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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Environmental & Sustainability
SPECIAL Meeting MINUTES**

Monday, March 2, 2026 5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom:

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

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Webinar ID: 928 2781 1179

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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*

In conformity with the January 1, 2026 enactment of California Senate Bill 707 (Durazo) and LA City Council File 23-1114, this

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) **5:30 PM**

B. Roll Call (Polly) Julie Kim, Julia Dalton, Anders Waalen, Polly Estabrook: Present; Not Present: MJ Anderson, Andy Galan.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Approval of Minutes from prior Sustainability Committee meetings:

i. Special meeting on 2/9/2026 **Approved unanimously.**

B. 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-For-m.pdf>, send signed copy to secretary@greaterwilshire.org.

ii. **Ethics** – Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/>

III. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Pesticide Use in Los Angeles

- i. Report on Meetings with CD-13 & CD-5 City Councilmember staff, Kate Pynoos and Kristen Pawling, on 2/11 and 2/23 respectively on Pesticides, their impact on human and ecosystem health, and their use on LA City Property.
- ii. Discussion of strategy on next steps

IV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Submission of letters to CD2-Nazarian and CD14-Jurado City Councilmembers requesting a meeting regarding the use of pesticides.

BACKGROUND: In 2025, several GWNC residents contacted GWNC regarding new reports linking pesticides to Parkinson's and other diseases. On 10/16/2025, the GWNC ESC invited a subject matter expert, Dr. Beate Ritz, to speak at the ESC meeting. As a result of that meeting, the ESC requested meetings to be set up with CD5 and CD13 Councilmembers or their staff to discuss the growing research tying pesticide use and human illness and the possibility of reducing or banning pesticides in LA city public property. The council members' staff suggest speaking to other members of the City Council who are on the Energy & Environment Committee and/or oversee the Department of Recreation & Parks. We would therefore like to expand the discussion to include these additional City Council members in an effort to build momentum toward change.

- i. **Possible Motion:** The GWNC ESC approves the attached letter requesting an opportunity to meet with Council Members Adrin Nazarian, CD-2, and Ysabel Jurado, CD-14 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 2 and CD 14 City Councilmembers.
- ii. **Motion Proposed by Polly Estabrook.** Julie Kim Seconded. Approve: Anders, Julia, Julie, Polly.

Motion internal to ESC proposed by Anders Waalen: The GWNC ESC gives Anders Waalen permission to update the Pesticide related presentation with scientific data as the information becomes available.

Motion seconded by Julia Dalton.

Votes: Unanimous approval.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. The **Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance** (LANCSA) will be holding the following events in March:

- i. **City Attorney Candidate Forum** on Sunday March 22. Join [City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto](#) and challengers [Marissa Roy](#) and [Aida Ashouri](#) Sunday, March 22 at 6:30 for a candidate forum, with a focus on sustainability. RSVP and submit potential questions at ncsa.la/city_atty_candidate_forum_3-22_2026.
- ii. **Lawn to Habitat Saturday and Sunday, March 7 & 8.** We are bringing back our popular **Lawn to Habitat** program, this year to Exposition Park, Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8. Join us to help us transform a conventional yard into a **native plant habitat oasis!** Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/lawn_habitat_3-7_8_2026.

The NCSA has the important news items that concern the environment and sustainability:

- iii. Last month, Steve Baule of the Mayor’s Office of Energy and Sustainability shared with us the City’s draft [Climate Implementation Plan](#) and heard ideas about how to improve upon it. You can check out the recording, chat, and slides at [ncsa.la/climate_implementation_plan_1-11_2026](https://www.ncsa.la/climate_implementation_plan_1-11_2026).
- iv. **The climate crisis and Councilmember Traci Park.** At the recent *They Let Us Burn* rally commemorating a year since the Palisades fire, **Councilmember Park** told a cheering crowd, “[It wasn’t an act of nature. It wasn’t some ‘storm of the century.’ And it wasn’t climate change, and don’t let anybody try to tell you otherwise.](#)” See the [video](#) at 34:00. Many other comments could and should be made about this rally, but for the moment, let us remind the councilmember that, as is the case with many horrific events, the **Palisades fire** has a complex set of causes—the **climate crisis** being one of them, and that, as a leader of her community, she has a lot of influence, and that with such influence comes great responsibility. We ignore the role of **climate change** at our peril.
- v. **Santa Monica leaves the door open for no more artificial turf.** The Santa Monica City Council, instead of voting to replace existing **artificial turf** with more of the same (like for like), [voted instead to consider natural alternatives](#) at the end of the artificial turf lifespan, when more research should be available.
- vi. **The NCSA Newsletter has many other interesting news related to sustainability.** You can view the NCSA calendar here: <https://www.ncsa.la/calendar>. If you are interested, please join the NCSA! [Sign up for our monthly newsletter here.](#) Questions? Comments? You can reach us at lisahart@ncsa.la or 323.660.2780.

B. **The Climate Reality Project, San Fernando Valley Chapter,** will be holding the following event in March:

- i. Join our chapter meeting on March 10th, to hear a clear-eyed explanation of what the coming decades will look like for Los Angeles. Virtual talk on “**Weather and Water Extremes in a Warming California**” given by Dr. Daniel Swain is a weather and climate scientist studying extreme events—including droughts, floods, storms, and wildfires—on a warming planet. Dr. Swain currently holds joint appointments as a climate scientist at **California Institute for Water Resources** within **University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR)** and as a research partner at the **NSF National Center for Atmospheric Research**. **Tuesday March 10th, 7:00pm**
- ii. [Register here](#) For more events or to view past meetings, **you can view them on our YouTube channel. Learn more on our website or by following us on social media!**

C. If you are interested in Climate Comedy, consider looking at **Yellow Dot Studios** ([yellowdotstudios.com](https://www.yellowdotstudios.com)). Yellow Dot Studios is a non-profit media studio founded by Adam McKay, the Academy Award-winning writer, director, and producer known for Netflix’s second most watched film of all time *Don’t Look Up*, as well as *Vice*, *The Big Short*, *Anchorman*, *Step Brothers*, *Talladega Nights*, and television shows *Succession* and *Winning Time*. They have just released a YOUTUBE video with CA Attorney General Rob Bonta to

talk about why he's suing the most powerful corporations in the world, and why that's still easier than being a dad! Sign up for their newsletter at yellowdotstudions.com.

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

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Regular Committee meeting date: Thursday, April 2, 2026, 6:30 PM. via Zoom. *Note: regular meetings are held in even-numbered months, alternating between Zoom and in-person.*

VII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:08PM

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The GWNC shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate any member of the public that requests an accommodation to participate in the meeting, by providing a publicly accessible physical location for the member of the public to participate from, providing access to technology necessary to participate in the meeting, or identifying locations or resources available that could provide the member of the public with an opportunity to participate in the meeting.

To address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes action on that item, the public is requested, when prompted by the chairperson, to dial *9 (if connecting by phone) or press the "raise hand" button (if using the Zoom app). Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda but which are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. The Board is prevented from acting on a matter brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, it may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the chairperson.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).**

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5).**

A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(A)).**

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).**

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