



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Approved April 15, 2026

Pursuant to the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 707 (Portantino) and LA City Council approval on November 1, 2023, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted virtually.

Document copies were shown online and available at www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks (GWNC President).

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Board of Directors was held online. President Jennifer DeVore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and explained procedures, reminding Board Members to check with the City Attorney if the Member has a possible or definite conflict of interest.

B. Roll Call (GWNC Secretary).

The Secretary called the roll. Eighteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers, Diana Yin Braker (Alternate for Gary Gilbert), Patti Carroll (Treasurer), Dave Cavalier, Cindy Chvatal-Keane (Alternate for Brian Curran), Romi Cortier, Charles D’Atri, Julie Dalton, Jennifer DeVore (President), Richard Gano, Tony Gittelsohn, John Gresham (Vice-President), Natalie Irby, Julie Kim (Alternate for Drew Kiesow), Lisha Sevanian, Sixto Sicilia, Conrad Starr and Erika Stuart (Secretary). Scott Appel, MJ Anderson and Slate Donaldson arrived later. No Board Members were absent and not represented by an Alternate. Area 11 Sycamore Square Alternate Seat Board Member Dan Sterling was appointed to the Board during below Item #V. C. 1. b. 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. All 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Six Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. C. 1. a); to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately 23 Stakeholders and guests.

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Council District 5 - (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; there was no report.

- B. Council District 13 - (Mark Fuentes - mark.fuentes@lacity.org).
Mark Fuentes, Senior Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez [213-913-2991; <https://cd13.LACity.org>], reported on street lighting maintenance and tree trimming, and encouraged submitting requests. Other issues also were addressed.
- 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)).

Harry Cho, an LAPD Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0649; 33817@LAPD.Online; http://www.LAPDOnline.org/olympic_community_police_station], reported that burglars may be using wi-fi jammers; hard-wired camera systems are not affected.
- D. LA Metro (Ned Racine - racinen@metro.net).
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], was not present; there was no report.
- E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (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], was not present; there was no report.
- F. Mayor's Office (Susan Cervantes - susana.cervantes@lacity.org for CD13 and/or Jennifer Hull – jennifer.hull@lacity.org for CD5).
Susan Cervantes, Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; <http://LAMayor.org>], reported that Shine LA needs volunteers on fourth Saturdays at 8 a.m. to help with street cleanups. She committed to relaying to the Mayor's Office that it seems that Neighborhood Councils are being eliminated.
- G. Supervisorial District 2 - (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>), reported that the D Line train will open May 8th.
- H. Supervisorial District 3 - (Field Deputy Amanda Laflen - alaflen@bos.lacounty.gov).
Paige Hajiloo, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (213-440-0927; <https://lindseyhorvath.LACounty.gov>), reported that LAHSA will be audited to ensure that contractors perform their work and are paid.

- I. Other Government Representatives.
There were no other reports at this time.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Guest Lionel Mares commented on City Charter, Police, and Planning and Infrastructure reform. Resident Chris was concerned that streets aren't cleaned.

IV. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS

- A. Budget Representative (Jack Humphreville).
Ms. DeVore referred to the Bddocs.

- B. LADWP (Jack Humphreville).
Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report.

Board Members MJ Anderson and Slate Donaldson arrived at 6:36, and Scott Appel arrived at 6:37, making all 21 Board Members present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

- C. LANCC – See summary in board docs (Jennifer DeVore).
Ms. DeVore indicated that there was no LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] report.

- D. Homelessness Liaison (Dan Sterling).
Mr. Sterling indicated that there was no report.

- E. Public Works Liaison (Natalie Irby).
Ms. Irby reported that Michael Ventry will attend the April meeting.

- F. Other Liaisons or Representatives.
No other Liaison reports were made.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Adoption of February 11, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections were requested: page one, Item #I. B.: replace “Lisha Sevanian (Alternate for Rochelle Lewis) arrived later” with “Lisha Sevanian had become a Board Member upon the resignation of Rochelle Lewis”; and page nine, Item #IX. B.: replace “*Ms. Sevanian for being a film production company attorney*” with “*Ms. Sevanian for being a film Producer.*” [Also replaced: page two, after Item #II. D.: “*Alternate Board Member Lisha Sevanian (for Rochelle Lewis)*” with “*Board Member Lisha Sevanian.*”]

MOTION (by Ms. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Alpers): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its February 11, 2026 General Board Meeting as amended.

Alternate Board Member Cindy Chvatal was unavailable to vote at 6:59, making 20 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 20 eligible voters present with all 20 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Braker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. Discuss Meeting Schedule: The GWNC will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, April 15 and in person at the Ebell on May 13.

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

C. Board & Board Alternate and Committee Administration.

1. Nominations, Elections, Vacancies and/or Motions to Appoint.

a) Board & Alternate Vacancies:

Area 3 - Country Club Heights Alternate

Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St Andrews Alternate

Area 11 - Sycamore Square Alternate

Area 12 - Western-Wilton Alternate

Area 13 - Wilshire Park Alternate

Religion Alternate

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

b) Possible Board & Board Alternate Appointments:

- Candidate for Area 11 Sycamore Square Alternate - Dan Sterling

Mr. Starr nominated Dan Sterling to be the Area 11 Sycamore Square Alternate Board Member. Mr. Sterling introduced himself and noted his community service.

MOTION (by Ms. Sevanian, seconded by Mr. Gittelsohn): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Dan Sterling to be the Area 11 Sycamore Square Alternate Board Member.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 20 eligible voters present with all 20 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Braker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- Other candidates

Ms. DeVore indicated that there were none at this time.

c) Oath of Office for New Board Members and Alternates (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/DONE).

Ms. DeVore led Mr. Sterling in saying aloud the Oath of Office.

Board Member Conrad Starr left and was replaced by his Alternate Dan Sterling at 7:30, keeping 20 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

2. BONC/DONE-Required Training.

a) Training Requirements:

- ALL Training is REQUIRED to vote. BONC requires Board members + alternates to complete all five trainings in order to vote in all meetings. Check EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for training.
- Code of Conduct: DONE's policy is to suspend non-compliers after 30 days and remove them after 60 days (policy # 2014-2(1))

b) Currently suspended by DONE: Meir Finck, Steve Grossman

c) Currently ineligible to vote: Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman

d) Training INCOMPLETE:

- Code of Conduct: Finck, Grossman,
- Ethics and/or Funding: Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Salinger, Shusterman
- Gender: Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman
- Anti-Bias: Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report.

Ms. DeVore ceded her time.

B. Vice President's Report.

Mr. Gresham ceded his time.

C. Treasurer's Report (Discussion and Possible Action). Please refer to MER in the supporting documents folder (<https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs/>).

1. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for February 2026 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for February 2026 and each individual expense listed therein.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 20 eligible voters present with all 20 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Braker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, D'Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gittelson,

Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Sterling and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. CC

2/3/26	Public Storage January	\$247.00
2/3/26	Larchmont Chronicle Nov&Jan	\$196.00

CHECKS

None

3. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the March 2026 MER

At Work TBD

Ebell October Board Meeting - \$400

Ebell Jan Board Meeting - \$400

Conrad Star reimburse \$ 32.82

4. Please Note: GWNC City Funds 25/25 were \$25,000. Rollover Funds are \$11,201.96 for a total of \$36,201.96. Expenses year 24/25 were \$28,343.79 with Funding of \$32,000 and Roll over of \$7,545.75 with a total of \$39,545.75.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

5. Website/Email Hosting Renewal: The GWNC will pay DreamHost \$383.88 for a one-year renewal of DreamHost VPS for website and email hosting, for service from 5/1/2026 through 4/30/2027.

The above Item was skipped.

6. DropBox Essentials Renewal: The GWNC will pay DropBox \$199.00 for a one-year renewal of DropBox Essentials for the account associated with gwncwebmaster[at]gmail[dot]com for service from 6/2/2026 to 6/2/2027.

The above Item was skipped.

D. Secretary's Report.

1. Committee Minutes

Ms. Stuart reminded Committees to submit meeting Minutes for website posting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Liaison/GWNC Representative Appointments.

1. Budget Representative (1 additional)

2. Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition Representative (s)

3. Other liaisons or representatives

There were no appointments at this time.

B. Committee Appointments.

1. Committee Vacancies (Committee chairs to verify)
 - a) Transportation - 1 Board, 0 stakeholders
 - b) PSQ - 0 Board, 2 stakeholders
 - c) Outreach - up to 2 Board, up to 6 stakeholders
 - d) Land Use - 0 Board, 0 stakeholders
 - e) Environment & Sustainability - up to 2 Board, up to 3 stakeholders

2. Possible Committee Appointments.

There were no appointments at this time.

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.

Ms. Dalton reported for Ms. Estabrook regarding the below.

- B. The ESC unanimously passed a motion requesting the GWNC Board to submit letters to CD2-Nazarian and CD14-Jurado City Councilmembers requesting a meeting with the GWNC ESC regarding the use of pesticides (letter in board docs)
- BACKGROUND: In 2025, several GWNC residents contacted GWNC regarding new reports linking pesticides to Parkinson's and other diseases. On 10/16/2025, the GWNC ESC invited a subject matter expert, Dr. Beate Ritz, to speak at the ESC meeting. As a result of that meeting, the ESC requested meetings to be set up with CD5 and CD13 Councilmembers or their staff to discuss the growing research tying pesticide use and human illness and the possibility of reducing or banning pesticides in LA city public property. The council members' staff suggest speaking to other members of the City Council who are on the Energy & Environment Committee and/or oversee the Department of Recreation & Parks. We would therefore like to expand the discussion to include these additional City Council members in an effort to build momentum toward change.

Possible Motion: The GWNC Board approves the attached letters requesting an opportunity to meet with Council Members Adrin Nazarian, CD-2, and Ysabel Jurado, CD-14 and/or their staff members to discuss the topic of pesticide use on City-controlled properties and to provide the research the ESC has collected for the GWNC Board to the CD 2 and CD 14 City Councilmembers.

MOTION (by Ms. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board approves the attached letters requesting an opportunity to meet with Council Members Adrin Nazarian, CD-2, and Ysabel Jurado, CD-14 and/or their staff members to discuss the topic of pesticide use on City-controlled properties and to provide the research the ESC has collected for the GWNC Board to the CD 2 and CD 14 City Councilmembers.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 20 eligible voters present with 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Braker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Sterling and Stuart); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri).

C. Next Meeting: The next GWNC ESC meeting will be on Thursday, April 2, 2026 via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9282781117>

IX. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran.

B. SB79 – Possible Motion [see below].

Mr. Alpers explained some history.

MOTION (by Mr. Alpers, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) Recommends Option C1 for SB79 Implementation WHEREAS, on February 18, 2026, the Los Angeles City Planning Department submitted a complex 69-page letter to the City Council’s Planning and Land Use (PLUM) Committee of recommended actions for the City’s Implementation of SB 79 (Recommendation Letter). PLUM immediately scheduled a meeting for February 24, 2026, to hear and act on the Recommendation Letter.

WHEREAS, with two members absent, the PLUM Committee barely achieved a quorum at its February 24, 2026 hearing. Under these circumstances, a unanimous vote by the three attending committee members was required for PLUM to pass any motion. The PLUM Committee could not unanimously agree on a motion but instead forwarded a “Recommendation of the Chair” to the Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, later that same day, February 24, 2026, the GWNC Land Use Committee (LUC) met in regular session to discuss both the Recommendation Letter and the PLUM Chair’s Recommendation. Due to its unanswered questions, the LUC did not take action but instead thereafter requested additional information from the Los Angeles City Planning Department and scheduled a special LUC meeting for March 2, 2026, to resume its SB 79 discussion. The requested additional information was to learn the effect of the Recommendation Letter and the Recommendation of the Chair on the Larchmont area and, by implication, on other GWNC neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2026, clarifying information was provided orally and in writing to a non-Brown Act delegation of the LUC, from both Blair Smith and Kevin Keller from the City Planning Department. The written response from Blair Smith is attached as Exhibit A to this Motion and is incorporated herein. City Planning stated that, for now, zoning and development incentives in Larchmont will not be impacted by the City’s SB 79 Implementation. The information from Blair Smith and Kevin Keller answered the questions from the LUC regular session on February 24, 2026, and serves as the basis for this Motion.

NOW THEREFORE, in response to the foregoing City actions and answers, the GWNC adopts the following positions and will file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) with

this Motion attached as its explanatory letter addressed to the PLUM Committee, the City Council, the Mayor's Office and the City Attorney's Office, as follows:

- The timing of PLUM's February 24, 2026 hearing, less than one week after its receipt of the complicated and far-reaching SB 79 Recommendation Letter from City Planning, failed to give the City's Neighborhood Councils and the public adequate time to review and provide input on the recommendations in time for the PLUM meeting. Due to deadlines imposed by SB 79, citizen participation between now and July 1, 2026, when the City must take final action to implement SB 79, will be extremely limited.
- Because of the extraordinary implications and impact of the SB 79 Recommendation Letter on the City's property owners, every single-family property owner currently or potentially affected by SB 79 must be notified that their single-family properties may be reclassified with incentives to permit higher density uses. Since approximately two-thirds of single-family uses may be reclassified in this manner, it is unconscionable to initiate such a massive de facto "upzoning" without actively informing all affected individuals that their fundamental quality of life is at stake.
- In implementing SB 79, the City should pursue Approach C, Option 1, as described in the Planning Department letter. Approach C, Option 1 allows up to three-story multi-family buildings in eligible single-family residential areas. In conjunction with Approach C, Option 1, the GWNC Land Use Committee also strongly recommends confirmation that all HPOZs, City-designated Historic Districts and sites/areas designated on the National Register of Historic Places also be fully protected from SB 79 development. Two of the three PLUM Committee members who attended the February 24, 2026 meeting voted to fully protect all pre-2015 HPOZs. The letter from the City Planning Department protects "historic resources" which might be interpreted to limit protection to only contributing structures within HPOZs.
- It should be emphasized that Approach C, Option 1, with the HPOZ protection described above, if approved by the City, will be incorporated in a Delayed Effectuation Ordinance to remain in effect until approximately 2030. Therefore, this protection is temporary. Prior to the expiration of the Delayed Effectuation Ordinance, SB 79 requires either the adoption of Alternative Plans, for approval by the State, that rebalance residential growth within the City or all provisions of SB 79 will be fully implemented. The GWNC recommends that upon approval of the Delayed Effectuation Ordinance, the City allocates all necessary resources to initiate the development of Alternative Plans as soon as possible.
- Planning Department staff has stated its understanding that SB 79 implementation is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A full CEQA analysis would disclose potentially significant impacts on air quality, transportation, and the City's aging infrastructure systems. Recognizing that it is not possible to produce a comprehensive environmental analysis between now and July 1, 2026, the GWNC LUC recommends that any City SB 79 implementation actions provide written justification for the position that the action is exempt from CEQA.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Ms. Sevanian, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adds the following wording to the above Motion: "-- Based on the information provided by the City Planning Department & as discussed in the recent PLUM meeting, the City plans to implement SB79 without changing the

underlying zoning classifications (e.g. R-1) of eligible properties. This measure will allow the City to apply existing applicable zoning standards (e.g., setbacks) to properties supporting multi-family structures in what are now lower density zones. The GWNC supports this approach to keep the underlying zoning the same but to provide more density by changing the description of what is allowable in each zone.”

Alternate Board Member Diana Braker had left by 8:02, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Sterling and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Sterling and Stuart); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Anderson).

C. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>.

Mr. Alpers noted the above.

X. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey.

See below.

B. GWNC Winter 2026 Stakeholder Survey - Geographic and demographic engagement and outreach/marketing reports. Full results report to be presented at a later date.

Ms. Harvey thanked everyone who completed the Survey. Mr. Cavalier received 341 responses; he noted the most common comments.

C. Approval of Branded Ruler Design (tabling giveaway).

Ms. Harvey reported that the Committee narrowed the choice to two designs, which she showed online. The selected design would only appear on the front of the ruler. Design #1 was favored by most Board Members.

D. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>.

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

XI. PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

B. Next Meeting: The next Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above; he will continue to advocate for better street lighting.

XII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Romi Cortier.

Mr. Cortier reported that curb painting was discussed. He had reached out to CD 13's Mark Fuentes, who wrote that only the City can paint curbs.

B. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:30pm via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935>.

XIII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and possible action)

A. Charter Reform Committee - Chair: Conrad Starr.

1. Committee Report.

Mr. Starr reported.

2. Community Impact Statements.

[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

a) Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners as follows: Much like our general support of the very similar Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition recommendations, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' Charter Reform recommendations dated Feb 18th 2026. [NOTE: this motion passed 4/0/0 at the CR Committee on 2/12/2026.]

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Stuart): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to wit: Much like our general support of the very similar Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition recommendations, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' Charter Reform recommendations dated Feb 18th, 2026.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with all 19 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier,

D'Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Sterling and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- b) Possible Motion: The GWNC will file a CIS to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners urging the Charter Reform Commission to add Neighborhood Council Elections to the Charter, dictating elections every two years, but not dictating a specific term for Neighborhood Council boards.

[NOTE: this motion received a 1/0/2 vote at the CR Committee on 2/27/2026. The GWNC President agreed to place this before the Board for discussion and possible action]

[BACKGROUND: In their fiscal year 2026-27 Budget Request, the Office of the City Clerk is proposing to cancel (or postpone by two years) the 2027 Neighborhood Council elections to balance their budget. By their proposal, board members would automatically have two years added to their terms. The City Clerk did not meet with the Neighborhood Councils or the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, nor did they inform the Department they were submitting this in their budget. Some Neighborhood Councils have four-year terms and run half the seats at each two-year election. Neighborhood Councils (including Greater Wilshire) turn their boards over every two years.]

Mr. Gresham explained this.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Cortier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners urging the Charter Reform Commission to add Neighborhood Council Elections to the Charter, dictating elections every two years, but not dictating a specific term for Neighborhood Council Board Members.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Alpers and Mr. Gittelson believed this to be a budget, not City Charter, issue. JG explained that Board Member term limits would limit institutional memory.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 15 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, D'Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Sterling and Stuart); zero opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel and Gittelson).

Mr. Gresham explained that the City Council may adopt from none to all of the recommended City Charter revisions.

3. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12 at 4 p.m. on Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85276994679>.

B. LA28 Olympic Committee – Chair: Lisha Sevanian.

1. Committee Report.

Ms. Sevanian indicated that there was no report at this time.

2. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 at 7 PM via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651423914>.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

There was no new business.

XV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No other requests were made.

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Sicilia commented.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVore **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Possibly edited by the GWNC. The GWNC Board Meeting Minutes page is <http://greaterwilshire.org/board-agendas-minutes>.