



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee

April 9, 2026 Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes Approved by the Committee on May 7, 2026

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order

A duly noticed meeting of the Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held virtually over Zoom (Webinar ID No. 852 7699 4679) on April 9, 2026. Committee chairperson, Conrad Starr, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

B. Welcome

Mr. Starr welcomed the assembled group.

C. Roll Call

Mr. Starr called the roll. Three of the four committee members were present (Mr. Starr, Mark Alpers, and Erika Stuart). [The GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of 4 Committee Seats, or three, so the Committee was able to take such votes.] John Gresham joined later.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and Adoption of March 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

At this time (4:05 p.m.), John Gresham arrived. All four (4) members were now present.

Ms. Stuart moved that the Committee adopt the March 12, 2026 Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Alpers seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent (4/0/0).

B. Review and Adoption of March 26, 2026 Meeting Notes

Ms. Stuart moved that the Committee adopt the March 12, 2026 Meeting notes as presented. Mr. Alpers seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent (4/0/0).

IV. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Starr thanked Mr. Alpers for sharing the final recommendations from the Commission with the committee. Through screen sharing, he showed the website where the information was available.

VI. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Mr. Starr reported that the Charter Reform Recommendations and Report were now associated with Council File 26-0489. He noted that Palms Neighborhood Council had submitted one of its past Community Impact Statements (CIS) to the file but that there were no additional Neighborhood Council CISes to date. He said the GWNC could refile its CISes to the Council since the board-approved motions included City Council among the recipients, and the CIS filers had been empowered by the Board to refile CISes as matters moved through the legislative process.

VII. VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. City Council and Committee Meetings
- B. LANCC Meetings
- C. GWNC Board Meetings

No assignments were agreed to.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of Charter Reform Commission Recommendations to City Council and Planning for Further GWNC Advocacy

Mr. Starr moved that the Committee recommend that the Board reaffirm its support for the LANCC and BONC recommendations and to further request that Neighborhood Council Elections be added to the charter. There was no second.

There was discussion. Members were supportive of reiterating support for the LANCC and BONC recommendations pertaining to Neighborhood Councils; and of reiterating the Board position on its previous recommendations pertaining to Planning and Infrastructure.

Mr. Alpers suggested striking references to Neighborhood Council elections from further recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Starr said the GWNC President could resubmit the Planning & Infrastructure recommendations to City Council and Committees without further Board action, and he recommended that the Committee refer a motion to the Board supportive of those LANCC and BONC motions which had been adopted by the Commission in its report, while leaving off those additional LANCC and BONC recommendations which the Commission did not adopt.

Mr. Gresham encouraged that Council Members Yaroslavsky and Soto Martinez be copied on CISes. He noted that redistricting would not take place until the following decade.

Mr. Starr moved to recommend that the GWNC resubmit the Planning & Infrastructure recommendations — only if the GWNC President says that she cannot submit a new CIS absent a new board vote. Mr. Alpers seconded.

In discussion, Mr. Starr said this motion would only go to the board if Ms. DeVore asked for it to. He noted the previous Board discussion around Planning and Infrastructure involved a lengthy debate.

The motion passed 4/0/0.

Mr. Starr then moved to recommend the following motion to the board: “Whereas the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) previously supported Charter Reform Recommendations from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition and from the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to the Charter Reform Commission and to City Council and

Committees, and whereas, in the CRC’s final recommendations to City Council, it has included many of these recommendations, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council resolves to file a Community Impact Statement on CF 26-0489 (neutral) supportive of the recommendations adopted by the CRC pertaining to Neighborhood Councils.” Mr. Gresham seconded. There was no public comment. The motion passed 4/0/0.

B. GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee Regular Meeting Schedule

Mr. Starr suggested that the Committee not meet on April 23rd, but that it hold the date of May 7th (as scheduled) to discuss any action the Board might need to take at its May General Board Meeting, noting that May 7th fell after the May LANCC meeting where new developments and recommendations would be discussed. **There was no objection to the revised meeting schedule.**

IX. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

- A. **Proposed Motion:** Recommendation that the GWNC file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the Charter Commission and to City Council and Committees (Council File No’s. _____) [POSITION TO BE TAKEN/LETTER TO BE REFERENCED] and that the GWNC appoint [NAME(S)] to present GWNC CIS and/or its Position to the Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commission at a meeting of said Commission, as directed by GWNC President and/or GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee Chair.

See above motions under Section VIII.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr. The GWNC Charter Reform Committee Minutes are located at <https://greaterwilshire.org/ad-hoc-committee-agendas-minutes/>.