



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 14, 2025  
Approved June 11, 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](http://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 6:30 p.m. and explained procedures, reminding Board Members to check with the City Attorney if the Member has a possible or definite conflict of interest.

### **B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)**

The Secretary called the roll. Thirteen of the 19 Board Members or their Alternate(s) were present online at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers (Alternate for Brian Curran), Scott Appel, Jeffry Carpenter, Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Dave Cavalier (Alternate for MJ Anderson), Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Romi Cortier, Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Gary Gilbert, John Gresham, Rochelle Lewis, Owen Smith and Conrad Starr (President). Charles D'Atri (Vice-President) and Julie Kim arrived later. Four Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate: Andy Galan, Jesseca Harvey (Assistant Secretary), Anne Rudnick and Sixto Sicilia. 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. Nineteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant [Religion, and Country Club Heights; see Item #V. A. 1.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Six Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. A. 2.]. Also attended: approximately 15 Stakeholders and guests.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. B.*

## **II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A. Fifth Council District (Michelle Flores - [michelle.flores@lacity.org](mailto: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](mailto:Michelle.Flores@LACity.org);

<https://councildistrict5.LACity.gov>], reported on the Councilmember’s work to preserve

funding for critical City staff, and on upcoming events and street and sidewalk repairs/maintenance, including on First St. between McCadden and Highland.

- B. Thirteenth Council District (Mark Fuentes - [mark.fuentes@lacity.org](mailto:mark.fuentes@lacity.org)).  
Mark Fuentes, Senior Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez [213-993-2991; <https://cd13.LACity.org>]. Mr. Starr relayed that Mr. Fuentes couldn't attend this Meeting.
- C. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho [33817@lapd.online](mailto:33817@lapd.online) & Chavez [36304@lapd.online](mailto:36304@lapd.online) (Olympic), Rodriguez [35738@lapd.online](mailto:35738@lapd.online) and Shuck [40740@lapd.online](mailto:40740@lapd.online) (Wilshire)).  
Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-473-0476; cell/text phone 213-793-0715; [35738@LAPD.Online](mailto:35738@LAPD.Online); <https://www.LAPDOnline.org/lapd-contact/west-bureau/wilshire-community-police-station>], described recent burglar behaviors: they're usually in crews of three to four people and not interested in engaging homeowners. He encouraged not to be too concerned with profiling and to quickly contact neighbors you if see a suspicious vehicle or people, to verify if the suspicious vehicle/people don't belong there. He said, "if you're driving down a public street, there shouldn't be an expectation of privacy." He reported on the 1100 Crenshaw Blvd. assault and robbery, reminding to "walk with a purpose" and that "it's not a good idea" to walk your dog late at night. The Pico and Victoria shooting "was an isolated incident . . . the victim was coming out of a bar" that was "operating outside of their ABC license" at 3:00 a.m. He announced a May 21<sup>st</sup> AAPI Symposium and a June 1<sup>st</sup> Wilshire Division Open House. There was discussion of what can be done if a person/people exhibit concerning behavior. Officer Rodriguez said that, if you don't feel safe, "call 9-1-1 . . . you will never be second-guessed."

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. A.*

- D. LA Metro (Ned Racine - [racinen@metro.net](mailto:racinen@metro.net)).  
Ned Racine, Metro Principal Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-418-5993, [RacineN@metro.net](mailto:RacineN@metro.net); 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; [PurpleLineExt@metro.net](mailto:PurpleLineExt@metro.net); [www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt](https://www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt](https://www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt](https://www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt)], described intersections to be restored, possibly by July 1st, including sidewalks.

*Board Member Charles D'Atri arrived at this time (6:35), making 14 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

Mr. Racine will send intersection closure information.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. F.*

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

Octaviano Rios, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; [Octaviano.Rios@LACity.org](mailto:Octaviano.Rios@LACity.org); [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)], reported that election results are posted; he thanked outgoing and future Board Members for their service. He highly recommended attending the Congress of Neighborhood Councils, Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. DONE is seeking feedback regarding Board Members' training. He had no news regarding rollover funds. NCs probably will be allocated \$25,000 in annual funding, instead of the \$32,000 of recent years. The Recreation and Parks Dept. "needs assessment" is encouraged to be submitted by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. DeVore was disappointed that the DONE General Manager accepted the Mayor's proposed \$25,000 NCs allocation, while DONE holds onto four DONE employees; Ms. DeVore noted that NCs started with \$50,000 and "needs have gone up, not down." Mr. Starr reported that GWNC had contacted DONE to confirm that the GWNC is keeping its Canva account.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. C.*

F. Mayor's Office (David C. Nguyen - [david.c.nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:david.c.nguyen@lacity.org)).

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

G. Second Supervisorial District (Field Deputy Daniel Park - [DPark@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:DPark@bos.lacounty.gov)).

Daniel Park, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Two Supervisor Holly Mitchell (213-974-2222; [DPark@bos.LACounty.gov](mailto:DPark@bos.LACounty.gov); <https://LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/holly-mitchell>), was not present; there was no report.

H. Third Supervisorial District (Field Deputy Amanda Laflen - [alaflen@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:alaflen@bos.lacounty.gov)).

Amanda Laflen, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (213-440-0927; <https://lindseyhorvath.LACounty.gov>), was not present. Mr. Starr reported that Ms. Laflen emailed a document about Metro.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. E.*

I. Other Government Representatives.

There were no other reports at this time.

### **III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments at this time.

### **IV. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS**

A. Budget Representative (Jack Humphreville).

Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report [see <http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>].

B. LADWP (Jack Humphreville).

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

C. LANCC (Jennifer DeVore).

Ms. DeVore reported that LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; [LANCC@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:LANCC@EmpowerLA.org); [www.LANCC.org](http://www.LANCC.org)] discussed the City budget, especially the proposed NCs annual allocation reduction from \$32,000 to \$25,000, and rollover funds disposition. At this meeting, there was discussion of training requirements “and the lack of adequate training for Board Members and volunteers” by DONE.

D. Other Liaisons or Representatives.

No other Liaison reports were made.

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Filling Board and Board Alternate Vacant Seats.

1. Board Vacancies: Religion, Country Club Heights.
2. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 3 - Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 6 - La Brea/Hancock; Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews; Education; Religion.
3. Possible Motion(s) to appoint eligible stakeholders to vacant board and board alternate seats.

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

B. Board Training (Required by DONE in order to vote)

1. EmpowerLA Training Guidelines: Board members must have completed all five trainings (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias and Gender Expression and Gender Identity) in order to vote and are otherwise ineligible to vote on funding and non-funding items in committee and general board meetings.
  - a) Currently unable to vote (as of 5/11/2025):
    - Board Members: Harvey, Smith
    - Board Alternates: Newby, Cox, Winther, Aboltin
  - b) Courses and instructions can be found at:  
<http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/> . Please check [EmpowerLA.org/GWNC](http://EmpowerLA.org/GWNC) for your training expirations and email [secretary@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:secretary@greaterwilshire.org) if there are any inconsistencies.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

2. Code of Conduct: Required of all Board Members and Alternates. More info here: <https://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/> . The following Board Members and Alternates have not completed the Code of Conduct: Aboltin

Mr. Starr noted the above.

3. Ethics and Funding Training: Ethics and Funding training is required every two years for Board members/Alternates. 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: Smith (Ethics); Harvey (Funding); Aboltin (Funding, Ethics); Cox (Ethics, Funding); Newby (Ethics); Winther (Ethics, Funding)

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: Aboltin, Newby

Mr. Starr noted the above.

5. Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training: ABLE training is required to vote. You must only complete this training once. The following are ineligible to vote: Aboltin

Mr. Starr noted the above.

#### C. Adoption of GWNC General Board Meeting Minutes.

1. April 2025 GWNC Board Meeting Minutes

No corrections or amendments were made.

**MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by MCD): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its April 9, 2025 General Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 13 eligible voters present with all 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Cavalier, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Lewis and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

2. March 30, 2025 Special Meeting

The above Item was not addressed.

## **VI. OFFICER REPORTS**

### A. President’s Report.

Mr. Starr encouraged incoming Board Members to review the Board Rules to get ready for Board service. “This term continues until” the new Board is sworn in.

*Board Member Julie Kim arrived at this time (7:40), making 15 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).*

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

1. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2025 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the MER.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2025 and each individual expense listed therein.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Cavalier, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Lewis and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

2. CC

4/3/25	Public Storage April	\$247.00
4/29/25	Larchmont Chronicle -Elections	\$386.00

3. Checks

*[The above Item was blank on the Agenda.]*

4. 4/7 Larchmont Buzz -Elections \$1410.00  
4/18 AppleOne Minutes \$446.22  
4/18 AppleOne Admin \$321.72

5. Past expenses that may show up in May

NPG	Reissue check	\$200.00
5/7	Apple One- Admin	\$620.46
5/7	Apple One – Minutes	\$277.97
5/9	Apple ONE – Admin	\$402.15
	Various AppleOne	TBD
	Ume Works	TBD
	Ebell Nov Invoice	\$400
	Congress of Neighborhoods	\$100

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above Item #s VI. B. 2. – 5.

6. Possible Motion: Move to Transfer \$500 from Roll Over Funds to Minutes Writer category to cover expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council to transfer \$500 from Roll Over Funds to Minutes Writer category to cover expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Cavalier, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Lewis and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

7. Possible Motion: Move to Transfer \$52 from Roll Over Funds to Public Storage category to cover expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Lewis): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council to transfer \$52 from Roll Over Funds to Public Storage category to cover expenses.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Cavalier, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Lewis and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

8. Possible Motion: Approval of Revised FY 2024-2025 Administrative Packet and Budget.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to Table the above Item.

9. Possible Motion: Approval of FY 2025-2026 Administrative Packet, Budget, and Inventory.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to Table the above Item.

10. Important Fiscal Year 24-25 Dates

- a) May 20th, 2025 - Final date to submit an Event Approval Request using current Fiscal Year funds.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

- b) June 1st, 2025 - Final date to submit a check payment request through the NC Funding System portal (including Neighborhood Purposes Grants - NPGs).

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

c) June 20th, 2025 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above Item #s VI. B. 10. a) – c).

C. Vice President's Report.

Mr. D'Atri ceded his time.

D. Secretary's Report.

Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no report.

**VII. AD HOC COMMITTEES** (Discussion and possible action)

A. Election Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC designates \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up the certified GWNC election results from the City Clerk's office.

Ms. Harvey wasn't present. Mr. Starr explained the Motion. Ms. Lewis volunteered to pick up the material. It was agreed to use the word "materials," instead of "results," in the Motion.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Alpers): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council designates Rochelle Lewis to pick up the certified GWNC election materials from the City Clerk's office.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by consent with all 14 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #XI.*

**VIII. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran

Mr. Alpers reported that the Committee was working on two projects.

- B. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>

The above Item was not addressed.

**IX. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.

The above Item was not addressed.

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

There were no Motions.

C. Next Meeting: The next GWNC ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2025 via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>.

Ms. Estabrook said the Committee may move up its next meeting to June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**X. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey.

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

Chair Ms. Harvey was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

**XI. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Committee Report - Chair: Gary Gilbert.

1. Update on “So you think you’re prepared?” Quiz.

Mr. Gilbert encouraged completing and forwarding the Quiz to others to complete.

2. Report on new plan to address fire preparedness in the GWNC area

The above Item was not addressed.

3. Create a supplemental list for earthquake preparedness for GWNC website

The above Item was not addressed.

B. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>.

Mr. Gilbert said the next Committee Meeting will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>, not the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VIII.*

**XII. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)**

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

Mr. D’Atri encouraged suggesting items for the Committee to consider.

B. Next Meeting: The next Quality of Life Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977930618>.

Mr. D’Atri noted the above.

**XIII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Cindy Chvatal.

The above Item was not addressed.

B. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30pm via Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555>.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above.

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

A. Discussion and Possible Action on CF 25-0600 (Mayor’s Proposed Reduction of NC Annual Budget and Action re Rollover Funds.) Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that the Mayor and City Council restore the amount annually allocated to at least the current \$32,000. The GWNC supports the rollover of all unexpended funds from this fiscal year to next year, as proposed in the Mayor's Budget. A Community Impact Statement will be filed to Council File 25-0600, Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that the Mayor and City Council restore the amount annually allocated to at least the current \$32,000. The GWNC supports the rollover of all unexpended funds from this fiscal year to next year, as proposed in the Mayor's Budget. A Community Impact Statement will be filed to Council File 25-0600, Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Carpenter, Carroll, Cavalier, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Lewis and Starr); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Appel). One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Council File 25-0002-S13 (Resolution (Padilla - Blumenfield) relative to including in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program a position on AB 467 (Fong), which would extend the authorization for Neighborhood Councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions to conduct meetings remotely until January 1, 2030.) Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports AB467 (Fong) which extends authorization for NCs to meet via Zoom until January 1, 2030.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to revise the Motion wording, which Ms. DeVore explained.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

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will file a CIS in support of Council File 25-0002-S13 (Resolution (Padilla - Blumenfield) relative to including in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program a position on AB 467 (Fong) which extends authorization for NCs to meet via Zoom until January 1, 2030.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by consent with all 14 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Council File 25-0314 (Advisory Group on the City's Finances and Budget / Financial Crisis / Long-Term Fiscal Health - HARRIS-DAWSON/YAROSLAVSKY). Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the idea of an Advisory Group to aid the City Council in setting the Los Angeles City budget on a sustainable path. With a projected budget gap of nearly \$1 billion, business as usual will not work. In fact, business as usual has never worked. The failure of it took until now to catch up with all of us. The 99 Neighborhood Councils were formed to advise the City government. The Neighborhood Councils should have a seat at the table. One Advisory Group member from the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates is an obvious choice. The Budget Advocates include representatives from each of the City's twelve service regions. Within the Neighborhood Council system, the Budget Advocates have the best knowledge of the City budget and they have a track record of recommendations on the City budget dating back 14 years. The Budget Advocates are ready and equipped to serve in this group. We urge you to appoint a Budget Advocate to the Advisory Group to give Neighborhood Councils a strong voice in providing solutions to the City's budget woes.

Mr. Starr explained the Motion.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Chvatal): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

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will file a CIS in support of Council File 25-0314 (Advisory Group on the City's Finances and Budget / Financial Crisis / Long-Term Fiscal Health - HARRIS-DAWSON/YAROSLAVSKY) if amended as follows:

The GWNC supports the idea of an Advisory Group to aid the City Council in setting the Los Angeles City budget on a sustainable path. With a projected budget gap of nearly \$1 billion, business as usual will not work. In fact, business as usual has never

worked. The failure of it took until now to catch up with all of us. The 99 Neighborhood Councils were formed to advise the City government. The Neighborhood Councils should have a seat at the table. One Advisory Group member from the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates is an obvious choice. The Budget Advocates include representatives from each of the City's twelve service regions. Within the Neighborhood Council system, the Budget Advocates have the best knowledge of the City budget and they have a track record of recommendations on the City budget dating back 14 years. The Budget Advocates are ready and equipped to serve in this group. We urge you to appoint a Budget Advocate to the Advisory Group to give Neighborhood Councils a strong voice in providing solutions to the City's budget woes.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Cavalier, Chvatal, Cortier, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Lewis and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #XIV. E.*

- D. Congress of Neighborhoods Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will contribute up to \$500 to the Congress of Neighborhoods - Event.

Mr. Starr reminded that the GWNC previously allocated \$100, which, for a technical reason, was denied by the City Clerk. Mr. Starr and Ms. Carroll recommended not exceeding a \$250 allocation. There was discussion of how much to allocate.

*This Agenda Item was Laid on the Table, then returned to after Item #XIV. E.*

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will contribute \$250 to the Congress of Neighborhoods - Event.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by consent; zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

- E. Budget Day Possible Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will contribute up to \$500 to Neighborhood Council Budget Day.

It was agreed to make a \$250, not \$500 allocation.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will contribute \$250 to Neighborhood Council Budget Day.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by consent; zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

F. June 11 Board Meeting Possible Motion to hold its June Regular Meeting in person at the Ebell of Los Angeles.

Mr. Starr explained possibilities of meeting in person June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by MCD): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will hold its Regular Meeting June 11th in person at the Ebell of Los Angeles, if possible.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Cavalier, Chvatal, Cortier, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Lewis and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Smith) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

#### **XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting: The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 by Zoom. See agenda when posted for details.

Mr. Starr noted that the next Board Meeting may be in person, not “by Zoom.” [*See above Item #XIV. F.*]

#### **XVI. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No other requests were made.

#### **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Starr **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin, Minutes Writer

*The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Possibly edited by the GWNC. The GWNC Board Meeting Minutes page is <http://greaterwilshire.org/board-agendas-minutes>.*