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

President – Owen Smith
Vice President – James Wolf
Secretary – Jeffrey Carpenter
Treasurer – Patricia Carroll

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
Wednesday, August 12, 2015
7:00 p.m.

The Ebell of Los Angeles
4400 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90005

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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 (James Wolf)
- B. 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:

- A. Review and adoption of July 8, 2015 minutes (Jeff Carpenter)
- B. Status of Administrator hiring and interim transition (Owen Smith)

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

A. Board Vacancies

- i. Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
- ii. Education
- iii. Other Non-Profit

B. Board Alternate volunteer – Philip Farha, Area 8 – Melrose; board action to nominate/confirm as new Alternate (McManus).

C. Alternate Board Members still needed for:

- i. Area 3 – Country Club Heights
- ii. Area 4 – Fremont Place
- iii. Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews
- iv. Area 12 – Western-Wilton
- v. Education
- vi. Other Non-Profit
- vii. 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:

- i. **Bartenetti** - Ethics, Funding
- ii. **Fox** – Ethics (expired 3/4/15), Funding
- iii. **McManus** – Ethics (expired 5/30/15)
- iv. **Mintz** - Ethics, Funding

- v. **Morgens** – Ethics, Funding
- vi. **O'Donnell** – Ethics

Note: Ethics certifications for Patricia Lombard, Jack Humphreville and Kathleen Mulligan are shown expiring in September 2015. Please advise the Board Secretary as soon as you have renewed your certification.

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

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

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

Expenses included:

- *7/1 Staples Office Supplies - \$378.14
- *7/2 Elizabeth Fuller - \$5000.00
- 7/6 Public Storage - \$104.00
- 7/8 Copy USA - \$80.13 (board meeting)
- 7/9 Copy USA - \$27.53 (board meeting)
- *7/15 Patricia Carroll - \$75.54 (reimburse for Copy USA July 2014)
- *7/15 Patricia Carroll - \$ 5.54 (reimburse for postage to DONE)
- *7/15 Larchmont Chronicle July Ad (paid end June) - \$340.00
- 7/24 Lloyds Minutes Writing - \$180.18
- 7/28 Lloyds minutes Writing - \$186.62
- 7/30 Stop Payment - \$15.00 Ebell check
- 7/31 Copy USA - \$40.06 (LUC Meeting)
- [* = expenses paid out of 2014-15 budget]

Also those paid from 2014/2015 Budget but not cleared yet:

- *Ebell of Los Angeles (Meeting Space) \$3600 check reissued 8/10
- *Larchmont Buzz (8 months) \$1200

Those paid from 2015/2016 Budget:

- 8/4 Public Storage \$104.00

Those paid from 2015/2016 Budget but not cleared yet:

- The Ebell - \$300 July Rent
- Larchmont Chronicle August Ad \$340
- The Ebell - \$300 July Rent

Upcoming Board Expenditures

- Booth at the Larchmont Fair - \$300
- Approval for promotional items for the Larchmont Fair, etc. - \$340

- Approval of rent for Sustainability Committee meeting space - \$100
- Approval for postage for Treasurer’s mailing of monthly reports to DONE - [up to] \$100

- B. **Approval of individual expenses listed in the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)** – (Discussion and Board action). (Patti Carroll)
- C. **Pre-Approval of upcoming expenses** (Discussion and Board Action) (Patti Carroll)
- D. **Adoption of 2014-15 Neighborhood Council Self-Assessment Form** (Patti Carroll, Fred Mariscal) (Discussion and Board action)
- E. **Update on status of current year contracts** for Wilshire United Methodist Church, Ebell of Los Angeles (as previously approved by the Board) (Patti Carroll)

VII. DWP MOU LIAISON (Discussion and possible Board action) (Jack Humphreville)

- A. **Prospective Water, Electricity Rate Increases**
- B. **Pet Projects, DWP Revenue Diversions to the General Fund**

VIII. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Humphreville) (Discussion and possible Board action)

- A. **City Budget Update**
- B. **Union Contract Negotiations**
- C. **Prospective Bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics**

IX. LANCC REPORT (Mariscal/Humphreville)

- A. **United Neighborhoods of LA/UNLA Coalition**

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

- A. **Update on Operating Plan for Greek Theater** (Fred Mariscal and Kristina Chambers) (Board Discussion and Possible Board Action) -- Update and Board discussion of recent Los Feliz Neighborhood Council resolution, other NC actions, regarding current City proposals, plans and processes for the operation of the Greek Theater.

Proposed Draft Motion: That the GWNC support the findings and recommendations contained in the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council resolution on the City’s operation of the Greek Theater.

- B. **Update on Upcoming Participation in the Congress of Neighborhoods** (Mariscal/Humphreville) – Saturday, September 26 at City Hall, 7:45am to 4:30pm.

- C. Discussion of Great Streets Challenge Grants** (Mariscal/Wittmann et al.) -- Pros and cons of grant program. Possibilities for GWNC partnering with some of our neighborhood associations near the Western Ave. corridor on a collateral initiatives and projects.
- D. LA Times Neighborhood Boundaries** (Mariscal) – Discussion about how to respond to the growing public use of the LA Times’ neighborhood boundaries, which show Koreatown extending into parts of GWNC neighborhoods. Recap prior efforts to communicate with the Times and the Council Office. Discussion of additional actions to gain proper recognition for GWNC’s historic neighborhoods, as City-defined NC and individual neighborhood association areas.
- E. Recap of National Night Out / Los Angeles High School** (Mariscal/Hoffman)
- F. Request for Citizen Recognition Award candidates** – Please contact Outreach Committee members with suggestions for future awards.

XI. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Stromberg/Carpenter) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. 8-03-15 Transportation Committee Meeting Recap**
- B. Status Update on the Transportation Committee**
- C. Update on the Status of the LA Draft Mobility Plan 2035**
- D. Updates from July 16 Purple Line Extension Community Meeting:**
 - Continuing Utility Relocation. Duct banks being during nighttime, 8pm-6am. Torch cutters being used on steel plate trench covers at Fairfax and Wilshire instead of saw-cutting of joints. Also using battery-powered, solar charged work lights instead of generators.
 - Pile Drilling and Installation. First major subway construction activity. Scheduled to start in November, continuing into summer 2016, between Orange Dr. and Detroit St. Approximately 4-6 months of drilling on each side of Wilshire.
 - Tree Removal, Median Replacement Landscaping. Hearing held July 22 at City Hall. Scheduled to start in the next few months the Wilshire/La Brea station. Salvage and conservation possibilities continuing to be explored. Options presented by Mia Lehrer Associates for new, more sustainable landscaping palettes after completion of construction
 - Construction Area Parking Management Plan. Area on the west side of LaBrea being analyzed for how to manage and mitigate parking lost due to construction, construction worker vehicles (EIR mitigation measures TCON7, TCON8).
 - Next Metro Advisory Committee Meeting: September 17 at the Korean Cultural Center.
 - Presentation can be downloaded at:
http://media.metro.net/projects_studies/westside/images/presentation_purpleline_2015-0716.pdf

- E. **Next Transportation Committee Meeting:** October 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

XII. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Stromberg) (Discussion)

- A. **Report and Status on the Sustainability Committee**
- B. **LANCC Sustainability Committee, Sustainability Alliance Update**
- C. **Date and Location of First Sustainability Committee Meeting**

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

- A. **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.

LUC voted in support of the project, with the written conditions as drafted by the SSNA, at its July 28, 2015, meeting.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the project with the written conditions drafted by SSNA.

- B. **Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the H.H. Whitley Mansion at 634 S. Crenshaw Blvd.**

Issue: The H.H. Whitley Mansion property is under imminent threat of demolition and development. The property is zoned R-3. Past land uses have included, in 1963 Tidewater (Getty) Oil Company designated the property as a “church”; in 1967 it was repurposed as an “adult school”; it is currently used a sober living board and care facility. The property remains intact and embodies all of the characteristics of a master Southern California architect, Harry Hayden Whiteley.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the application.

- C. **Support for Inclusion of Sycamore Square in the ICO.**

LUC voted to support lobbying effort to gain inclusion for R-1 properties on Citrus and Orange Avenues to prevent teardowns on July 28.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the inclusion of the R-1 properties in the Sycamore Square neighborhood, as well as the west side of Highland Avenue between Wilshire and Olympic, for inclusion in the ICO with specific terms to prevent additional teardowns of existing single-family homes.

D. Reconsideration of application to install an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility atop an apartment building at 407 S. Gramercy

Issue: Verizon proposed a 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.

At the July 8, 2015 meeting, the GWNC voted to 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.

Some resident neighborhood stakeholders have subsequently come forward expressing strong opposition to the proposed unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and are requesting that the GWNC Board reconsider its approval. Associate Zoning Administrator Lourdes Green has reportedly extended the deadline for comment to August 28, 2015.

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

E. Improvements for Starbucks Coffee and a CUZ at 7016 Melrose Avenue

Issue: The property is in a commercial zone and presently vacant. Starbucks is requesting to be open 13 hours, from 0500-0000. The property is located on the south side of Melrose across from Anarkali and Hot Wings Cafe. Pinks, Chipotle and a Ramen place are on the NW corner of Melrose and LaBrea.

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. 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.**

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

- A. Recapping DONE Neighborhood Council Town Hall, Hollywood Constituent Center, July 25, 2015 (Carpenter, Carroll, Amin) – Impressions from DONE Town Hall, GM presentation, possible recommendations for future Board adoption (see attachment).**

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next meeting, Wednesday, September 9, 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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- 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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