



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, September 10, 2025  
Approved October 8, 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 (GWNC President).**

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held online. President Jennifer DeVore called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 (GWNC Secretary)**

The Secretary called the roll. Seventeen of the 20 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers, MJ Anderson, Patti Carroll (Treasurer), Dave Cavalier, Romi Cortier, Brian Curran, Charles D’Atri (Alternate for Eli Chitrik), Julie Dalton, Jennifer DeVore (President), Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelsohn, John Gresham (Vice-President), Natalie Irby, Drew Kiesow, Lisha Sevanian (Alternate for Rochelle Lewis), Conrad Starr (Alternate for Isaac Zakon) and Erika Stuart (Secretary). Jesseca Harvey (Alternate for Richard Gano) arrived later. Scott Appel and Sixto Sicilia were 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. Twenty of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [Area 3 - Country Club Heights; see Item #V. A. 1.; to apply see [www.GreaterWilshire.org](http://www.GreaterWilshire.org)]. Five Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. A. 2.]. Also attended: approximately 20 Stakeholders and guests.

## **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>], was not present; there was no report.

- B. Thirteenth Council District (Mark Fuentes - [mark.fuentes@lacity.org](mailto:mark.fuentes@lacity.org)).  
Ms. DeVore reported that a report from Mark Fuentes, Senior Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez [213-993-2991; <https://cd13.LACity.org>], was in the BDdocs folder.
- 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)).  
Tyler Shuck, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer; cell/text phone 213-793-0650; [40740@LAPD.Online](mailto:40740@LAPD.Online);  
<https://www.LAPDOnline.org/lapd-contact/west-bureau/wilshire-community-police-station>], reported that burglaries have plateaued. Six burglaries, so far, were connected to a burglary crew; their M.O. is similar. There were four vehicle break-ins and five vehicle thefts; three suspects were taken into custody, with guns. He reminded to “keep your distance . . . call 9-1-1” if you see suspicious activity; “don’t confront them.” Catalytic converter thefts are being addressed. Trespassing only can be prosecuted if complaints have been made and a ‘no trespassing’ order already has been issued.
- Harry Cho, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0649; [33817@LAPD.Online](mailto:33817@LAPD.Online);  
[http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station)], reported that there’ve been many DUI traffic accidents, including involving pedestrians. “Jaywalking is no longer illegal,” so be careful driving and walking.
- Danny Chavez, an Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0714; [36304@LAPD.Online](mailto:36304@LAPD.Online);  
[http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station)], reminded to secure property. There were five to seven vehicle thefts in the last week. He described an upcoming neighborhood walk with Police. He described the situation with prostitution and trafficking of young women.
- 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](http://www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt](http://www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt); [www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt](http://www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt)], was not present; there was no report.
- E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE (Prabhjot Chamber - [prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org](mailto:prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org)).  
*[This Item was addressed after Item #V. A. 3. C.]* Prabhjot Chamber, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)], listed upcoming events, including the September 27<sup>th</sup> Congress of Neighborhoods. She explained the procedure regarding suspension of Board Members who haven’t completed training(s) and/or signed the Code of Conduct. Members listed in this Agenda as such are suspended.

- 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; there was no report.
- I. Other Government Representatives.  
There were no other reports at this time.

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

Long-time resident Sam Uretsky encouraged opposing Senate Bill 79 (the Abundant & Affordable Homes Near Transit Act).

### **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 - see AI-generated minutes in Board Docs).  
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)] information was in the BDdocs folder.
- D. Other Liaisons or Representatives.  
No other Liaison reports were made.

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

- A. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration  
1. Board Director Vacancies: - Area 3 - Country Club Heights

Ms. DeVore noted the above. There were no candidates at this time.

2. Board Alternate Vacancies: - Area 3 – Country Club Heights; Area 4 - Fremont Place; Area 12 - Western-Wilton; Area 13 - Wilshire Park; and Renters.

Ms. DeVore noted the above. See below.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #V. A. 3. b.*

3. Nominations, Elections and/or Motions to Appoint
  - a) Fremont Place Alt: Sasha Salinger

Ms. Salinger described her interest in serving. Ms. Dalton nominated Sasha Salinger as the Area 4 (Fremont Place) Representative [Alternate] Board Member.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Cortier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Sasha Salinger as the Area 4 (Freemont Place) Representative [Alternate] Board Member.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Harvey, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained. One was ineligible (Dalton) to vote due to not having completed, one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

- b) Renters Alt: Dennis Boyle

Long-time Larchmont resident Mr. Boyle described his background and desire to “do [his] part to give back to the community.” Mr. Cavalier supported Mr. Boyle’s candidacy. No Motion was made or vote taken.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #V. A. 3. a).*

- c) Other nominations, Elections, and/or Motions to Appoint

Ms. DeVore indicated that there were no more nominations.

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

4. Oath of Office for New Board Members and Alternates (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE). “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.”

Just before this meeting was adjourned, Ms. Sevanian read aloud the Oath.

B. EmpowerLA Training.

1. Ineligible to vote due to training (per DONE as of 9/7/2025): Chitrick, Dalton, Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Sevanian, Shusterman, Zakon. (Contact secretary@greaterwilshire.org in advance of the meeting if you are on this list and have completed your training.)
2. Requirements: Code of Conduct must be completed within 30 days. Failure to complete the Code within 30 days will result in suspension from the Board by DONE. Failure to complete the Code within 60 days will result in removal from the Board by DONE. “As Per Policy Number 2014-2(1), a board member has 30 days to complete their Code of Conduct training. If a newly elected board member does not complete the Code of Conduct training within the 30 day time frame, that board member will be suspended from their Neighborhood Council, cannot act on any Neighborhood Council matters, and cannot be counted towards establishing a quorum for the Neighborhood Council. If the Code of Conduct is not completed within 30 days of suspension, the board member will be removed from the Neighborhood Council board.”
3. Code of Conduct: Must be completed within 30 days of the start of the term. MISSING: Isaac Zakon, Eli Chitrik, Oliver Rosenberg, Joseph Shusterman, Matt Ritter, Steve Grossman, Meir Finck
4. Ethics and Funding Training: Must be completed every 2 years. MISSING one or both: Lisha Sevanian, Julie Dalton, Sixto Sicilia, Isaac Zakon, Eli Chitrik, Oliver Rosenberg, Joseph Shusterman, Matt Ritter, Steve Grossman, Meir Finck. (Stakeholder committee member Ethics Training can be found at <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx> - certificate of completion required).
5. Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training: Must be completed once. MISSING: Julie Dalton, Isaac Zakon, Eli Chitrik, Oliver Rosenberg, Joseph Shusterman, Matt Ritter, Steve Grossman, Meir Finck,
6. Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training: Must be completed once. MISSING: Julie Dalton, Isaac Zakon, Eli Chitrik, Oliver Rosenberg, Joseph Shusterman, Matt Ritter, Steve Grossman, Meir Finck.

Ms. DeVore noted above Item #s B. 1. – B. 6.

C. Adoption of August 13, 2025 General Board Meeting Minutes

No corrections or amendments were made.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council accepts the Minutes of its August 13, 2025 General Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Gilbert, Gittelton, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**VI. OFFICER REPORTS**

A. President’s Report.

Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no report.

B. Vice President’s Report.

Mr. Gresham reminded that Board Members represent all Stakeholders in their area.

C. 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 2025 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for August 2025 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”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Gilbert, Gittelton, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. CC

8/3/25	Public Storage August	\$247.00
8/5/25	Larchmont Chronicle	\$ 98.00

Checks

8/11/25	At Work Minutes	\$412.96
8/11/25	At Work Admin	\$555.94
8/11/25	At Work Admin	\$353.78

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

3. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the Sept 2025 MER

8/28/25	At Work Minutes	\$229.43
8/28/25	At Work Admin	530.67
	At Work TBD	
	Ebell July Board Meeting	- \$400

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

4. Possible Motion: To confirm the Quarterly Live GWNC Board Meetings to be held at the Ebell the months of July, October, January & April @ \$400 per meeting.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by MJ Anderson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council confirms the Quarterly Live GWNC Board Meetings to be held at the Ebell the months of July, October, January & April @ \$400 per meeting.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by consent of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Gilbert, Gittelton, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

5. Please Note: GWNC City Funds 25/25 were \$25,000. Rollover Funds will be \$11,201.96 for a total of \$36,201.96. Expenses year 24/25 were \$28,343.79 with Funding of \$32,000 and Roll over of \$7,545.75 with a total of \$39,545.75.

Ms. Carroll noted the above. She confirmed that “25/25” should be “25/26.”

D. Secretary’s Report.

Ms. Stuart indicated that there was no report.

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

**VII. NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion and Po[ssible] Selection of Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers (up to 5)

*[There was no Agenda Item #VII. A.]*

1. Possible Motion: Be it resolved, that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board: [INSERT NAME(S)] Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

Ms. DeVore explained the CIS approval procedure. She suggested adding Mark Alpers, Dave Cavalier and Erika Stuart as Filers.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gittelton, seconded by Mr. Curran): Be it resolved, that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board: Mark Alpers, Dave Cavalier and Erika Stuart. Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

*Board Members Charlie D'Atri (7:58) and Conrad Starr (8:00) left at this time, making 15 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

Mr. Gresham noted that he and Ms. DeVore were the other two Filers.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, Dalton, DeVore, Gilbert, Gittelton, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sicilia and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

**B. Liaison/GWNC Representative Appointments**

1. NC Regional Grievance Panelist
2. Budget Representative(s)
3. Homelessness Liaison
4. Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition Representative (s)
5. LADWP Representative
6. LADWP Ratepayer Advocate
7. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Representative
8. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance Representative
9. Public Works Liaison
10. [Other liaisons or representatives]

Ms. DeVore noted that current Liaisons/Representatives include #1 – Owen Smith; #2 and #5 – Jack Humphreville; #3 – Tony Gittelton and Dan Sterling; and #4 – Jen DeVore.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Alpers): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves for existing Liaisons, and Tony Gittelton as a Homelessness Liaison, to be accepted as Acting Liaisons until such time as a vote can be taken on a finalized set of Liaisons.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. DeVore noted that others can volunteer to be Liaisons/Representatives.

**C. Selection of Keyholders**

1. Mailbox Keys - the UPS Store (2)
2. Public Storage Keys (2)

No Motion was made or vote taken on above Item #s VII. C. 1. and 2.

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

**VIII. RESILIENCE AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEES aka PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE** (Discussion and Possible Action)

*Proposed Subject Matter Jurisdiction: All matters concerning public safety, emergency preparedness, crime, homelessness, or any stakeholder well-being issue that comes before the GWNC and that does not fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of another GWNC Committee, or that is expressly referred by the Board to the Quality of Life Committee.*

A. Committee Report: Past QOL Chair, Charles D’Atri

1. Proposed re-conceptualized committee name: Public Safety & Quality of Life
2. Proposed meeting date + time: even-month first Mondays at 6:30 PM over Zoom
3. Proposed Subject Matter Jurisdiction: All matters concerning public safety, emergency preparedness, crime, homelessness, and stakeholder well-being which come before the GWNC and which do not fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of another GWNC Committee, or which are expressly referred by the Board to the Committee.
4. Proposed Membership and Leadership: Charles D’Atri, Chair. Conrad Starr, Secretary. Diana Braker, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelson, Natalie Irby, Dan Sterling.

Mr. D’Atri explained proposed Board rules revisions to conform with the Brown Act, limiting Committee membership to five Board Members.

B. Discussion and Possible Motions:

1. Committee: The GWNC selects Charles D’Atri, Conrad Starr, Diana Braker, Gary Gilbert, Natalie Irby, Tony Gittelson and Dan Sterling to serve as the Public Safety + Quality of Life Committee with Charles D’Atri to serve as Chair and Conrad Starr to serve as Secretary. The Committee will meet in even-numbered months on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

**MOTION** (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Gilbert): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Charles D’Atri, Chair; Conrad Starr, Secretary; and Diana Braker, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelson, Natalie Irby and Dan Sterling as Members of the Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Starr noted that two Committee Members withdrew their Membership so that others could serve.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Board Rules: The GWNC will update its board rules to account for the combination of the former Resilience and Quality of Life Committees into a new committee: the Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee; and, for the purposes of this committee, will allow board “director” members and “alternate” board members holding the same seat to count as one when assessing the maximum number of board members on the committee, which is limited to 5.

**MOTION** (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will update its board rules to account for the combination of the former Resilience and Quality of Life Committees into a new committee: the Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee; and, for the purposes of this committee, will allow board “director” members and “alternate” board members holding the same seat to count as one when assessing the maximum number of board members on the committee, which is limited to five.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with all 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Next Meeting: The next Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee meeting will be on Monday, October 6 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Details will be available on GWNC website and in the posted agenda. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

Mr. D’Atri noted the above.

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

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

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran.

*Board Member Erika Stuart recused and was ineligible to vote (self-declared as/was declared ineligible to participate in a discussion or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest) (because of the proximity of her property ownership to 200 S. Orange Dr.) and was muted and left the video at this time (8:09), making 14 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”*

Mr. Curran reported that, at the last Committee meeting there was disc regarding 200 S. Orange Dr. Mr. Alpers attended this day’s Zoning Administrator Hearing, which he said was well-attended and long, regarding 200 S. Orange Dr. He described the status.

B. 200 S. Orange Dr. (Beis Medrash of Hancock Park): Conditional Use Permit for use of an existing residence for religious services. 1,847 sqft of the first floor within the main building and 419 sqft of the detached building will be used for religious purposes. A Public Hearing has been scheduled by the City Planning Department for September 10, 2025 at 9:30am via Zoom: <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/84842502318>. Case no: ZA-2024-6488-CU2. Zoning: R2-1. Area 2: Citrus Square; CD 5. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Cortier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the following conditions of approval to be included in the Conditional

Use Permit (CUP) for the Beis Medrash Synagogue of Hancock Park at 200-202 S. Orange Drive (Case No: ZA-2024-6488-CU2):

- (1) The CUP activities shall be limited to the existing first floor of the house and the existing garage, and the CUP shall establish maximum occupancy limits for those interior locations consistent with fire life safety concerns;
- (2) The owners and occupants of the property shall grant entry upon request to any Los Angeles enforcement officer from any City department or division (e.g., LAPD, LADBS, LADWP, etc.) so that the enforcement officer can verify building occupancy and compliance with the maximum occupancy condition and other CUP conditions;
- (3) All activities authorized by the CUP shall be conducted inside the existing first floor of the house and the existing garage, or in the backyard, but in no event shall any such activities or participants be visible from the street except as needed to allow individuals to enter and exit the structures, nor shall the activities or participants spillover to the streets or sidewalks. Any such spillover activity or participant or use of armed guards on the streets or sidewalks shall require a separate special events permit. Neighbors living within 500 feet of the project site shall receive 30 days written notice of any application for a special events permit;
- (4) No parking by congregants on Orange Drive;
- (5) Amplified noise shall not be permitted or audible outside the first floor of the house or garage;
- (6) Applicant shall soundproof all rooms where the activities authorized by the CUP will occur;
- (7) The CUP shall specify dates and hours, including but not limited to all holidays, during which the activities authorized by the CUP may occur;
- (8) No exterior signage regarding the activities authorized by the CUP or any other exterior signage with the exception of street numbering shall be permitted;
- (9) Require semi-annual meetings between representatives of the synagogue, neighbors, and relevant city agencies (preferably convened by CD 5) to discuss and resolve CUP compliance issues;
- (10) CUP shall be granted for three years, at which time a Plan Approval application shall be required to determine compliance with the conditions of the CUP and whether additional conditions are necessary; and
- (11) CUP shall not run with the land but shall expire with any change of ownership of the property.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Alpers reported that neighbors expressed concerns about the presence of armed guards. Mr. Curran specified that the guards were on sidewalks and the street “in the public right-of-way.” Mr. Alpers also reported that “there’ve been continuous complaints by the neighbors” about synagogue attendees taking up nearby parking that residents then can’t use. He believed that it was highly probable that the City would grant the CUP. Mr. Gresham reminded that the GWNC “is an advisory body” that talks with neighbors, however, the City will do whatever it wants.

Long-time resident Karen Gilman, speaking as a Stakeholder, supported the Motion. Adjacent resident Barbara wanted #3 removed from the Motion; she believed that the conditions list should be expanded. Nearby resident Mark Yellen urged opposing the CUP and the Motion; he listed problems and reasons, and wanted much more review and analysis by the City. Resident Bennett Wolk said that, on November 15, 2023, the GWNC voted for and sent a letter to the City requesting “immediate compliance” and for this property to stay zoned as R-2; he said the property is not designed for large numbers of people. Nearby resident Leslie Maisel wanted the GWNC to deny the CUP; she listed problems and reasons, and said that almost all other religious facilities in L.A. are at street intersections.

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION** (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends the Motion as follows: “(4) No parking by congregants on Orange Drive” is AMENDED to read “(4) No parking by congregants within two blocks of the synagogue.”

**AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, Gilbert, Gresham, Harvey, Irby and Kiesow); zero opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Anderson, DeVore, Gittelsohn and Sevanian). One was ineligible (Dalton) to vote due to not having completed, one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct. One recused and was ineligible to vote (Stuart).

Mr. Curran explained that the Committee’s reasoning was based upon discussions with neighbors. Mr. Cavalier encouraged neighbors to get “legal counsel” if the CUP is granted by the City. Mr. Gresham urged submitting everything in writing before the Zoning Administrator Hearing.

**MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING** (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will extend this meeting 15 minutes to 9:15 p.m.

**MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of all 14 eligible voters present.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Maisel said that other possible synagogue locations were available within a two-to-three minute walk of the current synagogue location.

**CALL for the QUESTION** (by Ms. DeVore): unanimously **PASSED**; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 14 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, Gittelsohn and Gresham); four opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Gilbert, Irby, Kiesow and Sevanian); two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (DeVore and Harvey). One recused and was ineligible to vote (Stuart).

- C. The ED1 Case Summary on LA City Planning’s website has not been updated since June 3, 2025. It is not reasonable to assume or believe that no ED1 projects have been filed for in the City of Los Angeles in over 2 months. City planners have not responded to inquiries. Possible Motion: The GWNC acknowledges that the Department of City Planning’s ED1 case summary, established under the Mayor’s ED-1 directive (third revision), has not been updated since June 3, 2025. We request that the City immediately restore all ED1 case files filed since June 3, 2025 to the public database, and resume regular weekly updates to the ED1 case summary for transparency and public benefit.

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

- D. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>

Mr. Curran noted the above. Mr. Gresham noted that the meeting will be one week earlier than usual.

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

- A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey.

*Board Member Erika Stuart’s recusal had ended and she was unmuted and returned to the video at this time. Also at this time, Board Members Patti Carroll and Romi Cortier recused and were ineligible to vote (self-declared as/was declared ineligible to participate in a discussion or vote on a Motion(s) in this Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest) (because because they both are Larchmont Boulevard Association Board Members) and were muted and left the video at this time (9:09), making 13 Board Members present online and eligible to vote (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

- B. Committee Leadership. Possible Motion: the GWNC appoints Conrad Starr as Outreach Committee Secretary.

*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #X. C.*

**MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Conrad Starr as Outreach Committee Secretary.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Larchmont Family Fair. Possible Motion: The GWNC will spend up to \$700 drawn from rollover funds to host a booth at the 2025 Larchmont Family fair on October 26, 2025; to include the booth fee of \$500 and up to \$200 for refreshments, giveaways, postcards/flyers, and/or prizes.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Gilbert): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will spend up to \$700 drawn from rollover funds to host a booth at the 2025 Larchmont Family Fair on October 26, 2025; to include the booth fee of \$500 and up to \$200 for refreshments, giveaways, postcards/flyers, and/or prizes.

*Board Member Mark Alpers left at this time (9:12), making 12 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the 12 eligible voters present with all 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Cavalier, Curran, DeVore, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Harvey, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained. Two recused and were ineligible to vote (Carroll and Cortier).

*Ms. DeVore requested and it was agreed to extend the meeting five more minutes.*

*Board Members Patti Carroll’s and Romi Cortier’s recusals had ended and they were unmuted and returned to the video at this time (9:13).*

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

- D. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, see agenda for location details.

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

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

- A. Committee Report - Chair: Romi Cortier.

Mr. Cortier indicated that there was no report.

- B. Committee Membership and Leadership (Discussion and Possible Motion) 1. Possible Motion: The GWNC Board selects Board members Cindy Chvatal, Romi Cortier, Drew Kiesow and Richard Gano and community members Jeff Carpenter, Sam Uretsky, Lindsay Sturman, Eliot Silver and Frank Moser to serve as the Transportation Committee, with Mr. Cortier to serve as Chair.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Cortier, seconded by Mr. Gittelson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Board members Cindy Chvatal, Romi Cortier, Drew Kiesow and Richard Gano and community members Jeff Carpenter, Sam Uretsky,

Lindsay Sturman, Eliot Silver and Frank Moser to serve as the Transportation Committee, with Mr. Cortier to serve as Chair.

**CALL for the QUESTION** (by Ms. DeVore): unanimously **PASSED**; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of the 14 eligible voters present with all 14 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:30pm via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555>

Mr. Cortier noted the above.

*Board Member Jesseca Harvey left at this time (9:18), making 13 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).*

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

A. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.

Ms. Estabrook reported that several residents worried about the Wilshire Country Club's use of pesticides, which have been linked to cancer and Parkinson's Disease. The golf course Manager will be invited to meet on Thursday, October 2nd with people concerned about this. Ms. DeVore cautioned that attendees must attend as individuals, not as Board Members. Mr. Gresham noted that October 2nd is the Yom Kippur holiday until that evening.

B. Committee Membership and Leadership (Discussion and Possible Motions) 1. Possible Motion: The GWNC ESC selects Polly Estabrook, MJ Anderson, Julie Kim, Andy Galan, Julia Dalton and Anders Waalen to serve as the GWNC Environment & Sustainability Committee with Ms. Estabrook serving as Chair and Mr. Anderson serving as secretary.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. Next Meeting: The next GWNC ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2025 via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179>

Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

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

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting: The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 in person at the Ebell. See agenda when posted for details.

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

- B. Other Board Member comments and announcements  
There were no Board Member comments or reports at this time.

**XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Discussion of a possible Ad Hoc Committee to address Los Angeles Charter Reform –  
See examples in Board Docs of other NC CIS examples.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVore **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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