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Area 8 – Melrose – Dorian
Shapiro
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St.
Andrews – Jason Peers
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Education – Clinton Oie
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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
The Ebell of Los Angeles
4400 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90005
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.

**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

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The Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, made up of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

1. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- A. Call to order & Flag salute (Owen Smith)
- B. Board Roll call (Jeffrey Carpenter)

2. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. CD4 Update (Ben Seinfeld)
- B. CD5 Update
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- D. 33rd Congressional District (Melissa Ramoso)

E. L.A. County Supervisors (Felicia Park-Rogers, representative for Sheila Kuehl)

3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (up to 2 minutes per speaker; speakers are requested to fill out speaker cards)

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

A. Review and adoption of February 11, 2015 minutes

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (including discussion and possible Board action, as noted):**

A. **Board Vacancies**

- i. Dorian Shapiro (Area 8 – Melrose) resigned; board action to ratify current Alternate Jeff McManus as the new Board Member from Area 8. Will need new Alternate for Area 8.
- ii. Clinton Oie (Education) resigning at end of March, will need nominations or volunteers to fill Education seat.

B. **Board Alternate volunteer** – Adam Morgens, Area 2 – Citrus Square; introduction and board action to nominate/confirm as new Alternate.

C. **Alternate Board Members** still needed for:

Area 3 – Country Club Heights
Area 8 - Melrose
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Area 12 – Western-Wilton
Education
Other Non-Profit
Religion

D. **Ethics & Funding Training** reminder. All board members and alternates **must complete ethics training** in order to vote on funding motions before the board. The course is available online at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=477>

In addition to Ethics training, all board members and alternates are also **REQUIRED** to take a new **funding training course** (about the new system of NC checking accounts that will be launched soon). The course is at <http://empowerla.org/leadership-academy/#Funding> Be sure to submit your completion forms (included in the training) to register your attendance.

Board members and alternates MUST complete both trainings to be eligible to vote on funding-related matters.

The following Board Members and Alternates have NOT completed the trainings noted below and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters:

Asch – Ethics, Funding
Bartenetti - Ethics, Funding
Carroll – Ethics (expired January, 2014)
Fox - Funding
Funderburk – Ethics (expired February, 2015)
McFall – Ethics (expired March 4, 2015)
McManus - Funding
Mintz - Ethics, Funding
Winther – Ethics, Funding

Please Note:

*The following ethics certification will expire in April, 2015 – **Oie***

*The following ethics certification will expire on March 21, 2015: **Genewick***

- E. **Code of Conduct Forms** -- All Board Members and Alternates are required to read the new Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (see handout or the online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>). Return paper forms to GWNC Administrator Elizabeth Fuller, or let Ms. Fuller know if you have submitted the online form. (Those who do not submit forms may soon be banned from voting or counting toward a board quorum, even if present.) Forms not yet received from:

Whitley
Asch
Bartenetti
Fox
McManus

6. **TREASURER’S REPORT (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)**

- A. Approval of **Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2015** (Discussion and Board action) (Fuller)

Expenses included:

2/6 – Copy USA - \$95.38 – CD4 Forum materials
2/11 – Lloyd Staffing/David Levin - \$141.57 – minutes writing
2/12 – Copy USA - \$138.32 – Board meeting handouts
2/18 – Lloyd Staffing/David Levin - \$109.40 – minutes writing
2/19 – Larchmont Chronicle - \$340.00 – February ad
2/19 – KYCC - \$75.00 – Wilton Islands maintenance for December
2/24 – Lloyd Staffing/David Levin - \$109.40 – minutes writing

- B. Approval of upcoming **individual expenses** already pre-approved as line items in this year’s budget – must be spent by end of fiscal year (Discussion and Board action). (Fuller)

Website hosting at webquarry.com - up to \$100 (likely to be \$95.40) for 12 mos.

Storage locker – up to \$1,200 (likely to be \$1,164.00)

Purchase of projector for use at LUC and Board meetings – up to \$500.00

Switch to Mail Chimp service for e-mail lists – up to \$400

- C. Update on status of **current year contracts** for Wilshire United Methodist Church, Ebell of Los Angeles and Elizabeth Fuller (as previously approved by the Board) (Carroll)
 - D. **YTD spending report** and fiscal year 2014-2015 **Budget line item revisions** to reflect updated spending plans (Discussion and Board action.) (Fuller)
 - E. Approval of ad hoc NPG Award Committee's **2014-2015 NPG Award Recommendations** (Discussion and Board action) (Carroll/Stromberg)
 - F. Recommendations from ad hoc NPG Award Committee on **revisions to GWNC Funding Guidelines** (last revised in 2011). (Discussion and Board action) (Stromberg)
7. **DWP MOU LIAISON (Discussion and possible Board action)(Humphreville)**
- Update on DWP rate increase, billing problems, benchmarking, etc.
8. **CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action)**
- City budget update based on FSR.
9. **LANCC REPORT (Mariscal)**
- Updates from the latest LANCC meeting
10. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Mariscal) (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted)**
- Note: there was no quorum at the 2/28 Outreach Committee meeting, so no votes were taken. Next meeting: Saturday, March 28.*
- A. **Update on neighborhood “Top 10” priorities lists.** (Hoffman) All neighborhoods have contributed; Joe Hoffman working on data presentation via Google Docs.
 - B. **Wrap-up of Sycamore Square neighborhood walk** (Fuller) – About 20 people attended on February 22. Very well received. Will probably schedule another, in the next month or so, for people who were interested but not able to come in February. Next neighborhood walking tour may be held in Windsor Village.
11. **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Michelle Owen/Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)**
- Next regularly-scheduled TC meeting:** Monday, April 6
12. **LAND USE COMMITTEE (James Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)**

A. Application for a CUB renewal for the continued sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at The Larchmont restaurant, 5750 Melrose Ave.

Issue: Renewal application requests a one-hour later closing time than the original permit (new closing hours would be 11 p.m. during the week and 12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday). At applicants' first visit to the LUC in January, committee members requested that the applicants seek support from their nearest residential neighbors. Since that meeting, applicants did gain the support of those neighbors.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application for a CUB renewal at The Larchmont restaurant, 5750 W. Melrose, with a closing time of 11 p.m. on week nights and 12 a.m. on weekends.

B. Update on status of ICO and anonymous online petition regarding teardowns in La Brea-Hancock and Citrus Square. (Discussion and Board action). (Carpenter/Funderburk)

Issue: On Tuesday, February 24, the LA City Council tabled a vote on a proposed Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) that would control residential teardowns in certain neighborhoods until revisions to the City's Baseline Mansionization Ordinance are completed. Meanwhile, neighbors have become concerned about an online petition urging that certain neighborhoods in the southern portion of CD5 (which could include the GWNC communities of Citrus Square and La Brea-Hancock) be removed from the ICO.

Language from the petition:

“Remove Lower Council District 5, Kentwood, and Mar Vista/East Venice (which includes 90064, 90024, 90025, 90066, 90045, 90291) from the Proposed Interim Control Ordinance which will further restrict construction on residential lots within our community.

Feb 26, 2015 — On Tuesday, February 24, I attended and offered public comments at the City Council's subcommittee on planning and land use. It appears that the city planners know that there has been little to no public outreach on this proposed ordinance in our neighborhoods, given that it just became public on February 12, and that if there is strong opposition to this ordinance, we may be able to eliminate or revise the building restrictions. So please, if you could pass on this petition which asks that our neighborhoods be removed from this ordinance, thereby allowing our communities time to fully vet and discuss its ramifications, we should be able to make a difference.”

Neighbors' Requested Motion: WHEREAS an unsigned, anonymous online petition has begun circulating, advocating that various neighborhoods in Council District 5 named in the pending Interim Control Ordinance on mansionization be not included in the ordinance provisions going forward, and

WHEREAS, the anonymous petitioner alleges that there has been “little to no public outreach on this proposed ordinance in our neighborhoods”, and

WHEREAS, there has been very intensive outreach and engagement of the affected

single-family neighborhoods in the LaBrea-Hancock and Citrus Square areas of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council in Council Districts 4 and 5, and

WHEREAS, direct, in-person petitions, circulated by concerned neighbors in all of these affected neighborhoods has resulted in overwhelming support for the imposition of Interim Control Ordinance protections pending satisfactory revision of the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council reaffirms its strong support for adoption of Interim Control Ordinance protections within our borders and urges the City Council to proceed with swift adoption of an ordinance.

[Note: the following items are presented for information only; no action is requested or required at this time.]

C. Application for a CUB to allow full line liquor service (with a later closing time) at the Ebell of Los Angeles (743 S. Lucerne Blvd.)

Issue: Club had a previous license that was allowed to expire. Applicants are seeking to restore the license, with new service hours of 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. (old hours were 7:30 a.m. to midnight). There will be no new construction or other modifications requested in the application. At the January LUC meeting, committee members requested that the applicants seek the formal support of the Windsor Village Association for the later hours. Since then, applicants did meet with the WVA, but came to no firm conclusions regarding the issues discussed. Since no city hearing date has been scheduled yet, Land Use Committee members requested that the applicants continue discussions with the WVA, and perhaps propose voluntary conditions regarding parking, traffic control, etc. that could be written into the CUB.

D. Application for a CUB renewal (with longer hours) and parking variance at the Xiomara restaurant (6101 Melrose)

Issue: The restaurant has been in operation, with no complaints, for 10 years at the current location. The parking variance (unchanged from the previous permit) allows off-site parking on an adjacent property by lease in lieu of a covenant. Previous hours were from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. Applications are requesting extended hours from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., primarily to allow the addition of breakfast and brunch service. Land Use Committee members expressed concerns with the broad stretch of hours requested and – since no city hearing date is scheduled yet – asked that the applicants research hours of other restaurants in the area and return with an updated proposal that includes hours more similar to other nearby establishments.

E. Application for construction of a new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at 850 S. Crenshaw

Issue: Applicants are seeking approval of a tract map for the project. Neighbors – especially those who live in the Wilshire Park HPOZ and National Register historic district directly behind the property -- are concerned about the height, style and density of the project, and the effects it will have on the adjacent neighborhood. Project is still in early planning stages; will return as plans and discussions with neighbors develop.

F. Possible agenda items for upcoming LUC meetings (no action at this time):

- i. Construction of a 162-unit, 7-story apartment complex at **700 S. Manhattan Pl.**
- ii. Development of a parking lot into 22 townhouse units over subterranean parking at **612 S. Norton** and **4055 Wilshire Blvd.**
- iii. Construction of a 4-story, 22-unit apartment complex with Density Bonus at **5022-5026 Rosewood Ave.**
- iv. New construction project at **5016 Rosewood Ave.**
- v. Change of Use to convert the old Scottish Rite Temple to a private, non-profit museum at **4357 W. Wilshire Blvd.**
- vi. Construction of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at **407 S. Gramercy**
- vii. Density bonus project at **801-813 N. Hudson**
- viii. Construction of a new 6,000 square foot retail space at **101 N. La Brea**
- ix. CUB application to allow sales of a full line of alcoholic beverages at an existing restaurant space on the 7th floor at **4680 W. Wilshire** (Farmers' Insurance building)
- x. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at **850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.**
- xi. Construction of 169 apartments at **904-932 N. La Brea Ave.**
- xii. CUB application to allow sales of wine and beer at the **Burger Lounge** restaurant, **217 N. Larchmont Blvd.**
- xiii. Construction of a 9-unit apartment building in the Wilshire Park HPOZ, at **963 S. Wilton Pl.**
- xiv. Review of city policy on **hiring outside counsel for Land Use and CEQA cases**

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

A. **Save the date:** Windsor Square-Hancock Park Historical Society's annual **Garden Tour**, Sunday, April 26: "Brookside – Strolling Along the Stream," 1-4 p.m. Tickets \$30/members, \$35/non-members, contact pfrye1191@sbcglobal.net for more information.

B. **New Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA).** Mission: "to advance sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action. We are especially interested in helping NCs throughout Los Angeles pursue sustainability issues that are important to them." See <http://ncsa.nationbuilder.com/about%20> for more information.

C. **Next meeting, Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.**

H. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5 minutes)

I. ADJOURNMENT

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Items in italics were unconfirmed at publication time and may be postponed until a future meeting.

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- NextDoor.com
- The community bulletin board at the Bricks & Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd., 90004
- Via e-mail (send a subscription request to admin@greaterwilshire.org)
- Via the L.A. City Early Notification System at <http://www.lacity.org/government/subscriptions/neighborhoodcouncils/index.htm>

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