



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, September 11, 2024
Approved February 12, 2025

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.

Document copies were available at www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks (Conrad Starr).

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held online. President Conrad Starr called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and explained procedures, reminding about checking with the City Attorney if a Board Member has a possible or definite conflict of interest.

B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore).

The Secretary called the roll. Nineteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Scott Appel, Selene Betancourt, Sarah Bryan (Alternate for Owen Smith), Jeffrey Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Romi Cortier, Brian Curran, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Andy Galan, Gary Gilbert, John Gresham, Jesseca Harvey (Assistant Secretary), Julie Kim, Rochelle Lewis, Anne Rudnick, Sixto Sicilia, Conrad Starr (President). MJ Anderson (Alternate for Tommy Atlee) arrived later. Benny Rosenberg was absent and not represented by an Alternate. The GWNC Board quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 13 (see the Bylaws link at <https://greaterwilshire.org/bylaws-board-rules>), so the Board could take such votes. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Ten Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VI. A. 2.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: at least 17 Stakeholders and guests.

Alternate Board Member MJ Anderson arrived at this time (6:38), making 20 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen). The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #V. A.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Economic Workforce Development Department - Legacy Business Program* (Nyssa Buck).

Ms. Buck wasn't able to attend; there was no presentation.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #IV.

III. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Fifth Council District (Michelle Flores -

michelle.flores@lacity.org)

Michelle Flores, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky [ofc. 213-473-7005; Michelle.Flores@LACity.org; <https://councildistrict5.LACity.gov>], was not present; there was no report.

B. Thirteenth Council District (Karla Martinez - karla.g.martinez@lacity.org)

Karla Martinez, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez [213-473-7013; <https://cd13.LACity.org>], reported that the Mayor's Inside Safe program has housed more than 2,700 off the streets; they're "continuing to target many of the encampments in our District . . . The Bureau of Engineering is surveying the public regarding repairs and improvements needed for "sidewalks and other pub rights of way." She met with the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association regarding tree trimming on Larchmont Blvd. The lot adjacent to Rite-Aid agreed to adjust their hours to accommodate Farmer's Market parking. CD 13 is "aware of the outages" of Wilton Pl. streetlights and are "working on it." They are supporting the Taste of Larchmont event; the Councilmember will attend. CD13 has met with the Police regarding prostitution and human trafficking along and near Western Ave., especially from Beverly to Third.

C. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho 33817@lapd.online & Chavez 36304@lapd.online (Olympic), Rodriguez 35738@lapd.online (Wilshire))

Mr. Starr noted that CPAB [Community Police Advisory Board] meetings are available to attend.

Danny Chavez, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0714; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station], re-introduced himself, noting his experience and that he took over for the retiring Joseph Pelayo, and reported that he is familiar with the prostitution problem along Western Ave. Missing Internet crime maps are being updated; see their website. Harry Cho, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [cell/text phone 213-793-0649], reported that burglaries are down 20% from last year; some of that is going to the Valley.

Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-473-0476; cell/text phone 213-793-0715; <https://www.LAPDOnline.org/lapd-contact/west-bureau/wilshire-community-police-station>], reported that most crimes in his area are down. Some "stolen vehicles" only were stolen to steal the catalytic converter. There've been more "hot prowls" than "home invasions." Tyler Shuck, an LAPD Wilshire Division Acting Senior Lead Officer [cell/text phone 213-712-3715; 40740@LAPD.Online], introduced himself and reported

that they are gathering information and discussing with burglary detectives why certain areas are being targeted. He urged reporting suspicious vehicles to the non-emergency number 1-877-ASK-LAPD, including if a vehicle is parked for a long time; criminals scout areas.

D. LA Metro (Ned Racine - racinen@metro.net)

Ned Racine, Metro Principal Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-418-5993, 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt], reported that Metro decided to build apartments where the Crenshaw yard now is.

E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE (Octaviano Rios - octaviano.rios@lacity.org).

Octaviano Rios, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org], reported that the City Clerk Funding Unit wants Board Members to know that a policy guide is available regarding capital improvement projects; he listed typical projects, including street improvements. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be September 28th, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. He encouraged Board Members to attend; workshops will be available online at NeighborhoodCongress.LA. The GWNC election will be Tuesday, April 15th; the candidate filing period will be December 13th - January 27th. Mr. Starr noted to see the website. City Council File #24-0867 would potentially require Neighborhood Councils to have a Youth Seat, and would require term limits.

F. Office of the Mayor (David C. Nguyen - david.c.nguyen@LACity.org)

David Nguyen, Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; <http://LAMayor.org>], was not present; there was no report.

G. Third Supervisorial District (Field Deputy Savannah Portillo Heap - SHeap@bos.LACounty.gov)

Savannah Portillo Heap, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (213-440-0927; <https://lindseyhorvath.LACounty.gov>), was not present; there was no report.

H. Other Government Representatives

Joshua Marin-Mora, a representative for State 51st District Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur [323-436-5184; <https://a51.asmdc.org>], updated about legislation, including about retail crime.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

V. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS

A. Budget Representative (Jack Humphreville/Jennifer DeVore - see report in Board Docs).

Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [<http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>] that “the balanced budget is not balanced”; he cited non-included City expenses. He believed that the City will have a \$250 million deficit per year for the next four years. He noted that lawsuit payouts are “not part of the Police budget.”

B. LADWP (Jack Humphreville).

Mr. Humphreville reported that Janisse Quiñones is the new DWP General Manager and Dave Hanson is the Interim Senior Assistant General Manager. Mr. Humphreville said “our rates are going to be going up significantly . . . Some of the environmental goals may not be attainable.”

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III.

C. LANCC (Jennifer DeVore – see agenda and notes in Board Docs).

Ms. DeVore referenced LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] information at the BDdocs Internet file. She reported that LANCC discussed City Council File #24-0867’s proposed term limits; “LANCC Members were uniformly against this Council File . . . It would require us to change our Board Bylaws . . .” LANCC also discussed City Council File #24-0602 regarding artificial turf [see below Item #XV. A.].

D. Homelessness Liaison (Dan Sterling).

Mr. Sterling was not present; there was no report.

E. Public Works Liaison (Edward Ruiz).

Mr. Ruiz reported that he met with a City Street Services representative. They got a 10% budget cut, which reduced services. Submit service requests, such as for tree trimming and sidewalk ramps, through the MyLA311 app, and MyLA311.LACity.org.

F. Other Liaisons or Representatives.

No other Liaison reports were made.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #15. A.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Board Vacancies:

1. Board Vacancies: NONE

2. Board Alternate Vacancies:

a) Board Alternate Vacant Seats: Area 2 - Citrus Square; Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 6 - La Brea/Hancock; Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Education; Religion

Mr. Starr noted the above.

b) Possible Motion(s) to appoint eligible stakeholders to vacant alternate seats.

- Erika Stuart, candidate for Area 2 - Citrus Square Alternate
- Other candidates

Mr. Starr noted the above. There were no candidates at this time.

B. Oath of Office (for newly-appointed board members:)

“I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”

C. Board Training Requirements:

1. EmpowerLA Guidelines:

- a) Currently unable to vote (as of 9/8/2024):
 - Board Members: Carpenter, Appel
 - Board Alternates: Newby, Cox, Winther, Aboltin

Mr. Starr noted the above.

- b) Courses and instructions can be found at:

<http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/> . Please check EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for your training expirations and email secretary@greaterwilshire.org if there are any inconsistencies.

- c) Per DONE, “Board members must have completed all FIVE trainings (Ethics, Funding, NEW Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias and Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training) in order to be current and vote on the board.” Failure to complete these trainings or acknowledge the amended Code of Conduct results in ineligibility to vote on funding and non-funding items in committee and general board meetings.

2. Code of Conduct: Required of all Board Members and Alternates. More info here:

<https://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>

- Aboltin
- Lewis

The above was noted.

3. Ethics and Funding Training: Ethics and Funding training is required every two years for Board members/Alternates and failure to take/update training renders members ineligible to vote on funding motions. Stakeholder Committee Member Ethics Training can be found at <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx> (certificate of completion required).

The following board members are shown at EmpowerLA.org/GWNC as NOT having completed Ethics and/or Funding within the last 2 years and are ineligible to vote:

- Aboltin (Funding, Ethics)

- Appel (Funding, Ethics)
- Carpenter (Funding)
- Cox (Ethics)
- Lewis (Funding, Ethics)
- Newby (Ethics)
- Winther (Ethics)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

4. Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training: Gender training is required to vote on both funding and non-funding items. You must only complete this training once. The following are ineligible to vote until this training is complete:
- Aboltin
 - Lewis
 - Newby

Mr. Starr noted the above.

5. Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training: ABLE training is required to vote on both funding and non-funding items. You must only complete this training once. The following are ineligible to vote until this training is complete:
- Aboltin
 - Lewis

Mr. Starr noted the above.

D. Adoption of GWNC General Board Meeting Minutes

1. July 10, 2024

No corrections or amendments were made.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its July 10, 2024 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); zero opposed; zero abstained. Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

2. August 14, 2024

No corrections or amendments were made.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by MJ Anderson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its August 14, 2024 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); zero opposed; zero abstained. Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

VII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President’s Report

Mr. Starr had no report.

B. Treasurer’s Report (Discussion and Possible Action). Please refer to MER REPORT in the supporting documents folder (<https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs/>).

1. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for August 2024 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Card Expenses

- 8/3 Public Storage August \$234.00

Checks Cleared

- 7/19 Ebell July Board Meeting Rent \$400.00

Checks Outstanding [none]

Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the August 2024 MER

- Apple One Minutes and Admin TBC

- UmeWorks TBC

- Congress of Neighborhoods \$100

Rollover Funds \$7,295.75

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for August 2024 and each individual expense listed therein.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Betancourt, Bryan, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rudnick, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

C. Vice-President’s Report

Mr. D'Atri ceded his time.

D. Secretary's Report

- a) Reminder to Committee Chairs: please have stakeholders on your committee sign the new Code and submit copies to secretary@greaterwilshire.org. Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no report.

VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and possible action)

A. Neighborhood Purposes Grants Ad Hoc Committee

1. FoodCycleLA

Possible Motion: The GWNC will award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$250 to FoodCycle LA for the purchase of bags for use at the monthly Larchmont Farmers Market Gleaning Project through June 30, 2025.

Ms. Harvey explained this. Colette Amin said the project started pre-pandemic, and explained the gleaning process. Carlos Acosta said that "every dollar actually goes very far . . . We work very actively to support / community . . ."

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. Chvatal: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$200 to FoodCycle LA for the purchase of bags for use at the monthly Larchmont Farmers Market Gleaning Project through June 30, 2025.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote the 17 eligible voters present with 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Betancourt, Bryan, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rudnick and Sicilia); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr). Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

2. Bicycle Kitchen

Possible Motion: The GWNC will award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$50 to Bicycle Kitchen for the purchase of tools.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$50 to Bicycle Kitchen for the purchase of tools.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote the 17 eligible voters present with 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Betancourt, Bryan, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rudnick and Sicilia); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr). Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

B. Possible Creation and Seating of Election Ad Hoc Committee

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. Chvatal: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council creates an ad hoc Election Committee with Jesseca Harvey as Chair, and Rochelle Lewis as a Member.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); zero opposed; zero abstained. Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #XIV.

IX. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran

Mr. Curran indicated that there was no report.

[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

B. 6721 Melrose Ave (and Mansfield): Filing date: 4/11/24. Demo of the existing commercial building and the construction, use, and maintenance of a new 29,313 sf, 6-story, 32-unit residential building with 4-VLI units, over one subterranean and one at-grade level of parking with 23 parking spaces total; plus a roof deck with open space and amenities, and 519 sf of commercial and lobby space on the ground floor. Case no: CPC-2024-2365-DB (Density Bonus)-WDI-VHCA. Zoning: C4-1XL. Area 8: Melrose; CD 5. Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project located at 6721 Melrose Ave - the construction, use, and maintenance of a new 29,313 sf, 6-story, 32-unit residential building with 4-VLI units, over one subterranean and one at-grade level of parking with 23 parking spaces total; plus a roof deck with open space and amenities, and 519 sf of commercial and lobby space on the ground floor - as presented to the GWNC Land Use Committee on August 27, 2024.

Mr. Curran reported that the Land Use Committee unanimously passed the Motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the project located at 6721 Melrose Ave - the construction, use, and maintenance of a new 29,313 sf, 6-story, 32-unit residential building with 4-VLI units, over one subterranean and one at-grade level of parking with 23 parking spaces total; plus a roof deck with open space and amenities, and 519 sf of commercial and lobby space on the ground floor - as presented to the GWNC Land Use Committee on August 27, 2024.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Harvey listed objections to the project.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Betancourt, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran and DeVore,); five opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Galan, Gresham, Harvey, Kim and Sicilia); five abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Bryan, D’Atri, Gilbert, Rudnick and Starr). Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

- C. 654 N Manhattan Pl (and Melrose): Licensing of Western Caregivers Inc. DBA California Cannabis WC. Zoning: C2-1. Area 9: Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; CD 13. Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Cannabis Regulation Commission (CRC) Application for 654 N Manhattan Pl., for Western Caregivers Inc. DBA California Cannabis WC, as presented to the GWNC Land Use Committee on August 27, 2024.

Mr. Curran explained the Motion, which the Committee had approved.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Cannabis Regulation Commission (CRC) Application for 654 N. Manhattan Pl., for Western Caregivers Inc. DBA California Cannabis WC, as presented to the GWNC Land Use Committee on August 27, 2024.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by consent of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); zero opposed; zero abstained. Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

- D. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>

Mr. Curran reported that there’d be a Hearing the next day at the City’s Cultural Heritage Commission regarding 215 S. Wilton Pl. [The Board approved, at its Nov. 14, 2022 Board Meeting, sending a letter to the Commission regarding “Mills Act contract violations and illegal demolitions of the interiors and exterior, and potential fraud . . . of a designated historic resource within the Wilton National Historic District.”]

At this time, Ms. Chvatal said that she’d wanted to change her vote on Item #IX. B. regarding 6721 Melrose Ave. from “yes” to “abstain.”

X. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.
Ms. Estabrook reported.

B. Possible Motion to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.
No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee will be supported by the Sustainability Committee for the Litter Cleanup Day on November 16th, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. All volunteers must sign up before the event.
No Motion was made or vote taken.

D. Possible Motion: Whenever the GWNC has a formal role with the FoodCycleLA food gleaning project at the Larchmont Farmers Market on the 1st Sunday of each month — such as when the GWNC is providing an NPG to the program — the Sustainability Committee will be the committee to liaise with the project’s representatives, and members of the Committee will be invited to volunteer for the project.

Ms. Amin reported that the Outreach Committee made multiple attempts for three years to collaborate with the Sustainability Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Whenever the GWNC has a formal role with the FoodCycle LA food gleaning project at the Larchmont Farmers Market on the 1st Sunday of each month — such as when the GWNC is providing an NPG to the program — the Sustainability Committee will be the committee to liaise with the project’s representatives, and members of the Committee will be invited to volunteer for the project.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Betancourt, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, Galan and Harvey); zero opposed; ten abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Bryan, Carroll, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Rudnick, Sicilia and Starr). Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

E. Next Meeting: The next ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at the Memorial Branch Library, Community Room, 4625 with Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, 90019.

XI. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Charles D’Atri.

Mr. D’Atri reported that a “contentious” property use issue was discussed. It was referred to CD5 for adjudication.

B. Next Meeting: The next Quality of Life Committee Meeting will be held at a special date due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977930618>

Mr. D’Atri noted the meeting will be “one week earlier than usual.”

XII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey

Ms. Harvey said there was no quorum to hold a meeting. She noted upcoming events.

B. Possible Motion to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. Next Meeting: The Next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

XIII. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Gary Gilbert.

B. “So You Think You’re Prepared?” - Possible Motion to approve the content and distribution plan for an online earthquake preparedness survey/quiz to be shared with the Greater Wilshire community.

Mr. Gilbert will to re-agendize the above for the October Committee meeting. Their new Member is Dan Sterling.

C. Possible Motion to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

D. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

Mr. Gilbert noted the above.

XIV. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Cindy Chvatal.

Ms. Chvatal reported.

B. Next Meeting: September 19th, 6:30pm via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555>

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #IX.

XV. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS), RESOLUTIONS, REQUESTS FOR ACTION. (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Council File 24-0602 (Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping). This motion requests that a report on the cost, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles be developed. California’s SB676 was signed into law in October, 2023, thereby allowing municipalities an opportunity to investigate the regulation and possible banning of artificial turf installations in cities throughout the state. Prior to SB 676’s passage, California homeowners who chose to install artificial turf were protected from possible sanctions by homeowner associations based on a bill (AB 349) passed in 2015. Most artificial turf contains PFAS chemicals. In April 2024, the EPA categorized PFAS and other "forever chemicals" as hazardous substances dangerous to human health. The EPA concluded that exposure to PFAS may lead to reproductive effects, developmental delays and risks of some cancers. Exposure can happen through inhalation, ingestion, skin contact and mucous membrane exposure, including microplastic dust kicked up on artificial turf fields. The Santa Clara County Medical Association published their Policy Recommendations on the use of Artificial Turf on Landscapes, Schools and Playing Fields on June 10, 2024 and came out against its use. In light of the issues arising with the use of artificial turf, the LA City Council’s motion requests that the use of artificial turf be studied. Possible Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS in support of (“For”) Council File 24-0602 requesting a report on the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles.

MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS in support of (“For”) Council File 24-0602 requesting a report on the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles.

DISCUSSION: Lisa Hart, of a task force of Neighborhood Council Members from across the city, reported that 15 CISs already support the council File. She explained that “this is just a study . . . It really, in fact, does not save water.” Runoff is contaminated with PFAS (“forever chemicals”) “It’s way . . . too hot.” Mr. Carpenter reported that the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Committee was “adamantly opposed” to artificial turf, especially because it’s harmful to trees. Mr. Gresham said there’s a need to deal with artificial turf disposal; even in landfills, the chemicals leach into the groundwater. Mr. D’Atri noted that many pub officials advocated for artificial turf installations.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Betancourt, Bryan, Carroll, Chvatal, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Galan, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Rudnick, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. Three were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct (Appel, Carpenter and Lewis).

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B. Council File 24-0867 (Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth). Possible Motion: The GWNC [supports/opposes/etc] the motion referred to by CF 24-0867 on the basis of [such-and-such].

No Motion was made or vote taken.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

There was no new business.

XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/COMMENTS

Ms. Chvatal suggested putting “suggested speaking times” on the Agenda.

XVIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion only)

A. Formation of a 2028 Los Angeles Olympics Ad Hoc Committee

No other requests were made.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting: The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 9 via Zoom.

Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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