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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, September 9, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

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

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- A. Review and adoption of August 12, 2015 minutes (Jeff Carpenter)
- B. Status of Administrator hiring and interim transition (Jeff Carpenter)

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

**A. Installation of Approved Area 8/Melrose Volunteer Alternate — Philip Farha
(5 mins)**

Administering the Neighborhood Council Oath of Office (by Owen Smith)

“I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire NC with dignity, integrity and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”

B. Board Vacancies. Seats vacated by elected board members before the end of their term open for volunteer nominations.

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

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. **Humphreville** – Ethics
- iv. **Mintz** - Ethics, Funding
- v. **Mulligan** - Ethics
- vi. **Morgens** – Ethics, Funding
- vii. **O'Donnell** – Ethics
- viii. **Usher** - Ethics

Note: Ethics certifications for Patricia Lombard, Jack Humphreville, Jane Usher 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 August 2015** (Discussion and Board action) (Patti Carroll)

Expenses included:

- 8/4 Public Storage August - \$104.00
- 8/10 The Ebell July Rent 2015 - \$ 300.00
- 8/10 Larchmont Chronicle August - \$340
- 8/13 Copy USA - \$121.78 (board meeting)
- 8/14 The Ebell August Rent - \$300
- 8/18 Lloyds Minutes Writing - \$96.53
- 8/26 UB Checking Transfer 0332 -\$100.00

Those paid in August 2015 from the 2014/2015 Budget

- 8/6 Larchmont Buzz - \$1200.00
- 8/7 The Ebell last fiscal year - \$3600.00

Those paid in September 2015

- 9/2 Public Storage - \$104.00
- 9/3 Lloyds Minutes Writing - \$180.18

Upcoming Board Expenditures

- Booth at the Larchmont Fair - \$300

- Ebell rent September - \$300
- UMC Land Use meeting space July – Sept \$75
- UMC Sustainability Committee Sept - \$25
- UMC Transportation Committee August - \$25
- Approval for promotional items for the Larchmont Fair, etc. - \$340

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)

Requested Motion: That the GWNC approve the retention of budget preparation support to assist the Treasurer until a new contract GWNC Administrator can be brought on board and up to speed, for up to the next 4 months at an amount up to \$750, as needed.

D. Update on status of current year contracts, invoicing 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. Status of Proposed Rate Increase

VIII. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES (Jack Humphreville)

(Discussion and possible Board action)

A. City Budget Update

B. Details of Union Contract

C. Settlement of the Telephone Users’ Tax Litigation

D. Los Angeles Bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics

IX. LANCC REPORT (Fred Mariscal/Colette Amin)

A. Call for Volunteers, Update on Upcoming Participation in the Congress of Neighborhoods (Mariscal/Amin) – Saturday, September 26 at City Hall, 7:45am to 4:30pm.

B. Update on United Neighborhoods of LA/UNLA Coalition

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

A. Update on pending City proposals, plans and processes for the operation of the Greek Theater (Fred Mariscal/Colette Amin) -- Greek Theater. (Note: a CIS was filed on the motion the Board took at the August 12 meeting.)

B. LA Times Neighborhood Boundaries (Fred Mariscal) – Update on meeting with the LA Times to discuss their mapping policy.

C. Request for Citizen Recognition Award candidates (Fred Mariscal) – Please contact Outreach Committee members with suggestions for future awards.

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

- A. **Status Update on the Transportation Committee**
- B. **Update on LA Mobility Plan 2035**
- C. **GWNC-CD 4 Street and Sidewalk Repair Requests: A Call for Submission of Nominations**
- D. **The GWNC Transportation Committee is compiling data on streets and sidewalks in the Greater Wilshire Area within Council District 4 for Councilman David Ryu’s Office (CD 4).** Submissions are due on Friday, October 9, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. All submissions should be sent to transportation@greaterwilshire.org. Submissions must include location of the repair site and general description. Photographs of the requested repairs are strongly encouraged. GWNC Transportation Committee member Julie Stromberg will be coordinating the project.
- E. **Next Transportation Committee Meeting:** October 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

XII. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

- A. **Report and Status on the Sustainability Committee.** Report on September 8th Sustainability Committee inaugural meeting.
- B. **Announcement of Partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for a Water Conservation Challenge for Neighborhoods within the Greater Wilshire Area.** Several neighborhoods (by zip code) within the Greater Wilshire area are top 1% water users in the City of Los Angeles. The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee is partnering with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to encourage these neighborhoods to participate in a Water Conservation Challenge.
- C. **GWNC Environmental and Sustainability Committee’s Rain Barrel Distribution Program (November 2015).** Announcement of program for distribution of rain barrels and qualifying rebate program.
- D. **Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Update.** Report on NCSA Water Committee meeting.
- E. **The GWNC to Join the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) and Designation of GWNC Representative on the NCSA**

Requested Motion: We, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, formally agree to be a member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance advances sustainability and resilience across Los Angeles through advocacy, sharing of best practices, and community action.

Requested Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoint Julie Stromberg, Founder and Chair of the GWNC Environmental and Sustainability Committee, as the GWNC representative to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.

- F. **EarthFest 2015 Event.** Report, proposal on participation in the EarthFest 2015 event.

Recommended Motion: The GWNC Environmental and Sustainability Committee to purchase a booth at EarthFest 2015, to be held on Saturday, September 13, 2015, cost not to exceed \$280.

G. **Date and Location of Next Sustainability Committee Meeting.** The GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Chapel Room of the Wilshire Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005.

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

A. **408 N. Plymouth**

Issue: Proposed "hardship exemption" to limitations of the Interim Control Ordinance to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance. Owner closed escrow and paid for permits on the property after ICO took effect. Proposed new construction did not conform to the limits of the ICO for square footage. Neighbors expressed opposition to proposed hardship exemption. LUC voted not to support.

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC not support the proposed hardship exemption from the Interim Control Ordinance to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance for this project.

B. **7016 Melrose Ave (Starbucks)**

Issue: CUZ for extended opening hours of a new Starbucks from 5am to 12am (Elizabeth Valerio).

LUC Recommended Motion: That the GWNC support the proposed CUZ for extended opening hours for this project.

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

C. **107 and 109 Larchmont Blvd (The Bungalow)**

Issue: Clarification on Q condition #2 of ordinance No. 168,334 to clarify the definition of a "restaurant" under the ordinance and what the phrase "primarily for the purpose of selling food to be consumed off premises" means, which is used to classify "take-out" versus sit down restaurants.

The LUC believes the requested interpretation is a matter for the City Attorney and that the earlier position in opposition to the applicant's request taken by the GWNC Board remains unchanged.

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.

Verizon asked that the item be continued to September meeting so that they could address the concerns of the renters in a separate meeting with the

Landlord.

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

- i. Application to build 6,000 square feet of retail space at 101 N. La Brea.
- ii. 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
- iii. Application for a Tract Map to build 8 new condominium units at 800 S. Lorraine Blvd.
- iv. Construction of new 5-story, 44-unit condominium building at 836-850 S. Crenshaw Blvd.
- v. Application for a tract map for new condominiums at 850 N. Sycamore Ave.
- vi. Application to demolish existing structures and build 169 apartments at 904-932 S. La Brea
- vii. Change of Use to convert the old Scottish Rite Temple to a private, non-profit museum at 4357 W. Wilshire Blvd.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Revised GWNC Bylaws Transmitted by DONE (Jane Usher, Elizabeth Fuller, John Gresham et al.) (Discussion and Board action)

Recommended Motion: That the GWNC Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws (to be defined) work with the GWNC Secretary to communicate to DONE the GWNC’s concern that two previously agreed-to changes in the GWNC bylaws be made by DONE, specifically—

- a) In Section 4, “Terms and Term Limits”, page 6, the title is changed to just “Term Limits” and the last sentence referring to term limits is deleted.
- b) In Attachment B, on page 17, regarding who can vote for the seat of the At Large Representative, the text “...or those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder...” is to be deleted.

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

A. Launch of “Melrose Future Vision” Project (Jeff Carpenter).

The Melrose BID was awarded a \$3.9 million Metro Call for Project grant to undertake its “Melrose Future Vision” project and the BID has retained a consultant team of Perkins+Will together with Civic Enterprises, to direct the effort, targeting Melrose between Highland and Fairfax. The first charrette was conducted on August 14 and included BID, GWNC and MCWCC stakeholders as well as BSS and LADOT program support staff, along with LADOT’s designated project manager, Anna Tabuena Ruddy.

This community outreach, visualization, consensus-building and planning phase is targeting 2019 when capital improvement funding from the grant award is scheduled to become available.

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting, Wednesday, October 14, 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)
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