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**Greater Wilshire
Neighborhood Council
Governing Board Members:**

President – Owen Smith
Vice President – James Wolf
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Area 1 – Brookside – Owen Smith
Area 2 – Citrus Square – Jeffrey
Carpenter
Area 3 – Country Club Heights –
Frances McFall
Area 4 – Fremont Place – Patricia
Lombard
Area 5 - Hancock Park – James
Wolf
Area 6 – La Brea-Hancock – Bill
Funderburk
Area 7 – Larchmont Village –
Fred Mariscal
Area 8 – Melrose – Jeff McManus
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St.
Andrews – vacant
Area 10 – Ridgewood-Wilton/St.
Andrews Square – Patricia Carroll
Area 11 – Sycamore Square – Ann
Eggleston
Area 12 – Western-Wilton – Greg
Wittmann
Area 13 - Wilshire Park – John
Gresham
Area 14 – Windsor Square – Jack
Humphreville
Area 15 – Windsor Village – Julie
Stromberg
At-Large – Jane Usher
Business – John Winther
Education – vacant
Other Non-Profit – vacant
Religion – Mike Genewick
Renters – Joseph Hoffman



**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
The Ebell of Los Angeles
4400 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90005
Wednesday, July 8, 2015
7:00 pm

**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.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

- A. Call to order & Flag salute (Owen Smith)
- B. Salute to the Flag (Frances McFall)
- C. Board Roll call (Jeffrey Carpenter)

II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. CD4 Update
- B. CD5 Update (John Darnell)
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- D. Other local government representatives

III. 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)

IV. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Board action, as noted):**

- A. Review and adoption of June 10, 2015 minutes
- B. Approval of holders of GWNC City Hall parking passes (Carroll)

Suggested Motion: That the GWNC's two allotted city hall parking passes be held by Patti Carroll and Jack Humphreville (because their roles as Treasurer and DWP MOU Liaison, respectively, require the most frequent trips to City offices).

- C. Request for motion regarding training of stakeholder committee members (Stromberg)

Requested Motion: That stakeholder members of GWNC standing committees be required to take the same Ethics training required of GWNC Board Members and Alternates.

- D. Discussion and possible action on the creation of a standing GWNC "Sustainability Committee." (Stromberg)

Requested Motion: That the GWNC create a new committee to discuss issues of "Sustainability" in the community, and to make official recommendations to the Board on those issues. This would be a standing committee (like the Land Use, Outreach and Transportation committees), with a regular meeting schedule, and fully bound by Brown Act rules for scheduling, open meetings, posting of minutes and other requirements.

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

- A. **Board Vacancies**
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Education
Other Non-Profit

- B. **Alternate Board Members** still needed for:
Area 3 – Country Club Heights
Area 4 – Fremont Place
Area 8 - Melrose
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
Area 12 – Western-Wilton
Education
Other Non-Profit
Religion

- C. **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:

Bartenetti - Ethics, Funding

Carroll – Ethics (expired 1/14)

Fox – Ethics (expired 3/4/15), Funding

McManus – Ethics (expired 5/30/15)

Mintz - Ethics, Funding

Morgens – Ethics, Funding

O'Donnell – Ethics

(Note: Gilman, Savage & Usher ethics expiring in August 2015)

- D. 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/>). Currently, Business Alternate **Peggy Bartenetti** is the only GWNC Board Member or Alternate who has not turned in the required form.

- E. Status of Efforts to Get DONE Approval to Retain New Contract Administrator** (Report, Discussion and Possible Board Action).

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

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

Expenses included:

6/1 Multimedia projector - \$383.75

6/4 Website hosting - \$95.40

6/4 Storage locker - \$104.00

6/5 Minutes writing – \$173.75

6/5 June Chronicle ad - \$340.00

6/11 KYCC - \$75.00

6/15 Champion Fund NPG - \$625.00

6/16 Minutes writing - \$122.27

6/17 Committee meeting space at WUMC - \$400.00

6/17 Friends of 3rd St. School NPG - \$500.00

6/17 Larchmont Charter School NPG - \$1,500.00

6/17 L.A. Drama Club NPG - \$1,500

6/24 Enrichment Center NPG - \$750.00

6/24 First in Fire NPG - \$1,000.00

6/24 Wilshire Crest PTA NPG - \$1,500.00

6/24 Handouts for June LUC meeting - \$114.55
6/26 Minutes writing - \$180.18
6/26 Wilton islands maintenance (3 mos.) - \$225.00
6/30 Office supplies - \$82.82
6/30 Office supplies - \$386.61
6/30 Congress of Neighborhoods & Budget Advocates - \$500.00
6/30 Wilton islands maintenance - \$75.00
6/30 Counter check fee - \$1.00

Also, those paid but not cleared yet:

Administrator/Elizabeth Fuller - \$5,000.00
Ebell of Los Angeles (meeting space) - \$3,600.00
Larchmont Buzz ad - \$1,200.00
Larchmont Chronicle July ad - \$340.00
Patricia Carroll reimbursement - \$5.54
Patricia Carroll reimbursement - \$75.54
Staples (office supplies) - \$378.14

- B. **Approval of individual expenses listed in Monthly Expenditure Report**
(Discussion and Board action) (Carroll)
- C. **Pre-Approval of upcoming expenses** (Discussion and Board action). (Carroll)
- D. **Rejection of Neighborhood Purpose Grants for Ebell and YMCA; possible appeal** (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Carroll)
- E. **Update on status of old and new contracts** for Wilshire United Methodist Church, Ebell of Los Angeles, etc. (Carroll)

VII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Mariscal) (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted)

- A. **Great Streets Improvement Program Grants**
Committee will be communicating with our neighborhood associations about potential project partnerships. One idea: self-guided historical walking tour with historical markers/photos/art. Official deadline was June 1, but hoping there may be room for extension, or to partner with a project someone else submitted by that deadline.
- B. **LA Times Neighborhood Boundaries**
Concerned about the growing public use of the LA Times' neighborhood boundaries, which show Koreatown extending into parts of GWNC neighborhoods. Want to find a way to work with them to get them to recognize our historic neighborhoods, as the city already does via our officially-defined NC and individual neighborhood association areas.
- C. **GWNC Support for National Night Out**
Will be contacting L.A. High regarding a GWNC booth at their big event. Date is first Tuesday in August. Volunteers/helpers welcome.

D. Request for Citizen Recognition Award candidates

Welcome nominations – especially for unsung heroes outside the usual activist spotlight.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Michelle Owen/Julie Stromberg) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. Report on June 2015 GWNC- Bureau of Street Services initiative.

B. PLUM/Transportation Committee hearing on the Mobility Element

Hearing has been postponed from late June to after the July Council Recess; will be heard in August.

C. Next Transportation Committee meeting Monday, August 3.

IX. LAND USE COMMITTEE (James Wolf, Area Representatives) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

A. Application to install an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at 407 S. Gramercy

Issue: Verizon has proposed the rooftop installation of several antennas and other equipment atop a 1920s apartment building. The equipment is needed to provide improved high-speed data service to area cell phone users, and will be concealed behind RF-transparent screen structures designed to mimic the brick cladding and window arches of the building.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the installation as presented, on the condition that the applicant return to the LUC after the installation is complete, to verify that the details of the project as constructed match what is being proposed.

B. Discussion and Board action on an application for the remodeling of a single family home at 533 N. Plymouth Ave. (Josh Brooks)

Issue: Longtime resident/owner applied for permits to remodel his home by adding a second story and other improvements. The application was rejected by a City planner, citing the new ICO (which was instituted to prevent teardowns). This is not a teardown project, and the owner is now appealing the city's ruling. He requests GWNC's support in the appeal process.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the proposed remodel at 533 N. Plymouth Blvd., on the condition that the owner use the wood and batten material shown in the project renderings.

C. Application for a CUB to serve a full line of alcoholic beverages at a new restaurant (Order Fire) at 736 S. La Brea

Issue: The Essex Wilshire-La Brea development has three full-line alcohol

licenses, but each new applicant needs specific approval for the restaurant to open. This will be a “global comfort food” restaurant, with extended late-night hours (food service until 1 a.m.). Restaurant also won the ABC lottery for a Type 47 full line liquor license. Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association voted on 6/15 to support the application, with the following conditions:

- The restaurant will post signs discouraging patrons from parking on neighborhood streets (e.g. "Please respect our neighbors and park in the parking structure or use our valet parking service.")
- The restaurant will pursue its proposed agreement with the Firestone facility across the street to rent space for valet parking.
- Valet fees will be held to a maximum of \$5, if possible.
- Parties in the outdoor patio space will be limited to a maximum of 12 people.

LUC Recommended Motion: None. Quorum lost before the committee could take an official vote. Members present at the time of the discussion indicated their support of the application, with the conditions requested by the SSNA. (Board vote is requested tonight to meet city hearing deadline.)

[The following items are included for information only. No Board action requested or required at this time.]

D. Application for 24-hour operation and a CUB for beer and wine sales at a new 7-Eleven store at 5273 W. Olympic Blvd.

Issue: Applicant has signed a lease for the property, which would allow a by-right store with no alcohol sales and hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. They are requesting additional privileges of 24-hour operations and a CUB for sales of beer and wine. In negotiations with the Sycamore Square Neighborhood Association (SSNA), which originally opposed the requests, applicant has revised the plans and is now offering significant renovations to the property and a lengthy list of volunteered conditions for the CUP. The SSNA voted on June 15 to support the application, with the negotiated conditions. There was no quorum to vote on this matter at the June LUC meeting, but committee members present supported the requests, with the conditions set by the SSNA, by a margin of 4-2. No city hearing is scheduled yet, so the applicant will return to the LUC in July for a formal recommendation vote.

E. Construction of 22 townhouses over subterranean parking at 612 S. Norton and adjacent condominiums at 4055 Wilshire Blvd.

Issue: Applicants have been working with the Park Mile Design Review Board and made a second presentation of their designs so far at the June LUC meeting. They will continue to work on refinements and will return for another presentation as plans develop.

F. Use of sign postings to discourage home sales to developers of Small Lot Subdivision projects in the South Hollywood neighborhood.

Issue: The South Hollywood Neighborhood Association has been posting signs to discourage neighborhood homeowners from selling homes to developers of small

lot subdivisions, pending efforts to secure a zoning overlay that would limit or prohibit such developments. Some neighbors, however, object to the use of the signs and claim they artificially depress sale prices and disadvantage homeowners. Discussion at the LUC meeting featured speakers from the SoHo Neighborhood Association on both sides of the issue. Committee members discussed the issues involved, including the free speech rights of both individuals and the local association to advocate for their individual and collective points of view.

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

1. Application to build 6,000 square feet of retail space at **101 N. La Brea.**
2. Demolition of 9 single family residences and construction of a new 5-story, 88-unit apartment building over garage levels at **501-543 N. Wilton**
3. Application for a Tract Map to build 8 new condominium units at **800 S. Lorraine Blvd.**
4. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at **836-850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.**
5. Application for a tract map for new condominiums at **850 N. Sycamore Ave.**
6. Application to demolish existing structures and build 169 apartments at **904-932 S. La Brea**
7. Change of Use to convert the old Scottish Rite Temple to a private, non-profit museum at **4357 W. Wilshire Blvd.**

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Endorsement of appointment of Douglas Woods to the Wilshire Park-Windsor Village-Country Club Park HPOZ Board as the at-large member. (Stromberg)

Issue: According to the Office of Historic Resources, the representative filling this particular seat is selected at large by a majority vote of the initial four (six in our case) members, with input from the Certified Neighborhood Council representing the neighborhood (in this case, the GWNC). Therefore, the GWNC provides input on the appointment, but the final determination is made by the HPOZ Board (in this case, the Wilshire Park-Windsor Village-Country Club Park HPOZ Board). Douglas Woods (see background handout) is endorsed by the Windsor Village Neighborhood Association. Doug Woods will be replacing Ms. Joanne McKenzie, who is also from the Windsor Village community, on the HPOZ Board.

Recommended Motion (from Julie Stromberg): That the GWNC endorse the appointment of Douglas Woods to the Wilshire Park-Windsor Village-Country Club Park HPOZ Board as the at-large member.

[At this time, we request that all Board Members, Alternates, Stakeholders and Guests join us in the Ebell's Lounge for the following information-only presentation. No Board action is requested or required on this item at this time.]

B. Plans for the Farmers' Insurance property at 4680 Wilshire Blvd. (CIM)

Developers' representatives will present their preliminary plans for the property, reflecting recent community discussions with residents of the Brookside neighborhood.

XI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting, Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

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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