



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

February 2, 2026

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 February 2, 2026. Committee chairperson, Charles D’Atri, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Committee Secretary, Conrad Starr, called the roll. Six (6) of the seven (7) members were present: Mr. D’Atri, Mr. Starr, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelson, 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.]* Diana Braker was absent.

Five (5) members of the public (including presenting guests) were in attendance, according to the Zoom interface.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and Adoption of Minutes for December 1, 2025 (Secretary)

Mr. Starr said the minutes were almost ready, and he would upload them prior to the meeting’s end, if possible, for a vote.

**The item was laid on the table without objection but not taken up again during the meeting.**

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

There was no general public comment.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Korean American Law Enforcement Organization (KALEO)

Mr. Ben Pak presented on behalf of the KALEO, which he said was founded in 2018 and was part of a larger group - NAPOA. He said that had met with the Council Member several months prior who suggested he get involved with the Neighborhood Council (NC) to see if he could be of any service. Pak said he was an officer at Olympic Division. His organization was composed of about 350 law enforcement throughout SoCal. They had received a grant to present on Asian hate crimes over the previous few years and provided public safety presentations. KALEO was available to present at high school and other groups that would benefit from their involvement. The National NAPOA conference was to take place in Hollywood in August 2026.

Pak said he had given public safety presentations in Councilmember John Lee's area. He reflected that while people were aware of local public safety and emergency issues, they tended not to expect anything would happen to them. Additionally, he said, KALEO had worked closely with CD10.

Mr. D'Atri thought it would be a good idea to have a presentation before the neighborhood council.

#### B. LA Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) - Streetlights Outage Report

Ansar Mustafa of BSL presented.

Mr. D'Atri said streetlight outages were a subject of great consternation in the neighborhood.

In his presentation, Mustafa discussed the aging infrastructure, the historical light poles and elements found in many parts of Greater Wilshire's special lighting districts, and the challenge of preventing and responding to copper wire theft and the vandalism of lighting infrastructure. He noted the impact of Proposition 218, passed by voters in 1996, which limited tax increases related to infrastructure to those approved by voters.

Mustafa described steps taken to make street lighting more resilient to crime and vandalism, showing video of recent upgrades to street light vault boxes in the GWNC area.

He encouraged the community to continue reporting streetlight outages, exposed wires, and vandalized access boxes to the 3-1-1 reporting system (MyLA311).

He took questions from committee members, from GWNC President Jennifer DeVore, and from stakeholder Guy Nemiro of Windsor Square.

*A video recording of the presentation and Q&A is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICfGWrAxL\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICfGWrAxL_k).*

#### C. Keep Hollywood Home

Noelle Stehman, a GWNC stakeholder, presented on the "Keep Hollywood Home"/"Stay in LA" motions before City Council and the general effort.

She said she was a show runner and a 20-year resident of Council District 5. Stay in LA was formed after the 2025 wildfires by filmmakers and business owners. She said during COVID and recent strikes among the industry, that the mantra had been "Survive until 2025" — and yet the fires brought additional unexpected hardship to the local film industry and related, dependent businesses.

Stehman reported that they gathered 23,000 signatures in the space of 3 weeks. They also presented in Sacramento on the effort, explaining they were not seeking a tax incentive for "A-listers" but instead sought to preserve middle-class jobs. They had collected thousands of testimonials from

individuals who had lost healthcare and housing and from businesses like prop houses and restaurants who had closed, naming Panavision as a major example. A tax incentive had successfully passed. In the spring and summer of 2025, they received feedback that a 30-year-old permitting system made Los Angeles the “most expensive and most cumbersome” jurisdiction. The City was losing production at a rapid rate, and spillover effects included crime and safety issues related to vacant businesses and empty streets.

Stehman said they held meetings with all Council Districts and with departments including LA Fire, Recreation and Parks, and others over hundreds of hours. From those meetings, the 9 Council motions were arrived at. 5 to 7 additional motions were forthcoming, she said.

She compared the decline of the industry to what Detroit had experiences with the loss of its vibrant automotive industry.

At the suggestion of the Committee, Stehman explained the nine motions for which they were seeking the GWNC’s support. Mr. D’Atri cautioned that he could not predict board support for nine motions, given the time limitations at board meetings.

Mr. Starr asked about a provision in the motion under Council File 25-1509-S1 to rescind all existing Neighborhood Special Filming Conditions established or instituted through legacy practice, explaining that one or more GWNC homeowners and/or neighborhood associations had specific agreements in place for filming. Mr. D’Atri said that “special districts” had been established to address prior problems with production and to address activities at private properties used for commercial use. Ms. Stehman responded that at present, the “baby being thrown out with the bathwater” was the “entire industry” and advocated for “stripping” the cumbersome permitting process “down to the studs” and rebuilding it.

Responding to Mr. Gittelson, Stehman elaborated on the poor state of branding for productions filmed in Los Angeles when compared to New York and Georgia.

Mr. Starr observed that the nine motions had been moved or seconded by numerous City Council members. Ms. Stehman noted that Councilwoman Yaroslavsky had started an entertainment taskforce.

Stakeholder Max Kirkham encouraged the Committee to support the motions and thanked Ms. Stehman for bringing the matter to the committee on short notice.

Upon closing, Ms. Stehman noted that her group was made up entirely of volunteers.

## V. REPORTS

### A. Chairperson’s Report

Mr. D’Atri encouraged ongoing communication with the LAPD. He said he and Mr. Starr had met in person with Captain Rodriguez and that the Olympic C-PAB meetings had resumed under her watch.

### B. LAPD

There were no reports by LAPD.

### 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)

Mr. Starr reviewed annual crime statistics in Wilshire Division as reported at C-PAB. Overall, crime rates for all types of crime were lower (some significantly) in 2025 as compared with 2024.

D. Public Works Liaison Report (Natalie Irby)

Ms. Irby reported that Michael Ventre (LADWP) would attend the April meeting of the Committee and bring a streetlight expert.

E. Homeless Count Report (Dan Sterling)

Mr. Sterling reported that the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count had run smoothly at the Greater Wilshire deployment site.

He reported there had been only 26 volunteers although more than 40 had signed up. 28 census tracts had been fully covered out of 30 or 32. LAHSA staff counted the remainder. There were 87 sightings total for the night, including dwellings and individuals. Final count numbers would be made available in 3-4 months after the totals were validated with USC. He said there was some confusion stemming from the fact the Greater Wilshire deployment site was the same as the Wilshire Center-Koreatown deployment site, and that there were cellular hotspot issues. Overall, he would like to see more volunteers in future counts.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Gittelson presented on the item. He said John Burroughs Middle School was tentatively available and supportive, and Councilwoman Yaroslavsky was holding the date of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gilbert said Councilman Soto Martinez was reticent to confirm because the event was planned for CD5, although he would likely participate if the date remained available in his schedule.

Mr. D'Atri said the request to the Committee was that it endorse the concept, the estimated budget, and the date so the Board could be asked for its support.

Mr. Gittelson and Mr. Gilbert walked through the details and responded to questions and concerns from the Committee.

Ms. Irby said the seven to 12 volunteers the plan mentioned would not be adequate for 300 to 500 attendees. At least 25 would be needed.

Mr. D'Atri advised that they build a "coalition" of support for the event.

Ms. DeVore said April 19<sup>th</sup> was unrealistic given the logistics of the undertaking and how much of the plan was still unconfirmed. She would vote against it in a board vote as it was currently presented.

**After further discussion, Mr. Gittelson moved that the PSQL Committee form a small working group, to be headed by GWNC Board members Tony Gittelson & Gary Gilbert, to facilitate the following event: To explore the feasibility of the GWNC hosting an in-person Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Town Hall to be held on a date TBD. Mr. Gilbert seconded.**

There was discussion. In Public Comment, Mr. Kirkham suggested that the working group first identify the event date and that it be required to report back with the date and with deadlines for its work as a working group.

**The motion carried with four (4) in favor (D’Atri, Gittelsohn, Gilbert, and Sterling), one opposed (Starr), with one (1) abstention (Irby).**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Streetlight Outages/Bureau of Street Lighting/Infrastructure

**Mr. Starr moved to postpone any motion. Ms. Irby seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent without opposition.**

### B. “Keep Hollywood Home” Motions before LA City Council

1. Council File: 25-1509-S1 - “Keep Hollywood Home / Special Conditions Repeal / Unified Filming Framework / FilmLA” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1509-S1>)
2. Council File: 25-1508 - “Non-Specialized City-owned Parking Lots / City Facilities Filming Fee Reductions / Keep Hollywood Home” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1508>)
3. Council File: 25-1499 - “Fire Spot Check Fee and Public Safety Reform / Waive Spot Check Fees / Keep Hollywood Home” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1499>)
4. Council File: 25-1501 - “Citywide Film Location Fan Tour / Made In LA Tour, Branding and Business Directory / Keep Hollywood Home” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1501>)
5. Council File: 25-1502 - “Executive Directive 11 / Implementation Updates / Streamline Filming / Keep Hollywood Home” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1502>)
6. Council File: 25-1498 - “Free Micro-Shoot Permit / Public-Space Filming Activity / Keep Hollywood Home” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1498>)
7. Council File: 25-1500 - “Controller Audit / City Film Ecosystem and Film LA Contract / Keep Hollywood Home” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1500>)
8. Council File: 25-1512 - “Keep Hollywood Home / Film and Television Production / Regional Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) / Councils of Government (COG) Alignment / FilmLA” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1512>)

9. Council File: 25-1503 - “Citywide Soundstage Certification and Fast-Track Infrastructure Program / Certified LA Stage / Stage Corridor Fast-Track Zone / Keep Hollywood Home” (see <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-1503>)

Ms. Irby said she had been advised to recuse by the City Attorney’s Neighborhood Council Advice Division. Mr. Sterling and Mr. Gilbert recused. All stated they were in the business of film production, which was the basis for their recusal.

It was determined that quorum would be lost upon their recusals.

**No motions were made.** Ms. DeVore agreed to place the items directly on the next Board agenda.

**Mr. D’Atri moved as follows: the PSQL Committee recommends that the GWNC Board consider writing a letter and/or file (a) Community Impact Statement(s) (CIS) or Request(s) for Action (RFA) regarding one or more of the “Keep Hollywood Home” motions before LA City Council, which currently include...” [SEE ABOVE #VII.B.1-9]. Mr. Starr seconded.**

**The motion passed by a unanimous vote of all six (6) members present.**

#### VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Starr commented that the Zoom meeting had been recorded, but the recording had started after the meeting was well underway, but prior to Mr. Mustafa’s presentation.

#### IX. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Starr reminded all present that the next agenda should include the matter of 138 N. Manhattan Place., which had been requested in December.

- A. Next Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. D’Atri adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:17 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr.*