



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Approved July 8, 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).

The Secretary called the roll. Nineteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternate(s) were present online at the Roll Call: Mark Alpers, MJ Anderson, Scott Appel, Patti Carroll (Treasurer), Dave Cavalier, Benjamin Cohen (Alternate for Natalie Irby), Romi Cortier, Brian Curran, Julia Dalton, Jennifer DeVore (President), Slate Donaldson, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelsohn, John Gresham (Vice-President), Julie Kim, Lisha Sevanian, Sixto Sicilia, Conrad Starr and Erika Stuart (Secretary). Charles D’Atri arrived later. Richard Gano’s Alternate Jesseca Harvey arrived later. Area 14 - Windsor Square Alternate Guy Nemiro and Religion Alternate John Halbert were appointed to the Board during below Item #V. B. 1. b). Drew Kiesow had 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. Five Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. B. 1. a); to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately six Stakeholders and guests.

Board Member Charles D’Atri arrived at this time (6:40), making 20 Board Members (or their Alternates) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #IV.

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. 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 that the May 30th community cleanup had 80 volunteers; multiple Neighborhood Councils helped. He noted upcoming World Cup watch parties. Street light repairs were made on Arden Blvd. Tree trimming was done on St. Andrews; he encouraged letting him know of more need. The Western Ave. task force was going strong.

B. Council District 5 - (Michelle Flores - michelle.flores@lacity.org).

Allen Zipper, Director of Community Engagement, on behalf of 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>], described financial work to help the City and noted upcoming World Cup watch parties. Ms. Flores has an update about the Windsor Village Preferential Parking District, and speed hump placements.

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 license plates have been stolen, and a cellphone stolen from a user walking on a sidewalk while using a cellphone. Officer Cho reminded to close doors and windows before you leave, including second floor. Also, don't leave suitcases in vehicles; he's seen some homeless people with unmarked suitcases. Regarding street light outages, he encouraged installing your own solar lights and camera(s) to illuminate and show your own property and the street in front. Regarding prostitution along Western Ave. and around Pico Blvd., the Police work with non-profits to help sex workers with housing and more. He said that hiring more administrative staff would free more officers to patrol.

Alternate Board Member Jesseca Harvey arrived at this time (7:11), making 21 Board Members present online (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

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).

No Central Area Representative for Mayor Karen Bass [213-978-3130; <http://LAMayor.org>], was present; there was no report.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. REPORTS BY ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES AND NC LIAISONS

A. Budget Representative (Jack Humphreville).

This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #IV. B. Mr. Humphreville reported for the Budget Advocates [<http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>] that the City Budget passed for next Fiscal Year; a shortfall of \$187 million is expected. The structural deficit could cause that deficit to be between \$250 - \$300 million. The County half-cent sales tax increase was approved by voters.

B. LADWP (Jack Humphreville).

Mr. Humphreville reported that the LA100 program, with a goal of 100% renewables by 2035, will be very expensive and could prompt a future ballot measure. Colorado River water re-allocations are needed. The MWD assessment will again increase and is being questioned.

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

C. LANCC – See board docs (Jennifer DeVore).

Ms. DeVore, regarding LANCC [the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org], recommended viewing www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

D. Homelessness Liaison (Dan Sterling).

Mr. Sterling was not present; Ms. DeVore recommended viewing www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

E. Public Works Liaison (Natalie Irby).

Ms. Irby was not present; Ms. DeVore recommended viewing www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

F. Other Liaisons or Representatives.

No other Liaison reports were made.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Adoption of May 13, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes.

No corrections or amendments were made.

MOTION (by Ms. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its May 13, 2026 General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present online with all 21 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Board & Board Alternate 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 14 - Windsor Square Alternate
- Religion Alternate

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

b) Possible Board & Board Alternate Appointments.

- o Area 14 - Windsor Square Alternate candidates:

(a) Guy Nemiro gnemiro@gmail.com

Mr. Nemiro described his interest and background, especially in public safety and transportation. Mr. Gilbert NOMINATED Mr. Nemiro to be the Windsor Square Alternate, seconded by Ms. Stuart.

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Ms. Stuart): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Guy Nemiro as the Alternate for Windsor Square.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present online with all 21 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- Religion Alternate candidates:
 - (a) John Halbert johnteqp@gmail.com

Mr. Halbert described his interest and background. He’s been active with multiple religion issues and governing. He’s been a member of Hope Lutheran Church since 2003 and a Board Member there almost continuously since 2008. Mr. Starr NOMINATED Mr. Halbert to be the Religion Alternate, seconded by Ms. Harvey.

MOTION (by MJ Anderson, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints John Halbert as the Religion Alternate.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present online with all 21 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- Other candidates

There were no other candidates.

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

Ms. DeVore led Mr. Nemiro and Mr. Halbert in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

2. BONC/DONE-Required Training.

- a) New Funding Training is required for all Board members + Alternates by August 31, 2026. Not administered on Cornerstone. Check email.

Ms. DeVore noted the above. Ms. Stuart described the training videos and encouraged viewing quiz questions before viewing the videos.

- b) Training Requirements:
 - ALL Training is REQUIRED to vote. BONC requires completion of all five trainings.. 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)).

Ms. DeVore noted the above.

- c) Currently suspended by DONE: Meir Finck, Steve Grossman
- d) 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

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report.

- 1. Board member cameras must be on at all times.
Ms. DeVore thanked Board Members for doing that.

- 2. Review of CPRA request compliance.
Ms. DeVore said that all Board Members must do that.

- 3. Hybrid meeting requirement in SB707.
Ms. DeVore reported that a response from DONE is awaited; she asked Board Members to consider it.

Ms. DeVore added that she wanted Board Members to consider forming an ad hoc Committee regarding improving governance using AI [Artificial Intelligence].

B. Vice President's Report.

Mr. Gresham reported that several street blocks were coated with CoolSeal [<https://www.coolseal.com>] without community input.

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 May 2026 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Ms. Carroll reported finances.

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present online with all 21 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. CC

5/2/26	Dream Host	\$383.88
5/3/26	Public Storage	\$247.00
5/19	DRI Next Day Flyers	\$189.62
5/22	EPROMAS (rulers)	\$499.99
5/22	Ume Clayton Williams	\$375.00

CHECKS

5/21	Ebell of LA	Oct	\$400.00
5/21	Ebell of LA	Jan	\$400.00
5/21	Ebell of LA	May	\$400.00
5/21	At Work Minutes	WE 3 /8 -5/17	\$1307.73
5/21	At Work Admin	WE 4/28	\$176.89
5/21	At Work Admin	WE 4/12-5/22	\$530.67
5/21	At Work Admin	WE 4/12	\$176.89
5/29	Conrad Starr	reimburse printing	\$ 33.82

3. Review of past Board Expenses that may appear on the June 2026 MER.
At Work TBD

Ms. DeVore deferred the above Item to the July Board Meeting.

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. DeVore deferred the above Item to the July Board Meeting.

5. Please Note: GWNC should be receiving roll over of all unspent funds, so \$25,000 allocated budget + \$10,000 roll over + any other remaining funds funds, However the City Clerks office has asked that we keep the approved budget at \$25,000 until any funds have been allocated. At that time GWNC will vote on a revised budget.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

6. NC Elections: The Mayor's Budget allocates \$861,988 for the City Clerk to administer the 2027 Neighborhood Council Elections through vote by mail (VBM). Also, included in the proposed budget is the rollover of up to \$10,000 in unspent funds. Through the budget hearings, the City Clerk intends to seek the ability to conduct a hybrid election

by consolidating the twelve (12) election regions to six (6). In addition, the City Clerk will seek to have all unspent funds rolled over to the 26/27 fiscal year.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

7. Congress of Neighborhoods: Possible Motion to contribute up to \$250 to the LA Congress of Neighborhoods event.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

8. GWNC Mailbox: Possible Motion [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by MCD): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the annual renewal of GWNC Mail Box #196 at the UPS store 325 N. Larchmont Blvd. for a cost of up to \$500.

Mr. Starr requested Ms. DeVore to replace his name with hers as the Mail Box contact.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 21 eligible voters present online with all 21 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, Dalton, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Harvey, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Member Julia Dalton left at this time (7:52), making 20 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

Mr. Starr suggested and there was extensive discussion of integrating outreach funding into the 2026-2027 budget. Ms. Carroll gave further budget information.

9. Canva license: Possible Motion to allocate \$100 for renewal of GWNC Canva license.

No Motion was made or vote taken.

10. Possible Motion: Approval of revised FY 2025-2026 Administrative Packet and Budget (see in supporting documents folder).

Ms. Carroll reviewed the Packet and Budget.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Stuart): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the final annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, including a sandwich board, \$57.72; the Minutes Writer, \$5,851.36; the Administrator, \$7,895.93; and office expenses, \$13,174.37.

Board Member Julie Kim was unavailable to vote at this time, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present online with all 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Harvey, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

11. Possible Motion: Approval of FY 2026-2027 Administrative Packet, Budget and Inventory. (see in supporting documents folder)

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Administrative Packet, Budget and Inventory.

MOTION to AMEND the FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Harvey): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council amends the Administrative Packet by reducing the Administrative Assistant category by \$4,100, and by adding the following line items: \$1,600 for general advertising, print, and online media, and printed flyers; \$750 for pens, stickers, and/or other giveaways; \$350 for t-shirts, for tablings/events for volunteers; and \$1,400 for PSQJ Committee-led town halls/events.

DISCUSSION: There was extensive discussion of how the budget may be adjusted.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present online with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Curran, D’Atri, Donaldson, Harvey and Starr); 10 opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Alpers, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, DeVore, Gittelson, Gresham, Sevanian, and Stuart); two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Gilbert and Sicilia).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present online with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, DeVore, Donaldson, Gittelson, Gresham, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (D’Atri, Gilbert and Harvey).

12. Important Fiscal Year 25/26 Dates: June 20th 2025 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

Ms. Carroll recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to participate in or vote on a Motion(s) on the below Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest (she has a business relationship with the Larchmont Buzz, which rents space)) and was muted and put on hold at this

time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”

13. Outstanding Invoice with the Larchmont Buzz: Possible Motion to pay the Larchmont Buzz \$260.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will pay the Larchmont Buzz \$260.

DISCUSSION: Ms. DeVore explained that this was for an advertising bill.

Julie Kim had returned by this time, making 19 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present online with all 19 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Harvey, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained. One recused and was ineligible to vote (Carroll).

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

Board Member Julie Kim had left at 8:10, making 18 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); two opposed (D’Atri and Harvey); zero abstained.

Ms. Carroll’s recusal had ended and she was unmuted and logged back in to the video at this time, making 19 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

D. Secretary’s Report.

Ms. Stuart indicated that there was no report.

VII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey.

See below Item #VII. C.

B. Committee Membership.

C. GWNC Winter 2026 Stakeholder Survey Report.

Ms. Harvey reported on the Survey and showed slides. She thanked Mr. Cavalier and Mr. Starr for their extensive work. She reviewed the 341 responses, which were categorized by neighborhoods and City services. The Committee will give other Committees until September to create action plans to address neighbors' concerns. Mr. Cavalier reported that GWNC Committees were sent the raw data, and that this is a first effort; he thanked survey respondents.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #X.

D. FY 2026-2027 Budget.

1. General Advertising.

Motion: In its FY 2026-2027 Budget, the GWNC will include \$1,600 for "general advertising - print and online media and printed flyers"

2. Election Advertising.

Motion: In its FY 2026-2027 Budget, the GWNC will include \$1,600 for "elections - advertising", tentatively split as \$1,100 for print and online advertising and \$500 for flyers, door hangers, etc.

3. Giveaways.

Motion: In its FY 2026-2027 Budget, the GWNC will include \$750 for pens, stickers, and/or other giveaways.

4. T-Shirts.

Motion: In its FY 2026-2027 Budget, the GWNC will include \$350 for t-shirts for tablings/events for volunteers.

5. Translation of Outreach Materials.

Motion: In its FY 2026-2027 Budget, the GWNC will include \$1,000 for translation of postcards, website content, and other stakeholder-facing materials.

Above Item #VII D. was Tabled to the July Board Meeting.

E. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581>.

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Romi Cortier.

See below.

B. Update on Clinton & Larchmont.

Mr. Cortier reported on requested and completed improvements.

C. GWNC Survey – Discussion is planned for the July TC meeting.

D. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:30pm via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935>.

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

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

Mr. Starr reported that the Committee was working on organizing a Town Hall meeting; see www.greaterwilshire.org/BDdocs.

B. GWNC Survey – PSQL follow up.

C. FY 2026-2027 Budget.

Motion: The GWNC will include \$1,400 for PSQL Committee-led town halls/events in the FY 26-27 budget.

Above Item #IX. C. was Tabled to the July Board Meeting.

D. 138 N Manhattan Pl.

Proposed Motion: After hearing stakeholder concerns around squatting activity at 138 N. Manhattan Pl., including aesthetic concerns and also safety concerns, and given recent house fires at nearby vacant properties, the GWNC will write to the Department of Building and Safety requesting that they visit the property and assess it for safety issues and potential violations, and this request shall be copied to CD 13, the Department of Historic Resources, the LAPD Olympic Captain, the Property Owner (if contact information is available), and the Realtor (if contact information is available).

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by MJ Anderson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, after hearing stakeholder concerns around squatting activity at 138 N. Manhattan Pl., including aesthetic concerns and also safety concerns, and given recent house fires at nearby vacant properties, the GWNC will write to the Department of Building and Safety requesting that they visit the property and assess it for safety issues and potential violations, and this request shall be copied to CD 13, the Department of Historic Resources, the LAPD Olympic Captain, the Property Owner (if contact information is available), and the Realtor (if contact information is available).

Ms. Carroll recused from voting (self-declared as ineligible to participate in or vote on a Motion(s) on the below Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest (because of the proximity to the property of a house she owns) and was muted and put on hold at this time, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”

Board Member John Gresham had left and was replaced by his Alternate Kathy Becker; and Board Member Charles D'Atri had left and was replaced by his Alternate John Halbert, keeping 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present online with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Becker, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelson, Harvey, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (DeVore). One (Halbert) 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. One recused and was ineligible to vote (Carroll).

Ms. Carroll’s recusal ended and she unmuted and returned to the video at this time, making 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

E. Next Meeting: The next Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee meeting will be on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957>.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING (by MJ Anderson, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will extend this meeting 10 minutes to 9:30 p.m.

MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

X. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran.

Mr. Curran reported that the Committee considered projects at 200 S. Orange Dr. and 600 S. LaBrea Ave.

B. GWNC Survey – LUC follow up.

Board Member Erika Stuart recused and was ineligible to vote (self-declared as/was declared ineligible to participate in a discussion or vote on a Motion(s) on the below Item due to a possible or known conflict of interest) (because of the proximity of her house to the property) and muted and left the video at this time, making 17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen). Recusing is not the same as abstaining from voting, which is declining to vote “yes” or “no.”

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

C. 200 and 202 S. Orange Drive Synagogue: The City Planning Department has issued a Letter of Determination (LOD) granting a CUP for this project. A Planning Commission Hearing date is set for June 23, 2026. Citrus Square neighbors have requested that the GWNC review how the conditions in the Planning Department LOD differ from the previous position of the GWNC. It should also be noted that the LOD also includes a provision for the GWNC to host an annual meeting between the synagogue and the neighbors to air differences.

Background: On September 10, 2025, the GWNC Board approved a motion that recommended a series of conditions of approval be included in a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Beis Medrash Synagogue at 200-202 South Orange Drive. Those conditions were developed to reduce the impacts of the project on neighboring residential uses in Citrus Square without limiting the religious rights of the congregants. The reasonableness of the GWNC conditions was evident at the subsequent Public Hearing held by the Zoning Administrator where several synagogue representatives spoke favorably about the GWNC motion. In contrast, many Citrus Square neighbors requested more stringent conditions.

On April 9, 2026, the Zoning Administrator issued a Letter of Determination (LOD) that omits many GWNC conditions and weakens others. It is also evident that the LOD omits and weakens many conditions of approval requested by CD-5. These omissions threaten the enforceability of any of the conditions, both those that were included and those that were excluded -- particularly since the conditions do not authorize City enforcement authorities to enter the property to evaluate compliance. Since the LOD was issued, the neighbors have provided information showing that congregants are not yet respecting the LOD conditions. Prior to the April 24, 2026 deadline, several neighbors appealed the LOD to the Planning Commission. A hearing on the appeal is set for June 23, 2026.

Possible Motion: [see the below Motion].

It was agreed to replace in the proposed Motion the Condition 1) word “occupancy” with the word “entry,” and the Condition 7) phrase “CD 5” with the phrase “the Council District.”

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Cortier): As the Planning Commission considers the appeals, the GWNC will urge the Planning Commission to include the wording, included in the GWNC motion of September 10, 2025, in the CUP, with particular urgency regarding the following conditions:

- 1) Condition 2 of the CUP should be modified to state: Owners and occupants shall grant entry upon request to any City enforcement officer from any City Department to verify CUP compliance;
- 2) The transferability section of the CUP should be revised to state that the CUP does not run with the land;
- 3) Condition 27 should be modified to state that activities shall not be visible from the street except for entry and exit and that spillover events shall require a special events permit and that neighbors within 500 feet receive 30 days written notice of any such permit application;
- 4) Condition 32 should be modified to state that the use of armed guards for security shall require a special events permit;
- 5) Conditions 17 and 31 should be modified to state that parking by Owners and occupants is prohibited on Orange Drive;
- 6) Condition 11 should be strengthened to specifically state that amplified sound not be audible outside the structure;

- 7) Condition 28 should be modified to provide that semi-annual compliance meetings be held to include the neighbors, the synagogue and the Council District -- not the GWNC; and
- 8) Condition 20 should be modified to clearly limit CUP activities to the first floor of the existing house and existing garage.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Alpers reported that a meeting hadn't happened that the synagogue promised to have with CD5 and neighbors.

Board Member Brian Curran left at this time (9:14), making 18 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present online with 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Anderson, Becker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Appel, DeVore, Harvey and Sevanian). One (Halbert) 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. One recused and was ineligible to vote (Stuart).

Ms. Stuart's recusal ended and she unmuted and returned to the video at this time, making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

- D. 600 S. La Brea Ave. (& 6th): (Mike Obogeanu) Filing date: 3/18/25. A CUB to sell a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with a new 5,707 sf restaurant (Meet Me at 6) having 243 total seats (135 indoor/108 outdoor patio). Hours of operation: 8am-midnight, Sun-Thurs; 8am-1am, Fri & Sat; patio: 8am-10pm, daily. Case no: ZA-2025-1630-CUB. Zoning: C2-1. Area 6: La Brea-Hancock; CD 5.

Possible Motion: [see the below Motion].

Mr. Curran reported that the owner's representative presented to the Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Alpers): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council recommends that the City approve a CUB for the restaurant, Meet Me at 6 (600 S. La Brea Ave.) with 108 outdoor seats, 135 indoor seats, operating hours of 8am-midnight, Sunday-Thursday; 8am-1am, Friday and Saturday; patio hours 8am-10pm, daily; with valet parking, delivery trucks scheduled during operating hours, and disposal of bottles in the morning after 8am.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Alpers reported that the application was supported by the LaBrea-Hancock Neighborhood Association.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with 17 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Alpers, Anderson, Appel, Becker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Harvey, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and

Stuart); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (DeVore). One (Halbert) 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. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326>.

Mr. Curran noted the above.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VIII.

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

A. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.

1. Potential new GWNC member, Aysia Bower, Junior at Larchmont Charter School, attended.

Ms. Estabrook reported that the Committee will seek Board appointment of Ms. Bower to the Committee.

2. Currently working on two main topics: pesticides & gas powered garden equipment. Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

3. GWNC sponsored METRO trip being planned. Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

4. Potential GWNC sponsored trip to the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing ideally after it opens in early December, 2026. Would Board members be interested in attending? Need number for request for docent tour.

Ms. DeVore will email the Board about the above.

B. GWNC Survey – Survey comments divided into five categories: tree care; maintenance of parks, medians, & sidewalks; access to green space; inefficiencies in trash collection; pesticides & gas powered garden equipment. The last issue the committee has members who are or will be leading our response. We will be polling all committee members by email to see which of the remaining 4 issues committee members are interested in and willing to lead our committee response.

Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

C. Next Meeting: The next GWNC ESC meeting will be on Thursday, August 6, 2026 via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9282781117>.

Ms. Estabrook will try to have a Special Meeting in July.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and possible action)

A. Board Rules Committee.

1. Potential Motion: The GWNC (adopts/does not adopt) the proposed changes to the GWNC Board Rules. (See Board Docs)

B. Charter Reform Committee - Chair: Conrad Starr.

1. Committee Report.

2. Committee Schedule.

Possible Motion: The GWNC City Charter Reform Ad Hoc shall hold no further regular meetings, may hold a special meeting, and without further board action, shall be dissolved on June 30, 2026.

[NOTE: the Committee did not have quorum at its June 4, 2026 meeting. This motion is being brought by the Committee chair.]

3. Committee Minutes for May.

Possible Motion: The GWNC adopts the draft minutes for the May 7, 2026 Charter Reform Committee meeting as presented.

4. Committee Notes for June.

Possible Motion: The GWNC adopts the draft notes for the June 4, 2026 Charter Reform Committee discussion as presented.

C. LA28 Olympic Committee – Chair: Lisha Sevanian

1. Committee Report.

2. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 14 at 7 PM via Zoom:

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

Ms. DeVore Tabled above Item #XII until the August Board Meeting.

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.

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.

Ms. DeVore Tabled above Item #XIII until the August Board Meeting.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. CD5 Request for GWNC support for proposed Nancy Silverton Square at corner of Highland and Melrose.

1. Proposed Motion: The GWNC supports re-naming the intersection of Melrose and Highland Avenues as “Nancy Silverton Square” in honor of her many contributions to Los Angeles. (Please review letter in Board Docs)

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Cortier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports re-naming the intersection of Melrose and Highland Avenues as “Nancy Silverton Square” in honor of her many contributions to Los Angeles.

DISCUSSION: Allen Zipper, Director of Community Engagement for L.A. City District Five Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, thanked the GWNC for this.

Board Member Mark Alpers had left by this time, making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present online with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cohen, Cortier, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gilbert, Gittelsohn, Gresham, Harvey, Sevanian, Sicilia, Starr and Stuart); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Halbert) 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. Hybrid Meeting Requirement in SB707.

1. Proposed Motion: Given implications of SB707 and requirement to have a hybrid option available for board members with “just cause” to attend in-person meetings virtually, the July GWNC Board meeting will take place on Zoom.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Ms. Harvey): Given implications of SB707 and requirement to have a hybrid option available for board members with “just cause” to attend in-person meetings virtually, the July GWNC Board meeting will take place on Zoom.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 16 in favor; two opposed; zero abstained. One (Halbert) 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.

C. GWNC Map issue.

1. Proposed Motion: the GWNC will send a letter to DONE, BONC, CD5, CD13, and the City Clerk asking them to update our GWNC map (draft: <https://lahub.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=aa0ee1603d24437b9047566acdf90994>). The City Clerk and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment have badly mishandled this fundamental resource for GWNC stakeholders. By this vote on June 10, 2026, the GWNC writes to request the support of City Council and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners in rectifying this egregious error once and for all.
2. Background: The official map of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, available at <https://empowerla.org/gwnc>, contains multiple internal boundary errors, some of which the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment was informed of in 2020. One such error was cited as the reason City Clerk staff allowed a candidate to run for the wrong geographic seat in the 2023 NC elections, for the Clerk staff had referred not to the GWNC bylaws but to the map their department had created. The candidate won the seat and was later removed due to the determination of his ineligibility. On October 11, 2023, the GWNC board voted to request action from the Clerk as follows:
“The GWNC requests that the City Clerk immediately correct the errors in its GWNC map, that it review the map against the GWNC Bylaws to determine if additional corrections are needed and make them, and that it provide the GWNC with said updates by October 31, 2023. The GWNC furthermore requests that DONE update Attachment A to the GWNC Bylaws with the corrected map, that it acknowledge the error in writing on Attachment A, and that it provide an updated PDF Bylaws file to the GWNC by November 15, 2023, and host the same corrected file at <https://empowerla.org/gwnc/> and in any and all other city sites where GWNC Bylaws and maps are currently available for viewing or downloading.” (see 2023 supporting documents at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1edP1qR9z_63LCLGwhC-M9si2KOx4ufBS)
In 2024, the GWNC president worked with GWNC NEA, John Darnell, to correct the map. Mr. Darnell supplied a draft with corrections. After the GWNC emailed its final notes, the Clerk and DONE somehow reverted to a previous version, including the error originally identified, as a corrected version. The GWNC failed to notice the reappearance of old mistakes until the following year.
On October 4, 2025, former GWNC president, Conrad Starr, contacted Prabhjot Chambers (DONE) identifying the map errors and describing the GWNC’s efforts over the previous 5 years to have the map corrected. On November 17, 2025, Michael Lektorich (Clerk) wrote, “...we have initiated the process to update the GWNC map. The proposed updates will be reviewed by EmpowerLA, once approved the City Clerk will update the map.”
And yet the GWNC received no updates from the Clerk or DONE for more than four months. Mr. Starr requested an update by email on March 26, 2026.
Ms. Chamber provided a link to a draft map on April 29, 2026 (linked at <https://lahub.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=aa0ee1603d24437b9047566acdf90994>).

GWNC President, Jennifer DeVore, emailed the final GWNC corrections to Ms. Chamber on May 1, 2026, which Ms. Chamber acknowledged on May 5, 2026, stating, “We will reach out shortly.”

Since then, the draft map at the above link appears to have integrated the GWNC corrections, but the GWNC has received no further communications, nor has its official map been updated online or in its bylaws.

Ms. DeVore Tabled above Item #XIV. C. until the August Board Meeting.

XV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No other requests were made.

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, July 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96677001434>.

B. Other Board Member comments and announcements.

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVore declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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