



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee Regular Meeting

December 1, 2025

MEETING MINUTES Approved by the Committee on April 6, 2026

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order

A duly noticed Regular Meeting of the Public Safety & Quality of Life (“PSQL”) Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held virtually over Zoom (Webinar ID No. 889 6098 2957) on December 1, 2025. Committee chairperson, Charles D’Atri, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Committee Secretary, Conrad Starr, called the roll. All seven members were present: Mr. D’Atri, Mr. Starr, Diana Braker, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelsohn, Natalie Irby, and Dan Sterling. *[The GWNC PSQL committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of 7 Committee Seats, or four, so the Committee was able to take such votes.]*

Three members of the public were in attendance according to the Zoom interface.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and Adoption of Minutes for October 6, 2025 (Secretary)

Mr. D’Atri moved that the committee adopt the minutes of the October 6, 2025 meeting. Mr. Starr seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all seven (7) members voting in favor.

B. Committee Membership

No motions were made or votes taken.

C. Committee Member Training

All members were current with their required training.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

GWNC Board Member Patricia Carroll described the issue of prostitution along and adjacent to Western Blvd. A friend of hers had been solicited between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. while waiting at a bus stop to go to work. Her friend took photos and documented the incidents, she said. Ms. Carroll noted that the City Attorney stated she was focused on prostitution along the Figueroa Corridor. Carroll encouraged a letter writing campaign and asked the committee to place the item on the next agenda.

Ms. Carroll went on to describe an issue at 138 N. Manhattan Place, which she described as having the characteristics of a junkyard. The building had been landmarked and a long-term renovation was said to be planned, but there had been squatters at the property, she said, noting that she owned the adjacent building. She was concerned about the possibility of fires being started for warmth during winter months and the prospect of a house fire.

Stakeholder Guy Namairo of the 200 block of S. Plymouth Bl. said he was interested in contacting Deputy Mayor Andrea Greene. He had not heard back from David Nguyen, also on the Mayor's staff. Mr. D'Atri provided the following contact information for Ms. Greene: 213-437-9762, andrea.greene@lacity.org.

Stakeholder Colette Amin said she was the former GWNC Outreach chairperson and a former Board Member. She said it was she who had told Ms. Carroll she had been propositioned by "johns" while waiting for her bus, while she was in work attire, she added.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson's Report

Mr. D'Atri spoke of LAPD and law enforcement. He noted that solutions do not always come quickly and may involve more than law enforcement but may involve the provision of housing and participation by the City Attorney's office. The Community-Police Advisory Boards (C-PAB) were an important resource. Captain Rachel Rodriguez had been appointed as Commanding Officer at Olympic Division. She told Mr. D'Atri that C-PAB meetings had been poorly attended recently, and she would restructure C-PAB for her tenure at Olympic. D'Atri encouraged the assembled group to participate in C-PAB going forward and to publicize the meetings to their communities.

B. LAPD

There was a report from Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Jesse Rubalcava of Hollywood Division. Rubalcava said his Basic Car Area overlapped the GWNC Melrose Neighborhood from Seward to Wilcox and from Willoughby to Melrose, while the larger Basic Car Area was geographically from Seward to the 101 Freeway and from Santa Monica to Melrose. Since becoming the SLO in 2019, encampments in the area had shrunk as individuals were connected with services and housed. There was some property crime in the area, such as burglary from motor vehicles and thefts, including at a liquor store at Hudson and Wilcox. There were also petty thefts in the area. There had been no recorded violent crime in the GWNC area in his time as SLO. The community was active in sharing issues with him. In the entire Hollywood Division, year-to-date (YTD), violent crimes were down 15% (4 compared to 6 in 2024). Robberies were down 20% YTD, assaults were down 12%, although there had been two in the previous week. Property crime was down 9%. Grand Theft Auto was down 13% YTD and there had been none in the GWNC area. Burglaries from motor vehicles were down 18% YTD. There had been four incidences of petty theft in the previous week, but it was still down 31% YTD, which he attributed to a "blitz operation" at the Target store, at Home Depot, and at the Marshalls store.

He reported that a meeting had been recently held which included among its attendees Capt. Rodriguez and SLO Danny Chavez of Olympic Division along with a City Attorney representative who had dealt with prostitution along the Figueroa Corridor issue. The uptick in prostitution on Western could be attributed to the effective prosecution along Figueroa. Olympic and Hollywood had a task force action most recently on Tuesday, November 25th, in which there had been 17 arrests of johns. One person was determined to be a victim of sex trafficking. He affirmed that the City was seeing a spike in prostitution on Western.

The City Attorney was trying to take the issue to the State to make loitering for prostitution a felony crime. The felony classification has been “taken off the books” (Bill 647) a few years prior. Sex workers were still being detained and police attempted to identify them, but unless they stated their pimp was forcing them to engage in the act of prostitution and identified the pimp (or get caught in a sex act), it was unlikely they’d be prosecuted.

Mr. Gittelson asked about burglaries. Ofc. Rubalcava responded that they were trending down in the Hollywood Flats neighborhoods.

Board Member Richard Gano asked for Rubalcava’s contact info, which was 213-793-0706 | 38655@lapd.online.

Responding to a question from Mr. Starr, Rubalcava said stores had lost so much money from shoplifting that business owners were taking a more aggressive, hands-on approach and were more likely to ensure security guards were “trained up” with pepper spray and batons. The federal government had provided grant money to cities to address the shoplifting problem, though it had likely been exhausted by that time. There had also been a change in law whereby if a criminal had two prior convictions, the third crime would automatically be a felony and they would be booked. The DA Hochman took the law very seriously, he said.

He agreed with Mr. Starr that it would be advantageous to work closely with SLO Tyler Shuck of Wilshire Division who shared a border with Rubalcava.

C. C-PAB Reports

1. Olympic C-PAB Report (meets first Weds, 6pm, Olympic Station)
2. Wilshire C-PAB Report (meets fourth Thurs, 6pm, Wilshire Station or Zoom)

There were none.

D. Public Works Liaison Report (Natalie Irby)

Ms. Irby reported that she was working on getting DWP and BSL to attend the next meeting. She wanted her focus on the committee to be streetlighting outages. She had discussed having each area in GWNC take a survey about most concerning streetlight outages.

Mr. Gittelson noted that when he reported streetlight outages to bsl@lacity.org, the email had bounced back.

Mr. Gano said an adjacent Neighborhood Council had created a map with streetlight outages in his area; he would connect Ms. Irby with his friend from the other NC area.

E. Homeless Count Report (Dan Sterling)

Mr. Sterling said the GWNC would not be officially partnering with the Homeless Count, but that he would be Deployment Site Coordinator for the Greater Wilshire area. He encouraged people to volunteer. Mr. Gittelson said the folks at Hang Out Do Good (HODG) could put out the word for volunteers.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. LAist Report on LAPD Refusal to Provide COMPSTAT Data - possible CIS

Mr. Starr described the issue and made the motion as below, which was seconded by Ms. Irby:

The PSQL recommends that the GWNC file a Community Impact Statement by way of a letter to the Mayor, City Council, and the Chief of Police, with copy to LAPD Captains of Hollywood, Wilshire, and Olympic Divisions, as follows: whereas Los Angeles directs resources based on data, and whereas the LAPD has in particular been a data-driven department; and whereas local media (e.g., LAist, Nov. 5, 2025: <https://laist.com/news/lapd-records-data-refusal>) have reported that the LAPD ceased to provide COMPSTAT crime statistics data to the public after years of making such data public; THEREFORE the GWNC requests that COMPSTAT data be once again made available to the public AND that an explanation be provided by the Mayor's office explaining under whose direction the policy was adopted to shield COMPSTAT data from the public and the rationale for doing so.

The motion passed unanimously, 7/0/0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Hall on Public Safety Working Group Report (Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelson)

Mr. Gittelson said he, Mr. Gilbert, and Ms. Irby had formed a working group. He described the ideas for the event and entertained questions.

B. Committee Participation in C-PAB - point persons for LAPD Reports

There was no action.

C. Windsor Village Metro Yard - Homelessness Issues, Possible Recommendations (Dan Sterling)

Mr. Sterling said there had been no further communications with the Windsor Village stakeholders who had brought it to his attention. He assumed the issue had been resolved.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was agreed to place the issue of prostitution on Western and the issue of 138 N. Manhattan Place on the next agenda.

A. LADWP Infrastructure Improvements and What's Still Needed (Michael Ventre, LADWP — michael.ventre@ladwp.com)

1. Committee Point Person

There was no action.

B. Outage Streetlights Report from LA Bureau of Street Lighting (Ansar Mustafa, BSL — ansar.mustafa@lacity.org; Jessica Oleta, BSL — jessica.oleta@lacity.org)

1. Committee Point Person

There was no action .

C. LAPD Reports (Sgt Wesley Sarno, LAPD Community — 37264@lapd.online) (Need Olympic)

Mr. Starr said there would be opportunities to discuss Emergency Preparedness at future meetings.

D. Next Meeting: Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. D'Atri adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr.