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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Environmental & Sustainability
SPECIAL Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 10, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87342270761>

Or by Toll Free Phone (888) 475 4499

Webinar ID: 928 2781 1179

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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) Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.
- B. Roll Call** (MJ Anderson)

Polly called roll call:

Present: Andy Galan, Julia Dalton, Anders Waalen, Polly Estabrook

Absent: MJ Anderson, Julie Kim

Quorum was met and the meeting begun.

Committee members stated that they did not have time for a full meeting. Only topic IV B was addressed. No minutes for previous meetings were approved.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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:

GWNC Sustainability Committee:

Chair - Polly Estabrook (Area 14)

Secretary - MJ Anderson (Area 12)

Julie Dalton (Area 4)

Julie Kim (Area 15)

Andy Galan (Area 12)

Anders Waalen (Area 5)

Multiple Vacancies

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

- 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/>
- B. **Approval of Minutes from prior meetings:**
 - i. Sustainability Committee meeting on 10/16/2025 - This was not done due to schedules of committee members.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Submission of CIS on Council File 22-1402: (Community and Municipal Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory / Carbon Reduction Goals / Climate Impact Team / Capital and Technology Improvement and Expenditure Program (CTIEP)

- i. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Council to adopt a policy that proactively limits the use of all non-essential pesticides, including but not limited to glyphosate (Roundup), on all City-owned and managed properties, parks, and facilities. Furthermore, we request that the City explore safer, organic, and nature-based alternatives for landscape management and integrate these policies into the City's broader environmental goals currently being addressed in Council File 22-1402.

This City Council File was determined to not be applicable to our previous meeting on 10/16/2025 and the presentation given that day.

B. Submission of letters to CD5 and CD 13 City Councilmembers requesting meeting regarding the use of pesticides. BACKGROUND: Several GWNC residents have contacted GWNC regarding new reports linking pesticides to Parkinson's and other diseases. GWNC ESC held a meeting and invited a subject matter expert, Dr. Beate Ritz, to speak. We would like to discuss the letter, modify it if needed, and submit the letters to the GWNC Board for their approval at the Board meeting on Wed 10/12.

- i. **Possible Motion:** The GWNC ESC approves the attached letter requesting an opportunity to meet with the CMs and/or their staff members to discuss the topic of pesticide use on City-controlled properties and to review the research the ESC has collected for discussion at the GWNC Board and transmission to the CD 5 and CD 13 City Councilmembers.

The Motion was proposed by Polly Estabrook and seconded by Anders Waalen. All four members present approved the motion (Polly, Anders, Julie Dalton, and Andy Galan).

V. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action) **These topics were not covered due to lack of time.**

- A. Discussion of Public Bank LA and submission of CIS to [Council File 19-1235-S1](#) and also to [Council File 25-0600-S16](#), a secondary file focused on discretionary funds to support the feasibility study. Background for this topic can be found at nscala.org/public_bank_la_10-12_2025.
- Possible CIS:** The GWNC ESC supports the creation of a Public Bank in LA . (Sentence can be amplified on in meeting and rationale given.)
- B. Discussion on submission of a CIS in response to Dodger Stadium Gondola. Councilmembers **Hernandez** and **Jurado**, seconded by **Soto-Martínez**, have

introduced a [resolution](#) (in [Council File 25-1295](#)) to oppose the gondola and urge Metro to do the same.

Possible CIS: The GWNC ESC opposes the creation of a gondola to access Dodger Stadium as currently planned and urges Metro to oppose as well. (Sentence can be amplified on in meeting and rationale given.)

- C. The [City of Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee](#) is conducting a 10-to-15-minute survey to better understand the needs and priorities of **bicyclists** across the City of Los Angeles. You can take the survey in either [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
- D. Discussion of the Scattergood Green Hydrogen-Ready Modernization Project in front of LA City Council.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- A. Report on any other sustainability or environmental issues not on the agenda.
- B. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance is holding an event: **Honoring Melanie Winter Saturday, November 22**

We have lost an environmental champion in **Melanie Winter**, who died of complications related to lung cancer last month. You can read her obituary [here](#). Please join us for an event in her honor **Saturday, November 22** at **Rio de Los Angeles State Park** from 1 to 4. Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/2025_11_22_melanie_winter.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Regular Committee meeting date: Thursday, December 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9282781179>

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 – 6:44 PM

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