Starr said C-PAB hosts guest speakers from Communications Division (9-1-1) and other divisions within the Police Department.

Jacoves said streetlight wire theft is a theme currently discussed at C-PAB.

He invited the group to ride along in his Volunteer Community Patrol car.

Responding to Mr. Gittelson, Jacoves said a Police ride-along could be scheduled with a sergeant.

C-PAB Wilshire meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at the Community Room at Wilshire Station in the West Traffic Division community room with a Zoom option for members unable to attend in present.

Gary Gilbert brought up the public safety town hall proposal the committee would be discussing later in the agenda. Did Mr. Jacoves have any suggestions for achieving success? Jacoves said community members often will attend a town hall demanding immediate solutions — but anger can sometimes prevent collaborative solutions from being achieved. In some other communities such as Sherman Oaks, residents had been resistant to messages around crime deterrent best practices like shrub maintenance and security lighting.

Jacoves suggested that command staff from Olympic and Wilshire should both be included in the town hall.

Mr. Gilbert recounted issues with past town halls he had hosted. The community didn't leave the meetings feeling more informed, he said.

At this time, Mr. D'Atri invited members to volunteer to attend C-PAB meetings. (See item #V.C.)  
Mr. Gilbert said Steve Tator attended C-PAB and might be available to come and report.  
Mr. Gittelsohn said he was interested in attending Wilshire C-PAB. Mr. D'Atri was likely to attend Olympic C-PAB.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Possible Future Town Hall on Public Safety (Tony Gittelsohn)

Mr. Gittelsohn shared his ideas for a town hall, which were outlined in a document shared in the board docs folder.

Mr. D'Atri said the committee should not include the sanitation issues with the public safety issues. Because of the required preparation, February was the soonest reasonable date for the forum.

Mr. Gilbert proposed to form a subcommittee to hash out a plan and return with a plan for the committee's approval.

Ms. Braker was supportive of the proposal. Responding to her question regarding marketing, Mr. D'Atri referred to the limited options available to the Outreach committee including social media.

Mr. Gilbert said the matter of coyotes should be added to the discussion. Ms. Irby said there were nonprofits specializing in information regarding coyote attacks.

Mr. Starr said that in his experience as past GWNC President, the following should be remembered: that hosting an event involved a "learning curve" around the event approval process, which required at minimum a 30-day application window with the City Clerk; and the Clerk prohibited common elements including donations and raffles. Starr advised that the working group develop a "rich plan" and a "skinny plan" for the board to select from. He encouraged them to consider an online format in addition to an in-person format, noting that in-person events were not always well attended.

With restricted City budgets, some City staff might not be available to attend in person or on a weekend.

Starr highlighted the importance of including neighborhood watch and block club representatives from the neighborhood groups within the GWNC and surrounding areas — that this would provide balance to a forum that might otherwise be focused on conversations between City agents and individual stakeholders.

Mr. D'Atri encouraged committee members to use the October 26<sup>th</sup> Larchmont Family Fair booth as a means to gathering community input around the town hall idea and soliciting questions.

**No motions were made.**

### B. GWNC Public Works Liaison, nominations and possible recommendation

Natalie Irby volunteered.

**Mr. Starr moved that the PSQL committee recommend that the Board appoint Natalie Irby as the Public Works Liaison. Mr. Gilbert seconded.**

**The motion passed with a unanimous vote (7/0/0).**

### C. Committee Participation in C-PAB - point persons for LAPD Reports

This was covered during Section IV.C.

**No motions were made.**

### D. Homeless Count - Possible GWNC Participation and Related Expenses (Dan Sterling)

Mr. Sterling reported that he spoke with a Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) staff member who recommended that Immanuel Presbyterian Church be the deployment site as it was in 2025.

Mr. Starr said the GWNC had been a deployment side coordinator in the past but was not in 2025 due to a scheduling conflict with its traditional deployment side, Hope Lutheran Church. The GWNC could promote the event and members could participate without having an official role.

Mr. Sterling reported that, in 2025, a community-based organization, Better Angels, did a good job of running the count. He would ask the LAHSA rep if they were confirmed for 2026.

Mr. Starr said the PSQCL committee could vote in December and the Board would have enough time to vote for an event if necessary.

Mr. D'Atri said that as the GWNC Homelessness Liaison, Sterling could shepherd the effort and bring recommendations to the board without the committee having to vote first.

Mr. Gittelsohn said it was important for the GWNC to be involved.

**No motions were made.**

E. Windsor Village Metro Yard - Homelessness Issues, Possible Recommendations (Dan Sterling)

Mr. Sterling interacted with a couple people by email and phone and got a description of what's going on. He had personally visited the site and intended to go back with a resident [of Windsor Village] to walk along Lorraine Blvd. What he was hearing was "troubling."

Residents reported having communicated issues to CD5 staff, including Michelle Flores, multiple times, with no response. He said there was a homelessness issue and public works issue.

Mr. D'Atri said members of the CD5 team had been exemplary in the past. He recommended reaching out directly to George Hakopian.

Mr. D'Atri explained the issue.

Mr. Starr encouraged Mr. Sterling to take a careful approach. The committee's role is to vet an issue in advance of it being brought to the board for official action such as a letter. The GWNC President might also choose to have a conversation with the Council District regarding any lack of follow-up responsiveness to community members' complaints.

**No motions were made.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gittelsohn noted there was not a Metro station planned for Wilshire/Crenshaw. Mr. D'Atri said a new building was planned.

VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. LADWP Infrastructure Improvements and What's Still Needed (Michael Ventre, LADWP — [michael.ventre@ladwp.com](mailto:michael.ventre@ladwp.com))

1. Committee Point Person

Ms. Irby had volunteered.

- B. Outage Streetlights Report from LA Bureau of Street Lighting (Ansar Mustafa, BSL — [ansar.mustafa@lacity.org](mailto:ansar.mustafa@lacity.org); Jessica Oleta, BSL — [jessica.oleta@lacity.org](mailto:jessica.oleta@lacity.org))

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- C. LAPD Reports (Sgt Wesley Sarno, LAPD Community — [37264@lapd.online](mailto:37264@lapd.online)) (Need Olympic)

D. Committee Projects and Next Steps

Mr. Starr said there would be opportunities to discuss Emergency Preparedness at future meetings.

- E. Next Meeting: Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6:30 PM via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. D'Atri adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr.*