Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, August 12, 2026
Approved September 9, 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).
Dave Cavalier called the roll. Sixteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternate(s) were present online at the Roll Call: MJ Anderson, Scott Appel, Patti Carroll (Treasurer), Dave Cavalier, Romi Cortier, John Halbert (Alternate for Charles D'Atri), Jennifer DeVore (President), Slate Donaldson, Richard Gano, Gary Gilbert, Tony Gittelson, John Gresham (Vice-President), Natalie Irby, Julie Kim, Lisha Sevanian and Conrad Starr. Brian Curran and Sixto Sicilia arrived later. Board Members absent and not represented by an Alternate: Mark Alpers, Julia Dalton and Erika Stuart (Secretary). 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. Three Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #V. B. 1. and 2.; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: approximately 14 Stakeholders and guests.

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], was not present; there was no report.

B. 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], noted that Charter reform won't solve all problems. Coyotes have been seen in various neighborhoods; CD5 will convene a meeting.

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).

Board Member Brian Curran arrived at this time (6:39), making 17 Board Members (or their Alternates) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

Officer Cho, an Olympic Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-382-9102; cell/text phone 213-793-0714; 36304@LAPD.Online; http://www.LAPDonline.org/olympic_community_police_station], reported crime statistics. Reminded to also lock doors and windows on second and above floors.

Tyler Shuck, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer; cell/text phone 213-793-0650; 40740@LAPD.Online; https://www.LAPDOnline.org/lapd-contact/west-bureau/wilshire-community-police-station], reported on crimes. His area was down 25% year-to-year for burglaries.

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 the successful NNO; probably more than 1,000 attended. He reported on crimes; there've been vehicle thefts from store parking lots. He encouraged reminding neighbors to remove visible valuables from vehicles, and encouraged installing in home windows "shatterproof film" available in different shades of visibility.

D. LA Metro (Ned Racine - racinen@metro.net).
Ned Racine, Metro Principal Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-418-5993, 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 (Dina Andrews - dina.andrews@lacity.org).
Dina Andrews, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) [213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org], noted information she'd emailed to Board Members. She requested copies of GWNC event flyers to post on DONE's website. She reminded Board Members to have their cameras on during votes. Neighborhood Councils input is wanted by October 31st regarding City

Council File #24-0867 regarding term limits. Ms. DeVore thanked Ms. Andrews for her outstanding help.

Board Members Sixto Sicilia arrived at 6:52 and Charles D'Atri at 6:55 (replacing his Alternate John Halbert), making 19 Board Members (or their Alternates) present (the GWNC quorum is thirteen).

F. Mayor's Office (Susan Cervantes - susana.cervantes@lacity.org for CD13 and/or Konstantin Hatcher - Konstantin.Hatcher@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 3 (Lindsay Horvath Field Deputy Amanda Laflen - alaflen@bos.lacounty.gov).
Ms. 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.

H. Supervisorial District 2 (Holly Mitchell 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; https://LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/holly-mitchell), was not present; there was no report.

I. CA Assembly District 51 (Rick Zbur Field Deputy Farid Hadj - Farid.Hadj@asm.ca.gov).
Farid Hadj, a new Field Representative for State 51st District Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur [323-436-5184; https://a51.asmdc.org], was not present; there was no report.

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

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Guest Lionel Mares encouraged civic action.

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 board docs (Jennifer DeVore).
Ms. DeVore noted the above. LANCC discussed NC elections and term limits.

D. Homelessness Liaison (Dan Sterling).

Mr. Sterling was not present; there was no report.

E. Public Works Liaison (Currently vacant, Guy Nemiro to be nominated by PSQL).
No report

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

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

A. Adoption of July 8, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes.

No corrections or amendments were made.

MOTION (by Mr. Cavalier, seconded by Ms. Irby): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the Minutes of its July 8, 2026 General Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); 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 15 - Windsor Village Alternate (fillable August 1)

b) Possible Board & Board Alternate Appointments

- ○ Steve Sapunor for Area 15 - Windsor Village Alternate
- ○ Matt Young for Area 15 - Windsor Village Alternate
- ○ Other candidates

Long-time Windsor Village residents Steve Sapunor and Matt Young introduced themselves and described their backgrounds and community service.

Ms. Carroll nominated both Mr. Sapunor and Mr. Young. Mr. Young received 13_14 W/ JD? votes, while Mr. Sapunor received five votes. Matt Young was elected to the Area 15 - Windsor Village Alternate Board Member Seat.

_SS: RC, JG, JK, SS, CS = 5
MY: MJA, SA, PC, DC, __, CD, SD, RG, GG, TG, NI, LS = 12 _?+JD=13

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

Ms. DeVore led Mr. Young in reciting aloud the Oath of Office.

2. BONC/DONE-Required Training.
   a) 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.

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

      Ms. DeVore noted that the suspensions have been in effect for more than a year.

   c) All Funding training now expires August 31, 2026 due to new training required for all – available on YouTube. Please complete this before the September GWNC Board Meeting.

      Ms. DeVore noted the above.

   d) Currently ineligible to vote due to incomplete training: Finck, Grossman, Halbert, 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, Shustermann

      Ms. DeVore noted the above.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report.
   1. Survey Results – If there are pressing community needs identified by survey, committees meeting less than monthly should consider meeting more frequently until issues/crises are resolved, preferably setting 90-day goals for action items
      Ms. DeVore urged using the data.

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 July 2026 and to Approve Each Individual Expense Listed Therein.

Ms. Carroll reviewed recent financial information.

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

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

Ms. Carroll skipped to below Item #VI. C. 6.

2. CC

7/3/26	Public Storage	$247.00

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7/24	Congress of Neighborhoods		$250.00
7/31	At Work	WE 5/31 & 6/14	$573.57
7/31	At Work	WE 5/31-6/14	$530.67
7/31	At Work	WE 6/28&7/12	$420.62
7/31	At Work	WE 6/21-7/5	$581.21
7/31	At Work	WE7/12-7/26	$581.21

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

4. 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.

5. 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. Congress of Neighborhoods event.

6. Ebell of Los Angeles: Possible Motion: The GWNC recommends an agreement with the Ebell of Los Angeles to hold 4 Board Meetings a year at the Ebell at the cost of $460 per meeting or $1840 per year with the possibility to renew.

Agreed to insert the phrase "Up to" before "4 Board mtgs . . ."

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council recommends an agreement with the Ebell of Los Angeles to hold up to four (4) Board Meetings a year at the Ebell at the cost of $460 per meeting or $1,840 per year with the possibility to renew.

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

7. Ebell of Los Angeles: Possible Motion: [see the below Motion]

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves to increase the annual budget for Board Meeting space by $240 to $1,840 to be taken from roll over funds.

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

8. Public Storage: Public Storage has raised their fees from $247 to $281 per month beginning in August. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves to increase the annual budget for storage space in Public Storage by $238 to $3,338.00 to be taken from Rollover funds.

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

D. Secretary's Report.

Mr. Cavalier ceded the time.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VIII. B. 1.

VII. <u>LAND USE COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and possible action)

A. Committee Report - Chair: Brian Curran.

There was no report.

[*The following Motion is copied from the Agenda.*]

B. Objective Design Standards for Infill Housing and ADUs in HPOZs (https://planning.lacity.gov/preservation-design/local-historic-districts): The City Planning Department has released two sets of proposed guidelines with Objective Design Standards for Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs). AB 1061 allows cities to develop Objective Design Standards to protect historic districts. The City has also issued companion standards for infill development in HPOZs. Public comments on both sets of guidelines are due July 28, 2026. The guidelines will also be forwarded for action by the Planning Commission, PLUM Committee and City Council in the fall. Possible Motion:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California continues its rapid-fire enactment of a comprehensive and growing body of statutes that newly control and supersede the local judgment of cities in their evaluation and approval of housing development projects;

WHEREAS, many of these State laws restrict cities to using only objective design standards (ODS) when evaluating and approving housing development projects and eliminate subjective, discretionary design review for a wide range of housing and related development projects;

WHEREAS, across all of these State statutes, ODS are defined as standards that involve no personal or subjective judgment by a public official and are uniformly verifiable by reference to an external and uniform benchmark or criterion available and knowable by both the development applicant and the public official before submittal;

WHEREAS, for example, Cal. Gov't Code § 65852.21 currently requires that proposed housing developments containing no more than two residential units within a single-family residential zone be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or a hearing, and provides that a local agency may impose only objective zoning, subdivision, and design review standards;

WHEREAS, for additional example, Cal. Gov't Code § 66411.7 similarly currently authorizes urban lot splits in a single-family residential zone and limits local agency review to objective zoning, subdivision, and design review standards, and Cal. Gov't Code § 65852.28 applies the same objective-standards-only framework to housing developments of ten or fewer residential units on urban lots under five acres;

WHEREAS, for further example, Cal. Gov't Code § 66314 currently requires cities to impose only objective standards when evaluating and approving accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and expressly authorizes cities to adopt an ordinance in areas zoned for single-family or multifamily residential use of ODS that include, but are not limited to, parking, height, setback, landscape, architectural review, maximum size of a unit, and standards that prevent adverse impacts on California Register of Historical Resources sites;

WHEREAS, there is considerable disagreement about whether the State has been sufficiently transparent and inclusive or has conducted sufficient outreach to local

stakeholders in its succession of legislative enactments, and about whether these new laws have been smartly tailored to result in the universally desired goal of more affordable housing or whether they will have the negative effect of destabilizing or destroying existing thriving neighborhoods without the companion production and availability of new affordable housing;

WHEREAS, the new State mandates currently contain and authorize some protections for designated historic properties and districts, including the 35 City of Los Angeles Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs), where the concern about the destruction of irreplaceable historic neighborhoods and structures is especially acute and where the question persists about whether the dismantling of these historic districts, that represent 3.5% of the City's housing and are among the most affordable locations citywide, is an appropriate priority or will simply ensure that they succumb to higher-priced development, developer greed, and loss of historic significance;

WHEREAS, after a handful of workshops that implied that the City of Los Angeles intended to prepare ODS to protect the historic significance of the City's HPOZs, on June 24, 2026 the Los Angeles Planning Department, Office of Historic Resources (OHR) released its minimal draft ODS standards for HPOZ infill and ADU projects, together with a completely misleading Fact Sheet/FAQ, for public review and comment;

WHEREAS, five GWNC neighborhoods, including Country Club Park, Hancock Park, Wilshire Park, Windsor Square, and Windsor Village are City-designated HPOZs that are largely, but not exclusively, developed with historic one hundred-year-old single-family residences and whose property-owner voices were not solicited when the City drafted its proposed ODS with non-HPOZ advocates at the table; and

WHEREAS, having read the City ODS drafts and the City's Fact Sheet/FAQ, and having asked OHR to correct and republish the Fact Sheet/FAQ, which did not occur until July 27, 2026, GWNC stakeholders, fearing the dismantling of their historic neighborhoods beyond the point of future recognition, have taken positions in strong opposition to the City's draft ODS for both infill and ADU development, and have sent the City over 500 letters in opposition during the past month.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GWNC express its strong opposition to the draft HPOZ ODS standards to the OHR, to the Mayor, and in upcoming meetings of the City Planning Commission, Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, and City Council, for the following reasons:

1. Don't Destroy Historic Streetscapes. The GWNC strongly opposes and questions with unrelenting dismay the draft infill ODS recommendation which allows secondary structures to be built up to one story taller than the primary residence. Allowing an extra story above the primary structure is completely unacceptable. It directly violates the Secretary of the Interior's Standards—which mandate that new construction must remain subordinate to existing historic structures—and will irreparably damage historic neighborhood streetscapes. There

is no legal basis or requirement for this standard. We recommend that the maximum height for any new secondary structure must be strictly capped at or below the height of the primary residence and that it may, in no event, be visible from the street.

2. Garages Not Visible from the Street. The draft ODS also allow the invasion of the HPOZ streetscapes by failing to appropriately restrict new parking structure installations. Parking in the front yard underneath a residence, as well as front yard screened garages must continue to be prohibited for all development projects in single-family residential zones. New garages must not be visible from the street. There is no policy justification for allowing garages or their screening to overtake historic and established HPOZ historic streetscapes.

3. Retain Historic Character. To protect the historic integrity of HPOZs and to ensure that new infill, ADUs and Junior ADUs (JADUs) respect decades-old and designated neighborhood character, we respectfully request and insist that the City add the following ODS standards:

a. Subordinate Size and Height: Establish strict and specific maximum square footages and height caps (never exceeding the primary residence) at the minimum size and height required by State law, and expressly maintain State law's 60/40 lot-split ratio, ensuring that all new structures remain subordinate to the historic originals.

b. HPOZ Character-Defining Elements: Identify and define the key architectural features of each HPOZ and mandate that development applicants incorporate a required, applicant-selected subsection of some specified number of these elements into any new development.

c. Behind Rear Wall Placement: Require all new structures and installations (including but not limited to garages and utility equipment) to be placed behind the rear wall of the primary residence and to be hidden from street view.

d. Architectural and Material Matching: Require that roof pitches, materials, cladding, doors, and windows directly match the primary Contributing Structure or, on non-contributing/vacant lots, match one other Contributing Structure on the property's block.

e. Eliminate Setback Buffer Loopholes: Remove the ±2-foot buffer from the prevailing front yard setback standard to prevent incremental erosion of established street alignments, and require all side yard setbacks to meet or exceed 4 feet and all rear yard setbacks to meet or exceed 10 feet or such other greater distances as authorized by State law.

4. Vitality of Preservation Plans. The ODS draft does not specify when and for which HPOZ development applications existing Preservation Plans and HPOZ

boards will continue to govern development in HPOZs. These must be clearly stated.

5. Eligible Projects. The ODS Fact Sheet/FAQ incorrectly misstates the HPOZ projects to which the standards will apply. The ODS themselves do not define or state what projects are eligible for use of the HPOZ ODS. These fundamental omissions must be corrected.

6. Incorporate SB 9 Protections. Specifically incorporate the following provisions of SB 9, each of which is an ODS, into the HPOZ ODS:

a. Each new lot must be at least 1,200 square feet.

b. The smaller of the two lots cannot be less than 40% of the total area.

c. The split must not involve properties with rent-controlled units or those occupied by tenants in the last three years.

d. Homeowners can build up to two residential units on each newly created lot.

7. Failure to Include AB 1061 Protections: The very first general draft ODS standards state that a contributing building shall not be demolished, yet it completely omits the additional state law protections under AB 1061, which explicitly also mandate that historic structures cannot be altered and their existing structural walls also cannot be demolished or altered. Omitting these companion prohibitions creates a dangerous loophole. This statutory language must be restored.

8. Starter Home Revitalization Act (SB 684) Misapplication: The draft incorrectly relies on the Starter Home Revitalization Act as far-reaching authority for approving multiple dwelling units on single-family residential parcels in HPOZs. As to single-family parcels, the Act applies only to vacant parcels and explicitly defines vacant to excludes properties where a home was occupied within the last five years and subsequently demolished. Any incorrect reliance on the Act must be removed. The current draft ODS documents are thin and error-filled. As drafted, they will authorize out-of-scale and character-devoid development that Preservation Plans were specifically created to prevent. The GWNC urges the City to fix the statutory errors, add objective design standards for the many typical HPOZ topics about which the draft is silent, and replace the open-ended size and height allowances, including the permission for taller second structures, with specific, easily understood limitations. We also respectfully request that you publish revised ODS and provide a second meaningful public comment period before finalizing these standards. We recommend that you obtain now whatever extension from SCAG that OHR might need so that the important work of creating ODS for HPOZs can be accomplished with competence and integrity. _

Mr. Curran gave background info and explained issues. Discussions continue with decision-makers.

MOTION (by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Motion as listed on the Agenda.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gittelson and MJ Anderson expressed a need to better develop corridors. There was discussion of whether the Motion needed to be read aloud; DONE's Ms. Andrews was researching that.

Y = PC, DC, RC, BC, CD, RG, GG, JG, NI, JK, LS, SS = 12
N = MJA, SD = 2
ABS = TG, CS, JD, SA = 4
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MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with 12 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, Gano, Gilbert, Gresham, Kim, Sevanian and Sicilia); two opposed _(Anderson and Donaldson); four abstained _(Appel, DeVore, Gittelson and Starr).

C. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91527869326.

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

A. Committee Report - Chair: Polly Estabrook.
MJ Anderson reported for Ms. Estabrook.

1. Pesticide use on City-controlled properties — outreach to CD 2 and CD 14 ongoing, no response yet; Committee continuing to press and drafting a formal ask document.
2. Metro Day — following up with the Palms Neighborhood Council and relevant Council District offices on organizing a ride event tied to the new Wilshire/La Brea D-Line station.
3. Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing — docent tour requested for December 2026/January 2027; date not yet confirmed.
4. GWNC Survey results — leads assigned for tree care, street/park maintenance, and green space categories; pesticides/gas equipment lead continuing from June.
5. LA City Council Energy & Environment Committee tracker (Andy Galan) — flagged a composting/local-redistribution motion as a possible CIS opportunity; report back expected in September.

B. Committee Membership
1. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by MJ Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gittelson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves stakeholder Aysie Bower to be a Member of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

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

C. Committee Meeting Schedule:

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by MJ Anderson, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Environmental & Sustainability Committee will change its regular meeting schedule to the first Wednesday of even-numbered months, at 6:30 p.m., alternating between in-person (Community Room, Memorial Branch Library) and virtual (via Zoom).

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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2. Next Meeting: The next GWNC ESC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 6:30 p.m., Community Room, Memorial Branch Library, 4625 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles 90019.

3. First Meeting on New Schedule: The first meeting on the new schedule will be a virtual meeting on Wednesday, December 2 on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9282781117.

Ms. Estabrook noted the above.

IX. <u>PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE</u> (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

Mr. D'Atri reported that the Committee discussed a lot.

B. Committee Membership

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Gilbert): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council accepts the resignation of Natalie Irby from the PSQL and from the position of Public Works Liaison.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained.

2. Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints Guy Nemiro to the PSQL Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Gilbert): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Guy Nemiro to the PSQL Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained.

3. Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints Guy Nemiro as Public Works Liaison.

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Gilbert): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Guy Nemiro as Public Works Liaison.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Update on Public Safety Town Hall: Tony and Gary

Mr. D'Atri noted the extensive work Mr. Gittelson and Mr. Gilbert have done. Mr. Gittelson Sn 927 N-5 Burroughs School.
Mr. Gittelson Permitting going well. Showed flyer online. Mr. Gilbert encouraged volunteering to help set up and break down. Mr. Gittelson: want all neighborhoods to have a table.

D. Trash Collection. Note: this jurisdiction question remains under discussion between PSQL and ESC; ESC has not endorsed this change and this is a full Board decision, not a committee decision.
1. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

Mr. Starr explained the above.

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will amend ESC's subject matter jurisdiction to explicitly include: all matters related to residential (single-family and multifamily), commercial, and public trash, recycling, and green waste collection; and all matters concerning illegal dumping, litter,

and uncontained biohazards in the public rights-of-way; and street sweeping and street tree care, maintenance, and debris control; and storm drainage.

Ms. DeVore believed this follows PSQL charter. Must 2/3 approval to pass.
Mr. Gresham believed the Committee should meet monthly.
Polly E agreed w PSQL taking on these responsibilities.
Mr. Starr believed that the issues could be addressed by either the PSQL or the E & S Committees.

Board Member Julie Kim was unavailable to vote and replaced by her Alternate Matt Young at this time, _keeping 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen). _VOTE COUNT SHOWS 18 PRESENT, NOT 19.

Y = SA, BC, CD, CS = 4
N = PC, DC, RC, SD, TG, KAT BECKER, LS, JD = 8
ABS = MJA, RG, GG, NI, SS = 5
MATT YOUNG = INEL

MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the 1_ eligible voters present online with four in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Curran, D'Atri and Starr); eight opposed _(Becker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, DeVore, Donaldson, Gittelson and Sevanian); five abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Anderson, Gano, Gilbert, Irby and Sicilia). One (Young) 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.

Board Member John Gresham left and was replaced at 8:30 by his Alternate Kathy Becker, _keeping 18 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

E. Council File 24-1220: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS in support of Council File 24-1220 (nitrous oxide/laughing gas sales), including support for the City Attorney's draft ordinance (dated July 29, 2026) adding LAMC Section 56.34 to restrict sale/distribution of nitrous oxide by tobacco and cannabis retailers.

Mr. D'Atri and Mr. Starr explained the Motion.

Y = 13
N = 3
ABS = 1
_WHO DIDN'T VOTE? BECKER 4 JG?
MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with 13 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (DELETE_ Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran,

D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); three opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes). One (Young) 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.

F. Next Meeting: The next Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee meeting will be on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960982957.

Mr. D'Atri noted the above.

Board Member Richard Gano was unavailable to vote at this time, making _19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING (by Mr. Cavalier, seconded by Mr. Gittelson): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will extend this meeting 15 minutes to 9:15 p.m.

MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 17 eligible voters present online with all 17 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Young) 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.

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

A. Committee Report - Chair: Romi Cortier.

Mr. Cortier reported.

1. Review of TC discussion of survey results.

not

2. Upper Larchmont Ramblas / Grant Proposals: The Committee's two grant proposals (center-median diagonal parking/beautification concept, and the related traffic-calming element) are now scheduled to be heard on August 12 at 11:00 AM. CD13 and LADOT staff support this, though the solar-powered blinking-light element was dropped after LADOT raised concerns; the bollard-based intersection-narrowing concept remains active.

Mr. Cortier noted the above.

3. Van Ness & Elmwood Stop Signs: LADOT has issued a signed work order for four-way stop signs under a school-proximity exemption; completion is expected within 4–6 weeks.

Mr. Cortier noted the above.

4. Cars Under the Stars: This is a Larchmont Boulevard Association event (Sept 19, 2026, with the Porsche Club of America–LA) that the LBA board already approved independently; it's a fundraiser for the Larchmont beautification fund,

Mr. Cortier noted the above.

B. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30pm via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92159935.

Mr. Cortier noted the above.

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

A. Committee Report - Chair: Jesseca Harvey

Ms. Harvey: had a great mtg

B. Committee Membership

C. General Advertising/Noticing of Meetings/Events/Town Halls Motion: The GWNC approves $40 for Instagram boosted posts.

Board Member Julie Kim had returned to the video by 8:50, making _17 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Cavalier, seconded by Mr. Starr): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves $40 for Instagram boosted posts.

Mr. D'Atri and Mr. Starr explained the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Becker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Young) 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.

D. Refreshments
Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Cavalier, seconded by Ms. Irby): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves up to $200 for granola bars, water, candy, and other prepackaged refreshments for tablings and events.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Becker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia

and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Young) 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. GWNC Winter 2026 Stakeholder Survey Report

Ms. Harvey: another NC interested in using the Survey.

F. Next Meeting: The next GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting is Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98276791581.

Ms. Harvey noted the above.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #VIII. A. 1.

XII. <u>AD HOC COMMITTEES</u> (Discussion and possible action)

A. Board Rules – Chair: Jennifer DeVore

Ms. DeVore reviewed Committee work; see Bddocs, including about trainings.

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC adopts the revised Board Rules as recommended by the Ad Hoc Board Rules Committee, including the addition of a youth committee member category (ages 16–18).

   Ms. DeVore: must 2/3 to approve.

   MOTION (by Mr. Gittelson, seconded by MBECKER): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council _

   Ms. DeVore: re: Committees, not the Board.

   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.

   16-1-0
   MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the _ eligible voters present online with _ in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Becker, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Starr); zero abstained. One (Young) 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.

Board Member Julie Kim left at this time (9:01), making _16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

2. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by MJ Anderson, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council dissolves the Ad Hoc Board Rules Committee, effective upon adoption of the revised Board Rules, in recognition of the committee having fulfilled its purpose.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the _ eligible voters present online with 16 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Young) 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. Tech Governance – Chair: Erika Stuart
1. Committee Report
2. Possible Motion: The GWNC confirms the Tech Governance Committee election of Erika Stuart as chair of the committee.

Ms. DeVore: Ms. Stuart was unavailable; skipped.

3. Possible Motion: The GWNC confirms the appointment of Natalie Irby to the Ad Hoc Technology Governance Committee.

_No Motion was made or vote taken.

C. NC Election Committee – Chair: Conrad Starr
1. Committee Report
   a) https://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/2027_Neighborhood_Council_Election_Handbook.pdf

Mr. Starr reported.

2. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

Mr. Starr explained the Motion and encouraged location suggestions for the August 2027 GWNC election.

MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the 2027 NC Election Information Worksheet — including preferred polling hours and location, election/outreach chair contact information, and translation needs — for submission to the City Clerk by August 31, 2026.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the 18 eligible voters present online with all 18 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Gresham, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Young) 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.

3. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Starr, seconded by Mr. Cortier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to $500 for rental fees associated with its 2027 Election Polling Place.

Board Member Sixto Sicilia was unavailable to vote at this time, making _1_ Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the _?17 eligible voters present online with all 1_ in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Becker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Irby, Kim, Sevanian and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Young) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

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

MOTION to EXTEND the MEETING PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 16 eligible voters present online with all 16 in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Starr reported that the Committee will meet on second monthly Mondays.

Board Member Romi Cortier left at this time (9:16), making _16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum is thirteen).

4. Next Meeting:

D. LA28 Olympic Committee – Chair: Lisha Sevanian

1. Committee Report
   Ms. Sevanian: see Bddocs; still in the planning phase.

2. Next Meeting: Monday, September 1 at 7 PM via Zoom:
   https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651423914.

   Ms. Sevanian noted that September 1st is on a Tuesday, not a Monday. The Committee will meet on the first Tuesday of every odd month.

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

A. Liaison/GWNC Representative Appointments

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. D'Atri, seconded by Mr. Cavalier): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Slate Donaldson as "Trash Czar" for GWNC to manage, make recommendations and provide referrals to government reps for all GWNC trash-related issues.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of the 1_ eligible voters present online with all 1_ in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Appel, Becker, Carroll, Cavalier, Cortier, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Donaldson, Gano, Gilbert, Gittelson, Irby, Kim, Sevanian, Sicilia and Starr); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Young) 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.

2. Budget Representative (1 additional)
3. Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition Representative (s)
4. Other liaisons or representatives

B. Committee Appointments

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

2. Possible Committee Appointments

Ms. DeVore skipped the above Item.

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

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

No other requests were made.

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

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting: The next GWNC General Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 in person at The Ebell

B. Other Board Member comments and announcements

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

XVII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

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

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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