Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Approved August 13, 2025

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I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks (Conrad Starr, Outgoing GWNC President).
A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ("GWNC") Board of Directors was held at the Ebell of Los Angeles, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005. Mr. Starr called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., welcomed new Board Members and explained procedures, reminding Board Members to check with the City Attorney if the Member has a possible or definite conflict of interest.

B. Flag Salute.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

C. Seating and Roll Call of Board Members (2025-2027 Term).
Outgoing Secretary DeVore called the roll. All 18 of the 18 Board Members or their Alternates were present at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers, Scott Appel, Patti Carroll (elected as continuing Treasurer), Dave Cavalier, Romi Cortier, Brian Curran, Charles D'Atri (Alternate for Eli Chitrik), Jennifer DeVore (elected President), Richard Gano, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelson, John Gresham (elected Vice-President), Natalie Irby, Drew Kiesow, Rochelle Lewis (elected Secretary), Sixto Sicilia, Conrad Starr (Alternate for Isaac Zakon) and Erika Stuart. No Board Member was absent or 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. Eighteen of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats were vacant [see Item #II. A. 1.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Seven Alternate Seats were vacant. Also attended: 25 Stakeholders and guests.

D. 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."

All Board Members said aloud the Oath, led by Prabhjot Chamber, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; Prabhjot.Chamber@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org].

II. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration.

1. Board Director Vacancies:
   Area 3 - Country Club Heights
   Area 4 - Fremont Place
   Area 12 - Western-Wilton

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

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. A. 3.

2. Board Alternate Vacancies: Area 3 - Country Club Heights, Area 4 - Fremont Place, Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Area 12 - Western-Wilton, Area 13 - Wilshire Park, Area 15 - Windsor Village, Other Non-Profit.

   Ms. DeVore nominated Julie Dalton for the Area 4 - Fremont Place Alternate Seat.

   MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Cortier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Julie Dalton as the Area 4 - Fremont Place Alternate.

   MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained. Two (Gano and Gilbert) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

Ms. Chamber led Ms. Dalton in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

3. Nominations, Elections and/or Motions to Appoint
   a) Area 15 Alternate

      Ms. DeVore noted the above and that she had asked and Julie Kim was interested in the Area 15 - Windsor Village Alternate Seat.

      MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Alpers): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Julie Kim as the Area 15 – Windsor Village Alternate.

      MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and

Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained. Two (Gano and Gilbert) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. A. 2.

b) Other nominations, Elections, and/or Motions to Appoint.

There were no other nominations or appointments.

B. Board Training (Required by DONE in order to vote).

1. EmpowerLA Training Guidelines: Board members must have completed all five trainings (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias and Gender Expression and Gender Identity) in order to vote and are otherwise ineligible to vote on funding and non-funding items in committee and general board meetings. Courses and instructions can be found at: http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/. Please check EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for your training expirations and email secretary@greaterwilshire.org if there are any inconsistencies.

2. Code of Conduct: Required of all Board Members and Alternates. More info here: https://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/ . The following Board Members and Alternates have not completed the Code of Conduct:

3. Ethics and Funding Training: Ethics and Funding training is required every two years for Board members/Alternates. Stakeholder Committee Member Ethics Training can be found at https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx (certificate of completion required).

4. Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training: Gender training is required to vote. You must only complete this training once.

5. Anti-Bias (ABLE) Training: ABLE training is required to vote. You must only complete this training once.

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

C. Nomination and Election of GWNC Officers (Conrad Starr, Outgoing GWNC President) -
Only Board Directors may serve as Board Officers. - - - - - -
Any seated Board Member may nominate any Director to an Officer Seat.
Directors may self-nominate.
Each Nominee must accept or decline the nomination.
Nominees may speak for up to 5 minutes.
Voting shall be by roll call.
Per Article VI, Section 3 of the Bylaws, "All Officers shall be elected from among members of the Board by a Board majority vote..." If no candidate receives a majority, a runoff vote will be held between the two candidates who received the greatest number of votes.

Mr. Starr explained procedures. Ms. DeVore listed Board Members not eligible to vote and needing to complete their training(s). Mr. Kiesow noted that he'd completed his trainings.

At Ms. DeVore's request, Mr. Starr continued at this time as this meeting's Presiding Officer.

1. President (See Bylaws Article VI. Section 2.A.)

Ms. Carroll nominated Ms. DeVore as President; she accepted.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Lewis): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Jennifer DeVore as President.

DISCUSSION: Ms. DeVore promised to make this work. Resident Patty Lombard supported the Motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Vice President (See Bylaws Article VI. Section 2.B.)

Mr. Gilbert nominated Mr. Gresham as Vice-President; he accepted.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Alpers): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects John Gresham as Vice-President.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gresham spoke of his willingness to serve.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

3. Secretary (See Bylaws Article VI. Section 2.C.)

Ms. Stuart nominated Ms. Lewis as Secretary. Ms. DeVore explained the responsibilities regarding Roll Calls; Agendas; and working with DONE. Ms. Lewis accepted and spoke of her willingness to serve.

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Cortier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Rochelle Lewis as Secretary.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stuart, Mr. Gresham and Ms. DeVore offered to assist.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #XIII. B.

4. Treasurer (See Bylaws Article VI. Section 2.D.)
   a) (From City Clerk: "The NC Treasurer is responsible for the following: Use of the online Funding System portal which includes:
      ○ Submitting check payment requests after the NC Board approval vote has been taken. As a best practice, the NC should submit payment requests within 45 days of the NC board approval of the expenditures.
      ○ Generating the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) and presenting them to the Board for review and action on a monthly basis.
   b) Submit requests for bank card limit increases, as needed.
   c) Keep track of the NC's annual budget for revisions by the Board, as needed.
   d) Maintain custody of financial documents - unless appointed differently by the Board").

Mr. Sicilia nominated Ms. Carroll, who accepted and spoke of her willingness to serve.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Patti Carroll as Treasurer.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

At this time, Mr. Starr turned over the gavel and Ms. DeVore became the Presiding Officer; Mr. Gresham as Vice-President; and Ms. Lewis as Secretary. The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. A. 1.

D. Selection of Financial Officers for Fiscal Year 2025-26:
Financial Officers will be recorded on the FY 2025-26 Administrative Packet and submitted to the City Clerk.

1. Treasurer/1st Signer (AUTOMATIC per result of Treasurer Officer Election)

   Ms. DeVore explained the importance of the Signers and noted the above.

2. 2nd Signer (Description: verifies Funding Program documents have been correctly and completely filled out before submitted for processing. Acts as the second signer as required on Funding Program documents.)

Mr. Starr noted that Ms. DeVore already was the 2nd Signer.

3. Alternate Signer (Description as above)

MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints John Gresham as the Alternate Signer.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr explained the need.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gittelson, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Gresham). Two (Gano and Gilbert) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

4. 1st Bank Cardholder (Description: maintains secure custody of the NC's bank card. Ensures card is used for payment transactions as approved by the Board only. Obtains itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for every card transaction. Submits (Uploads) itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for card no later than 10 days after the date the transaction posts.)

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Patti Carroll as the 1st Bank Cardholder.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye"); zero opposed; zero abstained. Two (Gano and Gilbert) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

5. 2nd Bank Cardholder (Description as above)

MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Jennifer DeVore as the 2nd Bank Cardholder.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye"); zero opposed; zero abstained. Two (Gano and Gilbert) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

E. Selection of Keyholders

1. Mailbox Keys - the UPS Store (2)

2. Public Storage Keys (2)

It was agreed to Table above Item #II. E.

F. Selection of Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers (up to 5)
1. Possible Motion: [see the below Motion].

Ms. DeVore explained the above.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Cortier): 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: Jennifer DeVore, Rochelle Lewis and John Gresham. 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.

DISCUSSION: Ms. DeVore explained the CIS filing procedure; it includes Board discussion of proposed CIS's. Mr. Starr further explained them. Mr. Gresham noted that there can be up to five Filers.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 16 eligible votes present in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

G. Adoption of June 11, 2025 General Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION (by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its June 11, 2025 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 16 eligible votes present in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

III. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Fifth Council District (Michelle Flores - 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; https://councildistrict5.LACity.gov], was not present; Ms. DeVore said that Ms. Flores' report is on the Bddocs web page.

B. Thirteenth Council District (Mark Fuentes - mark.fuentes@lacity.org).
Mark Fuentes, Senior Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez [213-993-2991; https://cd13.LACity.org], was not present; there was no report.

C. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho 33817@lapd.online & Chavez 36304@lapd.online (Olympic), Rodriguez 35738@lapd.online and Shuck 40740@lapd.online (Wilshire).
No Officer, such as Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-473-0476; cell/text phone 213-793-0715; 35738@LAPD.Online;

https://www.LAPDOnline.org/lapd-contact/west-bureau/wilshire-community-police-station], or Danny Chavez, an Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0714; 36304@LAPD.Online; http://www.LAPDonline.org/olympic_community_police_station], was present; there was no report.

D. LA Metro (Ned Racine - racinen@metro.net).
This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #V. B. Ned Racine, Metro Principal Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-418-5993, RacineN@metro.net; 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt], updated.

E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE (Prabhjot Chamber - prabhjot.chamber@lacity.org).
Prabhjot Chamber, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org], reported and said that she will email her report to the Board. DONE will host training sessions and send an election survey. She encouraged contacting her and offered help.

F. Mayor's Office (David C. Nguyen - david.c.nguyen@lacity.org).
David Nguyen, Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; 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).
Daniel Park, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Two Supervisor Holly Mitchell (213-974-2222; 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).
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.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

V. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Budget Representative (Jack Humphreville).

Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [http://BudgetAdvocates.org or http://ncbala.com] on expected rate increases. He noted the importance of labor union agreements.

B. LADWP (Jack Humphreville).
Mr. Humphreville reported on the City budget.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III. D.

C. LANCC (Jennifer DeVore).
Ms. DeVore reported about LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org].

D. Other Liaisons or Representatives
No other Liaison reports were made.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report.
Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no report.

B. 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 June 2025 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the MER.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for June 2025 and each individual expense listed therein.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained. Two (Gano and Gilbert) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

2. CC

6/3/25	Public Storage	Feb	$247.00
6/3/25	DropBox		$199.00
6/13/25	The UPS Store July'25-June'26		$420.00
6/20/25	Office Depot		$261.98

Checks

5/23/25	Ume Works	July/sept	$ 75

5/23/25	Canva/ Dept of NE	$100
5/27/25	Zoom 25/26	$193.74
5/27/25	Ebell Nov Board Meeting	$400
5/27/25	Apple One Admin	$482.58
5/27/25	Apple One Admin	$229.80
5/29/25	Zoom Secondary	$193.74
5/29/25	Budget Day - Dept of NE	$250.00
5/29/25	Congress of NH- Dept of NE	$250.00
5/29/25	Ume Works feb-may	$180.00
5/29/25	Ebell June Board Meeting	$400.00
5/30/25	Apple One Minutes	$343.81

3. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the July 2025 MER
   AppleOne TBD

   Ms. Carroll noted the above.

4. Revised FY 2025/2026 Budget: The budget has in fact been reduced to $25,000. The Budget we passed was for $32,000 and needs to be revised. Possible Motion: Approval of 2025/2026 Administrative Packet, Budget, and Inventory based on $25,000 Budget.

   Ms. Carroll reviewed the above and noted that the budget is flexible.

   FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves a revised 2025/2026 Administrative Packet, Budget, and Inventory based on $25,000 Budget.

   DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr explained that the City Clerk will advise the GWNC of the rollover amount, which the Board will then address. Ms. Carroll withdrew her Motion.

   FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the 2025/2026 Administrative Packet and Budget based on a $25,000 Budget.

   DISCUSSION: Mr. Gresham gave some historical perspective.

   FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained. Two (Gano and Gilbert) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

C. Vice President's Report.
   Mr. Gresham ceded his time.

D. Secretary's Report.
Ms. Lewis ceded her time.

VII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)
A. Committee Membership and Leadership
1. Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Mark Alpers (Area 5), Patricia Carroll (Area 10), Rory Cunningham (Area 10), Brian Curran (Area 14), Karen Gilman (Area 7), John Gresham (Area 13), Dick Herman (Area 10), Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo (Area 1), and Jane Usher (Area 14) as members of the Land Use Committee, with Mr. Curran to serve as Committee Chair.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gittelson and Mr. Gano also were interested in being on the Committee.

MOTION to AMEND (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Sicilia): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council replaces Patti Carroll with Richard Gano, and replaces Jane Usher with Tony Gittelson, as members of the Land Use Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Alpers and Mr. Cavalier were concerned that Ms. Usher and Ms. Carroll wouldn't be on the Committee if this amendment passed. Resident Sam Uretsky and Ms. Gilman wanted to keep the Committee as is. Resident Ariel Spiegel believed that Ms. Usher should remain on the Committee. A Windsor Square Association Board Member wanted Ms. Usher and Ms. Carroll to remain on the Committee.

MOTION to AMEND FAILED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with one in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Gittelson); 15 opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Starr and Stuart); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Sicilia). One (Gano) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

MOTION to AMEND (by Mr. Gittelson, seconded by Mr. Gilbert): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council replaces Rory Cunningham with Tony Gittelson as a member of the Land Use Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gittelson spoke of his interest in being on the Committee. Ms. Gilman noted that Julie Kim has wanted to be on the Committee. Ms. Carroll noted that Mr. Cunningham is an incredible preservationist. Mr. Gano believed that not enough Areas are being represented. Mr. Cavalier noted the deep experience and history of current Committee Members. Mr. Gilbert said that the neighborhood wants new Board Members on the Committee.

MOTION to AMEND FAILED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with seven in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (D'Atri, Gittelson, Lewis, Kiesow, Sicilia and Starr); eight opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, Gilbert, Gresham, and Irby); two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (DeVore and Stuart). One (Gano) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

MAIN MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, Gresham, Irby, Starr and Stuart); five opposed (Gilbert, Gittelson, Kiesow, Lewis, and Sicilia); two abstained (Appel and DeVore). One (Gano) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

B. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran

Mr. Curran indicated that there was no report.

C. Motion Amendment for Item VIII.B from June 11, 2025 Board Meeting: "...and no guest parking per AB 2027;" should be corrected to say "...and no guest parking per AB 2097;"

Mr. Curran requested and it was agreed to skip above Item #VII. C.

D. 507 & 531 N. Larchmont Blvd. Possible Motion: [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Alpers): Regarding the Letters of Compliance issued by the Department of City Planning on June 13, 2025, for the projects proposed for 531 N. Larchmont Blvd, Case File ADM-2025-34-DB-RED1-VHCA, and 507 N. Larchmont, Case File ADM-2024-8029-DB-VHCA-RED1, the community has worked for several years towards a model affordable housing vision for Upper Larchmont, as embodied in the Livable Communities component of the Housing Element. This vision will not be able to be realized if these two projects go forward. Because there is a much more thoughtful plan for upper Larchmont, and given the many failures of the two projects, as detailed in the attached motions of opposition passed by the GWNC on February 12, 2025, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will send a letter to the Department of City Planning, the Department of Housing, the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), Council District 13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, and to Mayor Karen Bass:

(a) objecting to Planning and Housing's disregard of the serious issues addressed in the Board's motions in opposition to 507 N. Larchmont Blvd. and 531 N. Larchmont Blvd. passed on February 12, 2025, none of which were remedied during the assessment leading to the issuance of the Letters of Compliance;

(b) demanding in light of this failure to appropriately weigh the Board's and the community's concerns, that Planning and Housing, assisted by the Councilmember and the Mayor, take an extraordinary review of the approval process of these projects to address these serious deficiencies;

(c) requesting that Planning, Housing, the Councilmember and the Mayor engage in a proactive, positive dialogue with the Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) and the community to realize the LCI plan for Upper Larchmont, including allocating resources to assist the community in developing the Livable Communities component in the Housing Plan for Upper Larchmont; and

(d) alerting LADBS to the multiple problems identified in the Board's February 12, 2025 motions opposing 507 N. Larchmont Blvd. and 531 N. Larchmont Blvd. that will require rigorous LADBS review and evaluation during the permitting process.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gittelson thought that the two properties were compatible with the Livable Communities Initiative. Mr. Uretsky said it's a scam; he believed that the developers' intent is for air conditioners to be installed in all units and that the developer has misrepresented and not engaged with the community. Mr. Uretsky said it's not housing, it's warehousing. Ms. Carroll said the projects have nothing to do with Livable Communities.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 15 in favor; one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Gittelson); one abstained (DeVore). One (Gano) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

E. 6721-6727 Melrose Ave. (Request for WDI): The project involves the demo of the existing commercial building and the construction, use, and maintenance of a new 32-unit, (6) story residential building, over one subterranean and one at-grade level of parking, plus commercial and lobby area on the ground floor. The applicant has filed a Waiver of Dedication and Improvement to request relief from the required two-foot dedication along Mansfield Ave. and relief from required improvements along both Mansfield and Melrose, to not provide a new integral concrete curb, gutter, 12-foot wide concrete sidewalk with tree wells or minimum 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with landscaping of the parkway; and to request relief from constructing new curb ramps at the intersection per BOE standard and Special Order 04-0222. The applicant is also requesting relief from the 20-foot radius property line return or 15 by 15-foot corner cut dedication at the intersection of Mansfield and Melrose. The applicant is not requesting relief from the requirement of reasonably repairing and replacing any damaged or cracked pavement or concrete, and is not requesting relief from alley improvements. Filing date: 6/03/25. Case no: CPC-2024-2365-DB-WDI-VHCA. Zoning: [Q]C2-1XL-CPIO. Area 8: Melrose; CD 5. Possible Motion: The GWNC supports the applicant's request for a Waiver of Dedication and Improvement for Case No. CPC-2024-2365-DB-WDI-VHCA to provide a two-foot dedication along Mansfield Avenue and relief from required improvements along both Mansfield and Melrose to provide a new integral concrete curb, gutter, 12-foot wide concrete sidewalk with tree wells or minimum 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with landscaping and to request relief from constructing new curb ramps at that intersection per BOE standard and Special Order

04-0222. Further, we request the City approve relief from the 20-foot radius property line return or 15 by 15-foot corner cut dedication at the intersection of Mansfield and Melrose.

The above Item was skipped.

F. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 pm at the Marlborough School (Room C115), 250 S. Rossmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

The above Item was skipped.

VIII. <u>OUTREACH COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

Subject Matter Jurisdiction: All matters concerning promoting and maintaining a system of outreach to involve all Stakeholders in all activities of the GWNC, including but not limited to recruiting nominees for subsequent election to the Board, recruiting Committee members, and maximizing the opportunity for every Stakeholder to participate in the GWNC.

A. Committee Membership and Leadership

1. Motion: The GWNC selects Jesseca Harvey, Patricia Carroll, Rochelle Lewis, Conrad Starr, and Brian Curran to serve as members of the Outreach Committee with Ms. Harvey to serve as Chair.

B. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey

C. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles Public Library, John C. Fremont Branch, Community Room

IX. <u>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and possible action)

Subject Matter Jurisdiction: All matters concerning mobility, traffic, traffic safety, any mode of transportation, sidewalks, curbs, parking and related issues.

A. Committee Membership and Leadership.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects Jeff Carpenter - Citrus Square, Romi Cortier - Business, Jennifer DeVore - Hancock Park, Cindy Chvatal-Keane - Hancock Park, Frank Moser - Windsor Square, Eliot Silver - Larchmont Village, and Sam Uretsky - Larchmont Village to serve as the Transportation Committee, with Mr. Cortier to serve as Chair.

B. Committee Report - Chair: Romi Cortier

C. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30pm via Zoom - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935555

X. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and possible action)

Subject Matter Jurisdiction: All matters concerning the preservation, protection and sustainability of the natural resources in the GWNC, the City, and the State, including but not limited to issues of climate change, water use and quality, air quality, greenhouse gases, soil, contamination, and the environmental footprint of the GWNC Stakeholders.

A. Committee Membership and Leadership.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects [NAMES (minimum 2 and maximum 5 board members; maximum 9 total including stakeholder members; with good faith effort to limit to 2 per geographic area)] to serve as the Environmental and Sustainability Committee with [NAME] to serve as Chair and [NAME] to serve as Secretary.

B. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.

C. Council File #21-1395-S1

1. File Description: "... WE THEREFORE MOVE the Council instruct the Board of Public Works' Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, and in consultation with, but not limited to, the Department of City Planning, the Fire Department, and the Department of Building and Safety, the City Attorney, and any Council office/Mayor's Office, to report on recommendations on instituting best practices relative to oil and gas uses in the land use regulatory process, in addition to solutions to protect the health and safety of residents from developments built over oil wells. The report should include the following information: … " Various reports are then cited to be discussed.

2. Possible Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS in support the Council File #21-1395-S1 to have the city develop policies for addressing unsafe development issues that arise with the reuse of land containing used oil fields.

D. Possible speakers for our next Committee meetings which could be advertised:

1. Arisa Cleaveland, Central Santa Monica Bay, Safe Clean Water Program. This program funds projects that enhance stormwater capture, improve water quality, and provide recreational and green spaces. Funding for these initiatives is raised through a property tax passed as Measure W in 2018.   She will discuss opportunities to fund green infrastructure projects in our area, which could greatly benefit our local community.

2. Bronwyn Berry, principal of Passive House BB and longtime board member and leader at The Passive House Network. In 2022, she presented at COP27 in Egypt discussing the mutually supportive role that the international Passive House standard and building energy code development can play.

E. Possible Motion to appoint board members and/or stakeholders to the Committee.

F. Next Meeting: The next GWNC ESC meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025 via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92827811179

XI. <u>RESILIENCE COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

Subject Matter Jurisdiction: All matters concerning emergency preparedness, including but not limited to Stakeholder preparation, resilience and continuity of operations during GWNC and/or City of Los Angeles emergencies.

A. Committee Membership and Leadership.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects [NAMES (minimum 2 and maximum 5 board members; maximum 9 total including stakeholder members; with good faith effort to limit to 2 per geographic area)] to serve as the Resilience Committee with [NAME] to serve as Chair and [NAME] to serve as Secretary.

B. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Resilience Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957.

XII. <u>QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and possible action)

Subject Matter Jurisdiction: All matters concerning public safety, crime, homelessness, or Stakeholder well-being that come before the GWNC and that do 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 Membership and Leadership.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC selects [NAMES (minimum 2 and maximum 5 board members; maximum 9 total including stakeholder members; with good faith effort to limit to 2 per geographic area)] to serve as the Quality of Life Committee with [NAME] to serve as Chair and [NAME] to serve as Secretary.

B. Committee Report - Chair: Charles D'Atri.

C. Next Meeting: The next Quality of Life Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977930618.

Above Item #s VIII – XII were skipped.

XIII. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Liaison/GWNC Representative Appointments.

1. Budget Representative(s)
2. Homelessness Liaison
3. Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition Representative(s)
4. LADWP Representative
5. LADWP Ratepayer Advocate
6. [Other liaisons or representatives]

There were no such appointments.

B. Appointment of Assistant Secretary (optional)

MOTION (by Mr. Alpers, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council selects Erika Stuart as Assistant Secretary.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Lewis, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #II. C. 4.

C. Appointment of Assistant Treasurer (optional)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

XIV. <u>BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting: The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 by Zoom. See agenda when posted for details.

The above Item was skipped.

XV. <u>REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

A. FY 2024-2025 Administrative Packet and Budget

The above Item was skipped.

XVI. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Ms. DeVore **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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