



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

June 1, 2026

MINUTES – Approved by the Committee on August 3, 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 June 1, 2026. 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. Five (5) of the six (6) members were present: Mr. D’Atri, Mr. Starr, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelsohn, and Dan Sterling. Natalie Irby was absent. *[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 six (6) Committee Seats, or four (4), so the Committee was able to take such votes.]*

Two members of the public arrived later.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and Adoption of Minutes for April 6, 2026 (Secretary)

Mr. Starr moved to adopt the April 6, 2026 minutes as presented. Mr. Gilbert seconded. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously (5/0/0).

B. Committee Membership

Mr. Starr said he would update the number of committee vacancies to three (3) on the website and in other communications.

C. Committee Member Training

All members were current with their required training.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Christopher Diaz reported the LA Metro alley between Western Ave. and 5th Street, was being used by buses as a lunch station or rest stop, in numbers from 100 to 120 per day, giving off large amounts of pollution and leading to the breakage and deterioration of concrete and asphalt on that hill due to their weight, and from bottoming out on the road surface.

Mr. Diaz went on report that a project at 502 ½ S Manhattan, a project had been in the works since 2017 or 2018, with no construction since 2021 to 2022. He had observed feces and glass littering the site, among other issues. When he contacted the CD 13 Council Office, they said they were not aware.

Mr. D'Atri advised Diaz to contact Mark Fuentes, but Diaz had already contacted Fuentes with no result. D'Atri suggested he bring the issue to the GWNC Land Use Committee. Mr. Starr read out the email address for the Land Use Committee; he also recommended Diaz attend a special meeting of the Transportation Committee the following Wednesday.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. LADWP - Infrastructure Report

Mr. Starr reported that committee member, Natalie Irby, had communicated to him that she was still working on getting a presenter from LADWP. There was no presentation.

V. REPORTS

A. Chairperson's Report

Mr. D'Atri did not have a report

B. LAPD SLO Reports

C. LAPD Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) Reports

Regarding B and C above, Mr. D'Atri said he and Mr. Starr had continued to attend Olympic C-PAB, which he described as "a thriving group." He had spoken there on issues related to Larchmont Boulevard and traffic issues.

Mr. Starr observed that traffic issues were under the subject matter of the GWNC Transportation Committee, which he said should be involved with C-PAB.

Starr said Wilshire C-PAB had been inconsistent with several meetings canceled. Crime maps were discussed. Mr. Gilbert said he was not receiving crime data, or that some data suggesting lower rates of crime did not agree with his observation that Windsor Square had seen a recent increase in home break-ins.

D. Public Works Liaison Report (Natalie Irby)

Ms. Irby was not present and did not submit a written report.

E. Homelessness Liaison Report (Dan Sterling)

Mr. Sterling reported that the 2026 Annual Los Angeles Homeless Count numbers would be available later in June or in early July. He offered to provide a comprehensive review of the results. He said NC Homelessness Liaisons had received no contact from the Mayor's Office this year. There was a study group with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for active NC Liaisons to see how they could be more effective.

Mr. D'Atri said the committee should bring a Homeless Count presentation to the Board for a 5–10-minute presentation.

F. Solar Street Lighting Updates (Conrad Starr)

Mr. Starr reported.

G. Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood Survey

Mr. Starr reported.

H. Soft-Story Grants for 5-10 Units

Mr. Starr reported.

I. Western Ave Cleanup

Mr. Starr reported.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. GWNC Public Safety Town Hall Event (Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelson)

Mr. Gittelson provided updates. There was a discussion of the budget. Mr. Starr expressed concern about the cohesiveness of the planned content of the event. Mr. Gilbert said the Windsor Square Association would support the event. The only issue was, he said, the “permit part.”

There were no motions or votes.

B. Local Fast Food Workers Ordinance

Mr. Starr moved to postpone indefinitely. Mr. D’Atri seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. GWNC Winter 2026 Stakeholder Survey - PSQL Subject Matter

1. Review and Possible Motion to triage issues based on urgency and actionability; and/or to assign issue areas to committee members for future action.

The committee agreed that streetlights and other public works matters would be assigned to Ms. Irby; homelessness issues to Mr. Sterling; and trash and other LA Sanitation matters to Mr. Starr. Mr. D’Atri and Mr. Gilbert would meet to discuss and assign the remaining topics.

2. Possible Motion to request information or actions from one or more City departments in response to issues identified by GWNC Stakeholders in the Winter 2026 Survey.

No action was taken by the committee.

B. Rapid Response (to I.C.E.) Meetings (Gary Gilbert)

Mr. Gilbert said there was a network emerging out of East Hollywood, and that a lot of people “really care, but from a practical point of view we haven’t really started.” No action was taken.

C. GWNC Budget Requests for FY 26-27

Mr. Starr moved that the PSQL Committee request \$1,400 for PSQL-led town halls/events in the 2026-27 fiscal year. Mr. Gilbert seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the five (5) members present.

- D. Information Resources to Share with GWNC Community - Translated into Spanish & Korean

Mr. Starr explained that the Outreach Committee was considering information to be translated for GWNC stakeholders, whose costs, if submitted early in the fiscal year, would be reimbursed by a City translation fund.

- E. Western-Wilton Neighborhood – constituent complaint regarding ongoing issues with tree debris, street trash, removal of public trash receptacles.

This item was postponed because Mr. Diaz, the stakeholder who had brought the matter to the attention of the committee, had already left the meeting.

- F. 138 N Manhattan Pl.: encampments, squatters, safety hazards, DBS response. Possible letter, request for action.

Board Member Patricia Carroll explained the issue. Neighbors had previously reported an encampment on the parkway at 138 N. Manhattan Pl. According to her research, the property was on the market. She noted a “flipper” of properties appeared to be involved in the sale. The property was on the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Carroll had been in touch with the Senior Lead Officer and with Lambert Giessinger [Architect/Mills Act Contract Manager, City of Los Angeles]. Nobody was able to get in touch with the owner, she said.

She requested that the committee recommend the Board write a letter.

Responding to a question from Mr. Gittelson, she said there had previously been squatters at the property, and a “no trespass” order had at one time been on file with the City.

Mr. Gilbert left the meeting at 8:48 p.m. There were now four (4) committee members present, constituting a quorum.

Mr. Starr brought the following motion: “After hearing stakeholder concerns around squatting activity at 138 N Manhattan Pl, including aesthetic concerns and also safety concerns — given recent house fires at nearby vacant properties, the GWNC requests that the Department of Building and Safety visit the property and assess for safety issues and potential violations — with a copy to CD13, the Department of Historic Resources, the Captain of LAPD Olympic Division, the property owner, and the realtor. Mr. Sterling seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the four (4) members present.

VIII. REQUESTS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Council File 24-1220 (Nitrous Oxide / Laughing Gas / Harmful / Prohibit the Sale or Distribution

Mr. Sterling said the above matter should be added to a future agenda.

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>

There were no additional comments or announcements.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. D'Atri adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr.