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**GREATER WILSHIRE  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, September 14, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

The Ebell of Los Angeles  
743 S. Lucerne Boulevard  
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** (Owen Smith – President)
- B. **Roll Call** (Joe Hoffman – Secretary)

**II. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. **CD4 Update** (Daniel Park/Nikki Ezhari)
- B. **CD5 Update** (John Darnell)
- C. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- D. Other local government representatives

**III. CITY BUDGET and NC BUDGET ADVOCATES** (Discussion and possible Board action) (Jack Humphreville)

- A. DWP report to include the new GM and the ballot measure.
- B. Budget Advocate report to include the \$1.2 Billion Homeless Bond and the Affordable Housing ballot measure.

**IV. 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)

V. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** (Discussion and Board Action)

- A. Review and adoption of August 10, 2016 minutes (Joe Hoffman)

VI. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

- A. **Introduction, Approval, Installation of New Board Alternate** – (Discussion and Board Action).

Nathalie Rosen – Area 15 – Windsor Village

Neighborhood Council Oath of Office:

*“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. **Alternate Board Member Vacancies.** Eligible for nominations of qualified candidates, to be submitted to the Board for approval:

Area 7 – Larchmont Village  
Education  
Religion

- C. **Board Member and Alternate Training Requirements**

All board members and alternates must complete ethics and funding training in order to vote on funding motions before the board. The training courses and instructions can be found at <http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/>.

The following Board Members and Alternates are shown, by DONE, as NOT having completed the trainings noted below and are NOT eligible to vote on financial matters:

**Brook** – Ethics & Funding  
**Kirkham** – Ethics & Funding  
**Mintz** – Ethics & Funding  
**Morgens** – Ethics & Funding  
**Park** – Ethics  
**Rosales** – Ethics & Funding  
**Szentgyorgyi** – Ethics & Funding

- D. **Code of Conduct Policy** – All Board Members and Alternates are required to read and sign the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy (online version at <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>) within 30 days of their election or appointment. Members who have not yet completed the Code of Conduct include:

**Brook**  
**Mintz**  
**Morgens**

VII. **TREASURER’S REPORT** (Discussion and Board Action, as noted) (Patti Carroll)

- A. **Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2016** (Discussion and Board action)

8/4	Public Storage- August	\$117.00
8/9	Lloyd Staffing- Minutes	\$193.05
8/9	Larchmont Chronicle- July Ad	\$340
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8/10	Ebell Theater- July Board mtg	\$300
8/10	Lloyd Staffing-Admin	\$400
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8/10	Lloyd Staffing-Minutes	\$135.14
8/12	Ebell Theater - August	\$300
8/12	San Wilshire Photocopies- Board	\$111.18
8/24	San Wilshire Photocopies- LUC	\$17.00

**B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs)**  
(Discussion and Board Action)

See above

**C. Review of August 2016 Approved Expenses that will show up on the September 2016 Monthly Expense Report** (Discussion only; no Board Action necessary)

**D. Pre-Approval of Upcoming Board Expenses** (Discussion and Board Action)

Public Storage- Sept	\$117
Larchmont Chronicle- Sept Ad	\$340
Lloyd Staffing- Minutes	\$199.49
Lloyd Staffing- Minutes	\$160.88
Lloyd Staffing- Minutes	\$96.53
Ebell Theater - Sept Board mtg	\$350
Wilshire Methodist Church-LUC meeting	\$150

**E. Review and update of General Treasury information and DONE update.**

**VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and Possible Board Action as noted) (Joe Hoffman)

**A. Update on the August 28, 2016 meeting**

Report on the America Red Cross Disaster Preparedness presentation by Julie Thomas. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance, Yoga in the Park, and continuing efforts to engage our stakeholders on issues addressed by GWNC and its committees.

**B. Citizen Recognition Award**

Jess Carter (Colette Amin)

**C. Larchmont Fair** (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

The theme for our booth this year will be Emergency Preparedness. We are partnering with the Red Cross who will provide volunteers and materials to assist us at the fair.

**Proposed motion:** That the GWNC approve a booth at \$350.00 plus a fully refundable \$100.00 clean up deposit for the Larchmont Fair on Sunday, October 30, 2016.

**D. Content of October 2016 GWNC ad in the Larchmont Ledger** (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

The GWNC purchased 3 ads (1/8 page, 5.9" x 4") in the Larchmont Ledger with the GWNC's end-of-year surplus funds. The ads must be consecutive. The first ad ran in September 2016. The second GWNC ad will run in October 2016 and options include a general GWNC ad, upcoming events, etc.

**Proposed motion:** That the GWNC approve a topic for the October 2016 Larchmont Ledger ad.

**E. Printing of a 5x7 GWNC Information Card** (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

The Outreach committee discussed updating the GWNC flyer and determined that a more useful option would be an information card that provided GWNC information on one side (contact info, meeting dates/times) and other helpful contact information on the reverse.

**Proposed motion:** That the GWNC approve up to \$200 for the production/printing of 1000 5x7

color information cards.

**F. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates**

Please contact [outreach@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:outreach@greaterwilshire.org) with suggestions for future awards.

**G. Next Outreach Committee meeting:** September 24, 2016 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

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

**A. Report on September 7, 2016 Town Hall Meeting on Highland Ave. (Olympic Blvd. to Melrose Ave.) Traffic.**

The GWNC hosted a Town Hall Meeting on September 7, 2016, at The Ebell of Los Angeles to discuss traffic issues on Highland Ave. from Olympic Blvd. to Melrose Ave. and possible related mitigations. The Town Hall featured Councilman David Ryu (Los Angeles City Council District 4) and a panel with representatives from Los Angeles Police Department West Traffic Division, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles City Council District 4, and Los Angeles City Council District 5.

**B. Next Transportation Committee Meeting:** Monday, October 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004.

**X. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** (Julie Stromberg, Barbara Savage)

**A. Report on September 13, 2016 Sustainability Committee Meeting.**

Meeting featured a presentation: "Climate Change and LA: What it is, and what LA can and should do about it." (Dan Kegel; B.S. '86, Caltech) Mr. Kegel provided a primer on Climate Change with a specific discussion on what Angelenos can do to make an impact. Meeting included a discussion on the Committee's Parkway Challenge, LA City Council vote regarding move toward 100% clean energy, and upcoming Committee programs.

**B. Next Sustainability meeting:** December 13, 2016, time and location TBD.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS** (matters not previously identified for future consideration and action)

**A. The Clean Streets Program** (Owen Smith)

**XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE** (Jim Wolf) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)

**A. 117 N. Manhattan Place**

8-unit SLS, 10K square feet, 15-foot front setback, 5-foot side and rear setbacks. Applicant has appeared before the LUC on three occasions. Continuing concerns of the LUC and neighbors include the height, presentation to the street, and architectural style relative to neighboring buildings. Hearing on the Vesting Tentative Tract map scheduled for September 14, 2016. ENV-2015-3922-EAF, VTT-73902-SL. Committee voted 6-0 with 2 abstentions to oppose the project as presented.

**Proposed motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the application for a Vesting Tentative Tract Map for the project at 117 N. Manhattan Pl.

**B. 520 N. La Brea Ave (Lyric Theater)**

Application for a CUB for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and a CUX to allow patron dancing all in conjunction with the change of use of a 3516 SF adult school to a proposed new theater with live entertainment consisting of bands, DJs, comedy shows, theater performances. Proposed hours of operation are 10am to 2am daily. Lyric Theatre. Applicant has appeared before the LUC three times and provided the requested follow-up outreach to neighbors regarding potential noise issues. Committee voted unanimously to support

the application.

**Proposed motion:** That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the CUB application for the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and CUX application to allow patron dancing for a proposed new theater with live entertainment consisting of bands, DJs, comedy shows, theater performances with proposed hours of operation from 10am to 2am daily, including the voluntary conditions presented by the applicant for 520 N. La Brea Ave.

**C. 703 N. McCadden (vacant lot)**

Application to subdivide into two lots and build a Duplex on each lot in an R2-1XL zone. ENV-2016-1964-CE, AA-2016-1963-PMLA. Applicant returned to the LUC to show design changes made per requests by the committee and the South Hollywood Neighborhood Association (SHNA). Don Hunt, President, SHNA, reported that the SHNA unanimously supported the project. Committee voted unanimously to support the application.

Note that since the applicant's hearing was on 9/7/16 the LUC sent a letter to Planning indicating the LUC's recommendation prior to a Board vote.

**Proposed motion:** That the GWNC support the application to subdivide into two lots and build a duplex on each lot in an R2-1XL zone for 703 N. McCadden Place.

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

**D. Larchmont Heights Neighborhood Conservation Ordinance, La Brea-Hancock Neighborhood Conservation Ordinance**

Code amendments to add 12 new single family zones to the zoning code and zone changes for neighborhood conservation ICO areas. The proposed new single family zones for the South Hollywood, Larchmont Heights, and La Brea-Hancock neighborhoods would involve a zone change from R 1-1 (BMO) to R1 R2-RG, a proposed new zone, which regulates the location of a new second story to be located toward the rear of the building, requires new garages to be detached and located at the rear of the property, and a floor area of between 35% and 45% of the lot, depending on lot size. These proposed new single-family zones will supersede the existing R1 (or BMO) regulations. CPC-2016-2112-ZC, CPC-2016-2112-ZC. Hearing date: 10/13/2016.

**E. Second Dwelling Unit Ordinance**

The LA City Council scheduled a September 13<sup>th</sup> vote on an Ordinance relative to granting legal nonconforming status to second dwelling units, for the purpose of complying with State law AB 1866. Council File: 14-0057-S8.

**F. Possible agenda items for upcoming meeting:**

- i. **667 N Wilton Pl** – A density bonus project pursuant to section 12.22.A.25 For 2 on-menu incentives and using parking option 1. The project is a new 34-unit residential building, including 3 very low income units. ENV-2016-2599-EAF, DIR-2016-2598-DB
- ii. **953 S. Citrus Ave** – Application for a subdivision of a single-family parcel to 2 single-family parcels. Application to build a second house on the R-1 property.
- iii. **3607 W. Olympic Blvd.** - (Lazlo Faerstain) Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6- unit Small Lot Subdivision project.
- iv. **800 S. Lorraine Ave.** – (Kamran Khoubian) New 3-story, 11-unit apartment building on vacant.
- v. **612 S. Norton and 4055 W. Wilshire Blvd.** - Updates on plans for townhouses and condominiums
- vi. **7000-7024 W. Melrose Ave** - Density bonus with on-menu incentives for a 40- unit, 2-story residential development.

- vii. **5555 Melrose Ave, Paramount Studios - Master Plan for Long term expansion project (25 Years)**

G. **Next Land Use Committee meeting:** September 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.

### XIII. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### A. **2016 Congress of Neighborhoods** (Colette Amin)

The Congress of Neighborhoods is an education and networking event for LA Neighborhood Council board and committee members offering over 40 free workshops. Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Los Angeles City Hall.

### XIV. **REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

- B. Next meeting - Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 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 above are unconfirmed and may be tabled until a later 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](mailto: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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