



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Approved May 13, 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 6:31 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).

Secretary Stuart called the roll. Twenty of the 21 Board Members were present online at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers, MJ Anderson, Scott Appel, Patti Carroll (Treasurer), Romi Cortier, Brian Curran, Charles D’Atri, Julia Dalton, Jennifer DeVore (President), Slate Donaldson, Richard Gano, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelsohn, John Gresham (Vice-President), Natalie Irby, Drew Kiesow, Lisha Sevanian, Sixto Sicilia, Conrad Starr and Erika Stuart (Secretary). Dave Cavalier was absent and not represented by an Alternate. Area 13 Wilshire Park Alternate Kathy Becker was appointed to the Board during below Item #V.

C. 1. b. Alternate Diana Yin Breaker resigned. 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 of the 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 14 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>], reported on upcoming events.

- 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 [213-993-2991; <https://cd13.LACity.org>], reported on street light repairs.
- 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)) and Officer Andrew Jones 41719@lapd.online (8th Street to Olympic, La Brea to Mansfield).
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, in Wilshire Park, a camera was hidden in bushes “to capture the resident’s going in and out of the house . . . watching the driveway and the front door.” Police are investigating. He requested that homeowners check landscaping for cameras, including asking gardeners to check. He reminded to close and secure windows and doors before leaving home, including on second and third stories. There’ve been increased package thefts; he reminded to have packages delivered to a locker or other address. He thanked people for their fundraising support.
- 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>], reported on a 40% year-to-date increase in robberies in his area; some may have been by a robbery crew hitting multiple Metro PCS stores. Several of the crew, some juveniles, some adults, have been “taken into custody.” He explained the difference between a “theft” and a “robbery.” A theft is elevated to a robbery when force or fear is used by the thief. There’d been an 11% year-to-date increase in thefts and a 50% year-to-date decrease in burglaries. He thanked people for the carnival turnout.
- 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], reported on the Saturday, June 6th Youth Conference at downtown City Hall; she encouraged to have youth apply to attend. Budget Day will be June 27th, 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with panel discussions and workshops. She will provide a corrected GWNC map; both DONE and the City Clerk working on it; they “hope to have it . . . within the next month.” DONE is working on new website accessibility requirements.

- F. Mayor's Office (Susan Cervantes - susana.cervantes@lacity.org for CD13 and/or Jennifer Hull – jennifer.hull@lacity.org for CD5).

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VI. B.] Ms. Cervantes, Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; <http://LAMayor.org>], reported that solar street lights were being installed, and on legislation addressing “heavy metal theft,” including copper wire. Many potholes were filled with the help of many 3-1-1 requests.

- 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>), was not present; there was no report.

- H. Supervisorial District 3 - (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.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Reza Badakhshan reported that RVs are being parked on residential streets, negatively affecting property values and sales.

IV. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS

- A. Budget Representative (Jack Humphreville).
Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report [see <http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>].
- B. LADWP (Jack Humphreville).
Mr. Humphreville was not present; there was no report.
- C. LANCC – See summary in board docs (Jennifer DeVore).
Ms. DeVore referred, about LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org], to the Bddocs, especially about funding guidelines.
- 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 retired; she's working with Deborah Hong.
- F. Other Liaisons or Representatives.
No other Liaison reports were made.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Adoption of March 11, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes.

The following correction was requested: page one, first paragraph below the header: correct “Senate Bill 411” to “Senate Bill 707.”

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

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, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Potential Motion to appoint a GWNC Internal Webmaster (Discussion and Possible Action).

Ms. DeVore explained the need, as Mr. Starr has, for years, been doing that work.

MOTION (by Ms. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Conrad Starr as the GWNC Internal Webmaster.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote with all 20 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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 12 - Western-Wilton Alternate
- Area 13 - Wilshire Park Alternate
- Area 14 - Windsor Square Alternate (fillable May 11)
- Religion Alternate

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

b) Possible Board & Board Alternate Appointments.

- Area 13 Wilshire Park Alternate candidate – Aysie Bower
- Area 13 Wilshire Park Alternate candidate – Kathy Becker
- Other candidates

Resident Ms. Bower spoke of her desire to serve, and her social media and community service experience, including for outreach. Her main interests are helping unhoused people, and neighborhood cleanliness.

Long-time resident Ms. Becker, formerly Kathy Stark, spoke of her desire to promote historic home preservation, and of having helped found the GWNC.

DONE's Ms. Chamber said that Board electees and appointees must be at least 18 years of age. Ms. Carroll suggested that Ms. Bower join a Committee.

Mr. Starr nominated Kathy Becker for the Area 13 Wilshire Park Alternate Board Seat.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by MJ Anderson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Kathy Becker as the Area 13 Wilshire Park Alternate Board Member.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 19 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Gittelson).

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

Ms. DeVore led Ms. Becker in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

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 due to incomplete training: Finck, Grossman, Ritter, Rosenberg, Salinger, Shusterman

- 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 indicated that there was no report.

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 March 2026 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Ms. Carroll reviewed the Report.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for March 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, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. CC

3/3/26 Public Storage January \$247.00
3/10/26 Larchmont Chronicle March \$98.00
3/17/2026 Bas Custom Prints \$57.72

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None

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

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

At Work TBD

Ebell October Board Meeting - \$400

Ebell Jan Board Meeting - \$400

Conrad Star reimburse \$ 32.82

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

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. GWNC Zoom Licenses – Possible Motion: The GWNC approves the use of two Zoom licenses for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and approves spending \$255.61 per license for a total of \$511.22.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the use of two Zoom licenses for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and approves spending \$255.61 per license for a total of \$511.22.

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, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

6. LA Budget Advocates Budget Day – Possible Motion: The GWNC will contribute \$_____ towards the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Budget Day to be held on Saturday, June 27th at City Hall.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VI. C. 9.] It was agreed to contribute \$250 for Budget Day.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Stuart): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will contribute \$250 towards the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Budget Day to be held on Saturday, June 27th at City Hall.

Ms. DeVore and Mr. Starr explained that the Budget Day free event discusses the City budget.

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, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. Website/Email Hosting Renewal – Possible Motion: 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.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

Mr. Gittelsohn requested to have “a searchable database” on the website; Mr. Starr will work on it.

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, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

8. DropBox Essentials Renewal – Possible Motion: 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.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council 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.

Mr. Starr explained the need; it's a searchable backup.

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, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Irby, Kiesow, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

9. 2nd Bank Cardholder - Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints Conrad Starr as 2nd Bank Cardholder.

MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Stuart): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Conrad Starr as 2nd Bank Cardholder.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 20 eligible voters present with all 20 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

10. Congress of Neighborhoods.

Ms. Carroll said possible funding of the Congress will be on next month's Agenda.

D. Secretary's Report.

Ms. Stuart indicated that there was no report.

VII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

- A. Committee Report - Chair: Romi Cortier.
See below.

- B. Traffic Safety Motions (Discussion and Possible Action).

1. Clinton and Larchmont (Possible Motion): [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Cortier, seconded by Mr. Alpers): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves the following:
WHEREAS, the intersection of N. Larchmont Blvd. and Clinton St. has been identified by stakeholders to the GWNC Transportation Committee as a dangerous intersection requiring urgent safety interventions, and

WHEREAS, this intersection is the site of at least four documented, serious vehicular accidents since November 2025 alone, including one accident on March 8, 2026, that resulted in damages to the POLAM Credit Union located at 589 N. Larchmont Blvd. (southwest corner of this intersection) estimated to cost approximately \$1 million dollars for repairs, and:

WHEREAS, this intersection is proximate to the Page Academy, located at 565 N. Larchmont Blvd., and represents a constant and continuing hazard to students and parents arriving and departing by vehicle or on foot, or standing on the adjacent sidewalk, and:

WHEREAS, persistent speeding along the corridor of Upper Larchmont Blvd. (between Melrose Ave. and Beverly Blvd.) continues to compromise the safety of local residents, pedestrians and business patrons;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GWNC Board requests that Council District 13 Council Member Hugo Soto-Martinez exercise the full authority of his office to coordinate with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

1 – Implement Safety Upgrades at the Intersection: Execute immediate safety enhancements, both temporary and permanent, at N. Larchmont Blvd. and Clinton Street that are developed in consultation with, and acceptable to, the neighboring residents and businesses.

2 – Deploy Speed Mitigation Measures: Fund and install physical traffic-calming infrastructure along the full length of Upper Larchmont Blvd. (Melrose Ave. to Beverly Blvd.). Options to be evaluated include, but are not limited to:

- Physical Obstacles: Installation of speed humps or speed tables.
- ALPR Speed Cameras: Installation and Maintenance
- Road Diet/Reconfiguration: Implementation of center-median diagonal parking to effectively reduce moving traffic to a single lane in each direction.

3 – Increase Enforcement & Priority: Request LAPD to increase traffic enforcement in this corridor and designate these projects for accelerated priority status within the City’s infrastructure pipeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GWNC Board requests a formal status update from CD 13 regarding the feasibility and timeline of their requests at the Board's next meeting on May 21, 2026.

Resident Sam Uretsky gave further information.

AMENDED MOTION (by Ms. Irby, seconded by MJ Anderson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, after the above Main Motion final paragraph that begins with “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,” adds the following paragraph to the end of the Motion:

“And be it further resolved that the GWNC Board authorizes Business Representative and Transportation Committee Chair Romi Cortier to apply for grant funding from the City of Los Angeles Innovation and Performance Commission in time for such grants to be placed on the Commission's agenda for its May 20, 2026 meeting, for amounts to be determined, for: 1. Procurement and

testing of 4–6 LED-illuminated solar-powered stop signs for this intersection; and 2. A feasibility study of two-sided center median nose-end parking on Larchmont Boulevard between Beverly Boulevard and Melrose Avenue, including striping of one pilot section extending southward from the planted center median on the 500 North block of Larchmont Boulevard to approximately in line with the northern lot line of the Larchmont Medical Building, while keeping all current parallel parking spaces.”

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 20 eligible voters present with all 20 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. John Burroughs (Possible Motion) : The GWNC Boards requests that the Mayor add increased funding for traffic safety and enforcement surrounding the John Burroughs Middle School and will send a letter to that effect to the Mayor’s office and to CD5.

MOTION (by Mr. Cortier, seconded by Ms. Sevanian): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council requests that the Mayor add increased funding for traffic safety and enforcement surrounding the John Burroughs Middle School and will send a letter to that effect to the Mayor’s office and to CD5.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 20 eligible voters present with all 20 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- C. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:30pm via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935>.

Mr. Cortier noted the above.

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

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

1. E-resources: LAMC 41.11 handout, enforcement of RV rules, seismic retrofit grants.

Mr. D’Atri reported. He noted that the above “41.11” should be “LAMC 41.18.”

- B. Committee Membership: Diana Yin Breaker resigned from the PSQL Committee and from the GWNC Board. Three stakeholder committee seats are vacant.

Mr. D’Atri noted the above.

- C. Public Safety Town Hall Motion: The GWNC will hold a Public Safety Town Hall on September 27, 2026, focused on public safety and emergency preparedness, with city and county departments/offices and others to present and provide information at tables, with a preliminary budget of up to \$1,780, per the attached documentation.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gittelsohn, seconded by Mr. Gilbert): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will hold a Public Safety Town Hall on September 27,

2026, focused on public safety and emergency preparedness, with City and County departments/offices and others to present and provide information at tables, with a preliminary budget of up to \$1,780, per the attached documentation.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Gittelson, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): Based on the 4/6/26 recommendation of the Public Safety / Quality of Life (PSQL) Committee, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) Board authorizes the formation of a small working group, to be led by Tony Gittelson and Gary Gilbert, to study the feasibility, and organize, a GWNC Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Town Hall to be held on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at John Burroughs Middle School.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gittelson described his outreach to at least 50 neighbors. The Town Hall would be from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; CD5 and 13 and other government representatives will attend. This Motion would be a “preliminary approval” by the GWNC to apply for Permits. Mr. Starr explained the usual Permit approval process.

Board Member Julia Dalton was unavailable or had left by this time, making 19 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Curran, D’Atri, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Sevanian and Sicilia); four opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Carroll, Cortier, Gresham and Starr); seven abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Alpers, Appel, DeVore, Donaldson, Irby, Kiesow and Stuart).

Board Member Drew Kiesow left at this time (8:30), making 18 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gittelson said that Burroughs Middle School is “the least expensive” location; Marlborough was “unavailable.” Mr. Gresham suggested to TABLE this item.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council refers Item #VIII. C. to the Public Safety & Quality Of Life Committee.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE PASSED by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Gittelson).

- D. Council File 25-0848 (AB 747 / City Compliance Status / Existing Evacuation Plans / Improve Evacuation Route Infrastructure) (Park/Yaroslavsky) (Background: California Assembly Bill 747 (AB 747), effective January 1, 2022, requires local jurisdictions to update their General Plan Safety Elements to identify and analyze evacuation routes, assess their capacity, and evaluate their viability under various emergency scenarios, such as wildfires. This legislation ensures cities and counties plan for, and test,

evacuation strategies, often incorporating them into local Hazard Mitigation Plans or Emergency Operations Plans.) Motion: The GWNC will file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of [“for”] Council File 25-0848.

Mr. Starr explained the Motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of [“for”] Council File 25-0848.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. Next Meeting: The next Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee meeting will be on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>.

Mr. D’Atri noted the above.

Board Member Charles D’Atri left at this time (8:46), making 17 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

IX. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran.

See below.

C. 600 S. La Brea Ave. (& 6th): (Mike Obogeanu) Filing date: 3/18/25. CUB to sell a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with a new 5,707 sf restaurant having 324 total seats. Hours of operation: 7am-2am, daily. Case no: ZA-2025-1630-CUB. Zoning: C2-1. Area 6: La Brea-Hancock; CD 5. Possible Motion: The GWNC Council [see the below Motion].

Mr. Alpers noted the above. Mr. Starr corrected “LaBrea-Hancock Neighborhood Association” to LaBrea-Hancock Homeowners Association.”

MOTION (by Mr. Alpers, seconded by Ms. Stuart): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed restaurant at 600 S. La Brea Ave., Case #ZA-2025-1630-CUB, unless the following conditions are incorporated into the CUB:

- 1) That the Permit limit the hours of operation to 8 a.m.–11 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m.-midnight Fridays and Saturdays;
- 2) That the applicant provide a security guard between 7 p.m. and closing time;
- 3) That the applicant be required to convene an annual meeting with the LaBrea-Hancock Homeowners Association and other interested parties to discuss community concerns;
- 4) That the applicant provide valet parking service between 5 p.m. and closing time, daily; and
- 5) No amplified sound is to be allowed on the patio or outside the interior of the restaurant at any time.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 14 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Carroll, Cortier, Curran, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gresham, Irby, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Appel and Gittelson); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (DeVore).

C. 300 N. La Brea Ave. (& Beverly): (Gary Benjamin) Filing date: 1/26/26. Demo of an existing 7,224 sf. shopping center and the construction of a new 66,901 sf., 7-story, 100% affordable housing development with 99 dwelling units, including (30) studio units, (59) one-bedroom units, and (10) two-bedroom units, with 78 Low Income units, 20 Moderate Income units, and one market-rate Manager's Unit, as well as 3,200 sf. of retail space on a 15,088 sf. lot. The project also includes (47) residential automobile parking spaces and 1,023 sf. of common open space. Case no: EAR-2026-350-AH-PHP-VHCA. Zoning: C2-1VL. Area 8: Melrose; CD 5. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

Mr. Alpers added information.

MOTION (by Mr. Alpers, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed affordable housing project at 300 N. La Brea Ave., Case #EAR-2026-350-AH-PHP-VHCA, unless the following conditions are incorporated into the Permit:

- 1) no amplified sound at any time on the roof deck;
- 2) no rental of the roof deck;
- 3) roof deck use hours of 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily;
- 4) no rental of parking spaces other than to residential tenants;
- 5) no subletting of parking spaces by residential tenants;
- 6) applicant shall conduct outreach to the Melrose and Citrus Square neighbors; and
- 7) until the applicant clarifies what improvements will be made to the alleyway to allow for access and egress to tenant parking.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Alpers added information. Mr. Gittelson said that noise from large apartment buildings “simply isn’t a factor.” Mr. Alpers explained that the Motion doesn’t oppose the project.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 15 in favor; one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Gittelson); one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Anderson).

MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Gittelson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will extend this meeting 20 minutes to 9:20 p.m.

MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of all 17 eligible voters present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Marlborough School (Room C115), 250 S. Rossmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Mr. Alpers noted the above.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #XII. A.

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

A. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.

Ms. Estabrook reported.

B. Next Meeting: The next GWNC ESC meeting will be on Thursday, June 4, 2026 via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9282781117>.

XI. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey.

Ms. Harvey reported that the Committee is “processing more than 300 survey results.” Reviewed respondents’ most common concerns. Asked all Committees to appoint someone to review concerns most relevant to their Committee.

B. Committee Membership.

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

D. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>.

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and possible action)

A. Board Rules Committee.

1. Review proposed board rules changes – see board docs for summary.

Ms. DeVore reviewed proposed changes and reasons for them.

2. Proposed Motion: The GWNC approves the amended board rules as submitted.

MOTION (by MJ Anderson, seconded by Mr. Alpers): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the amended Board Rules as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Starr believed that the proposed expulsion rule regarding failure to complete trainings already is covered in the Bylaws.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council strikes Section 7 of the amended Board Rules.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION FAILED for lack of a second.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stuart believed there was “urgency” to address Board Members’ failure to complete trainings. Mr. Gresham recommended continuing work on this and to not vote on it at this meeting.

MJ Anderson **WITHDREW** the Motion. No vote was taken.

B. Charter Reform Committee - Chair: Conrad Starr.

1. Committee Report.

Mr. Starr: Committee “achieved a lot.”

2. Motion: [see the below Motion]:

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by MJ Anderson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves the following:

WHEREAS the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) previously voted to support the recommendations to the Charter Reform Commission (CRC) from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC); and WHEREAS many of those recommendations were adopted by the CRC and included in their final report to City Council (“Report” - see https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2026/26-0489_misc_CRC_4-2-26.pdf);

THEREFORE the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council resolves to file a Community Impact Statement on CF 26-0489 (neutral) expressing its support for the inclusion of all CRC recommendations pertaining to Neighborhood Councils in the Charter Reforms to be included in the November 2026 ballot before voters, recommendations which include:

- Expand Section 908 to clarify Neighborhood Councils' advisory role, outreach responsibility, community engagement authority, and representation function;
- Permit statements to governmental agencies passed in Brown Act meetings:
“Neighborhood Councils may deliver to any governmental agency a statement with respect to legislation proposed to or pending before that agency related to the purpose of Neighborhood Councils which is to promote more civic participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs, adopted through a majority vote at a publicly noticed Neighborhood Council Board meeting. The City may, by ordinance, create and require language to indicate the Neighborhood Council is speaking on behalf of that specific Neighborhood Council and not the City.”;
- Require remote participation options at City Council and commission meetings:
“The [City] Council shall provide an opportunity for Neighborhood Councils to comment via telephone or online teleconferencing at all regular and special meetings of the Council and any Council committees.” “Each Board and

commission that is a legislative body within the meaning of the Ralph M. Brown Act, whether created in the Charter or by ordinance or resolution, shall provide an opportunity for Neighborhood Councils to comment via telephone or online teleconferencing at all regular and special meetings”;

- Establish a separate queue for Neighborhood Councils to deliver Community Impact Statements at City Council and Council Committee meetings, distinct from general public comment:

“Neighborhood Councils delivering a Community Impact Statement to a Board and commission that is a legislative body within the meaning of the Ralph M. Brown Act, whether created in the Charter or by ordinance or resolution, shall be in a separate queue from public comment.”;

- Allow consent calendars on Neighborhood Council agendas, which may include common agenda items including, but not limited to, approval of minutes, the Monthly Expenditure Report, and action items that have been approved at a committee meeting;
- Provide Neighborhood Councils the opportunity to submit questions for DONE General Manager candidates during the employment interview;
- Increase the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners from seven to nine members, with two at-large commissioners appointed by Neighborhood Councils;
- Require completion of all required training for all Neighborhood Commissioners within 30 days for voting eligibility; and
- Allow Neighborhood Councils to submit budget requests through BONC chair.

DISCUSSION: Guest Lionel Mares appreciated the Committee’s work.

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

3. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7 at 4 p.m. on Zoom -
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85276994679> (NOTE: no meeting April 24, 2026).

Mr. Starr noted the above.

C. LA28 Olympic Committee – Chair: Lisha Sevanian.

1. Committee Report

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

2. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5 at 7 PM via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651423914>.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #X.

XIII. 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 such appointments.

B. Committee Appointments.

1. Committee Vacancies (Committee chairs to verify).
 - a) Transportation - 1 Board, 0 stakeholders
 - b) PSQL - 0 Board, 3 stakeholders
 - c) Outreach - 1 Board, 4 stakeholders
 - d) Land Use - 0 Board, 0 stakeholders
 - e) Environment & Sustainability - 2 Board, 3 stakeholders

2. Possible Committee Appointments.

There were no such appointments.

Board Member Sixto Sicilia had left at 9:00, making 15 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

Board Member Mark Alpers left at 9:14, making 14 Board Members present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

There was no new business.

XV. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Starr requested for the GWNC to agendaize 1) writing a Request for Action to DONE and the City Clerk, with a copy to BONC, asking them to complete the corrections to the GWNC map; 2) requesting a Canva license renewal; and 3) allocating \$250 for the Congress of Neighborhoods.

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting: The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM in person at the Ebell of Los Angeles. The June 9, 2026 meeting will be via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96677001434>.

Mr. Gresham noted that the next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 13th, not "May 9."

- B. Other Board Member comments and announcements.

There were no Board Member comments or reports at this time.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVore **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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