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

President – Owen Smith  
Vice President – James Wolf  
Secretary – Jeffry 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, October 14, 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 (Greg Wittmann)
- B. Board Roll call (Greg Wittmann)

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

(Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations)

- A. Department of Water and Power Proposed Rate Increase – Presentation by Marty Adams, Sr. AGM of Water with LADWP, on proposed LADWP Rate Increases for 2016-2020. (Moderated by Jack Humphreville) (15 minutes with Q&A)
- B. CD4 Update
- C. CD5 Update (John Darnell)
- D. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
- E. 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 September 11, 2015 minutes (Greg Wittmann)
- B. Status of Administrator hiring and interim transition (Joe Hoffman)

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

**A. Installation of Approved Area 12/Western-Wilton Alternate—Levi Obery** (3 mins)

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

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

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

Area 3 – Country Club Heights  
Area 4 – Fremont Place  
Area 9 – Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews  
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:

**Bartenetti** - Ethics, Funding  
**Fox** – Ethics (expired 3/4/15), Funding  
**Humphreville** – Ethics  
**Mintz** - Ethics, Funding  
**Mulligan** - Ethics  
**Morgens** – Ethics, Funding  
**O'Donnell** – Ethics  
**Usher** - Ethics

- 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.
- F. Appointment of Ad Hoc Election Committee** – volunteers to discuss date, location and time for elections.

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

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

9/4 Public Storage September - \$104.00  
9/4 Lloyds Minutes writing - \$180.18  
9/10 KYCC - \$75  
9/10 Copy USA - \$81.72  
9/16 The Ebell - September Rent - \$300.00  
9/16 Larchmont Chronicle September - \$340.00  
9/21 Lloyds Minutes writing - \$154.44  
9/25 LBA Larchmont Family Fair - \$350.00 (revised amount, \$50 additional fee)  
9/29 Lloyds Minutes writing - \$154.44

- 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)

- Public Storage October - \$104.00
- Larchmont Chronicle October - \$340.00
- Ebell Rent October - \$300
- UMC Land Use Meeting Space - \$25.00
- Approval for postage/supplies for Jeff Carpenter, Secretary - suggested up to \$100
- Approval for large GWNC map/web site banner and stand (for Larchmont Fair and future events) - \$200

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

- A. City Budget Update** (5 minutes)

**VIII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (Discussion and possible Board action, as noted)

**A. Update on Windsor Village Tour (Julie Stromberg)**

**B. January 2016 LAHSA Homeless Count Opt-in (Joe Hoffman).**

The LA Homeless Services Authority is conducting its annual count of homeless individuals all across Los Angeles. All Neighborhood Councils in the central district of the city are being asked to coordinate the count in their area for one night (January 26, 2016). Participation requires volunteer recruitment and coordination, securing of a deployment site, and ensuring a complete count.

**Proposed motion 1:** The Outreach Committee recommends that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opt in to the annual LAHSA Homeless Count as a participating neighborhood council.

**Proposed motion 2:** The Outreach Committee recommends that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$250 for one-night deployment site rental and refreshments for volunteers.

**C. Call for Volunteers at October 25<sup>th</sup> Larchmont Fair (Joe Hoffman)**

**D. Yoga in the Park (Colette Amin)**

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

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

**A. Report on GWNC Transportation Committee-Council District 4 Street and Sidewalk Repairs Database Program (Julie Stromberg)**

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, November 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. All submissions should be sent to [transportation@greaterwilshire.org](mailto: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 is coordinating the project.

**B. Report and Update on LA Mobility Plan 2035 (Julie Stromberg)**

Report on status of LA Mobility Plan 2035 and related amendments involving areas within the GWNC.

**C. Report on Metro Purple Line Extension Project Tree Removal**

Report on trees removed for Metro Purple Line Extension Project that are available to the public.

**D. October 5, 2015 Meeting Cancelled and Next Meeting Will be on Monday, November 30, 2015**

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

**A. Report and Status on the Sustainability Committee.** Report on September 8<sup>th</sup> Sustainability Committee inaugural meeting and new committee members.

**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 in 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. Residents will have to opt-into the challenge by emailing [sustainability@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:sustainability@greaterwilshire.org). Program will be launched in December and will last for 180 days. The Committee is accepting considerations to be included in the program now.

### **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. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Request for the GWNC to Join the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) and Designate a GWNC Representative to the NCSA**

**PROPOSED MOTION 1:** The Environmental and Sustainability Committee recommends that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council formally join the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance.

The NCSA requires that all neighborhood councils formally joining the NCSA use the following language in their motion: *We, [state name] 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.*

**PROPOSED MOTION 2:** The Environmental and Sustainability Committee recommends that the GWNC appoint Board Member (and Environmental & Sustainability Committee Chair) Julie Stromberg as the GWNC representative to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance and Cathy Roberts as the Alternate.

### **E. 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.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion, Planning, and Motion on Metro Decking at La Brea for the Purple Line Extension Project.** Discussion regarding and voting on two possible options for street closures during decking at La Brea. Construction will consist of a concrete deck, curb to curb on Wilshire, between Orange Drive and Detroit Street. Decking process will involve street closures and various construction work schedules.

- Motion 1: Move to support 7 week full closure of Wilshire, from Highland and La Brea, with the following schedule: 7 days a week, 7am-11pm above deck, 11pm-7am below deck, and 15 Nights of work; and 6 weekend closures from La Brea to Detroit, 9pm Friday thru 6am Monday, work continuous.

- Motion 2: Move to support approximately 22 weekend closures with the following schedule: 9pm Friday thru 6am Monday, work continuous, and 66 Nights of work.

### **B. Paramount Pictures Master Plan Project (information only).** Presentation and

discussion regarding Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Paramount Pictures Master Plan Project. Interested stakeholders may submit comments to Adam Villani ([adam.villani@lacity.org](mailto:adam.villani@lacity.org)) no later than October 26, 2015.

**XII. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Greg Wittmann) (Discussion and Board Action, as noted)**

**A. Proposed wireless telecommunications facility at 407 S. Gramercy.**

**Issue:** Originally supported by both LUC and Board, matter was sent back to LUC for reconsideration due to tenant opposition. Facility would be located on top of an existing apartment building and screened behind a façade to resemble the structure (arched recessed windows, etc.). Applicant notes customer demand for greater wireless service and a lack of nearby options on commercial properties. Residents and neighbors raised concerns about locating the facility on a residential structure, and compatibility with the historic apartment building.

**Suggested Motion:** That the GWNC Board support the neighbors in opposing the proposal for a wireless telecommunications tower on a residential building as proposed.

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

**A. 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.**

**XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 minutes)

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

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Next meeting, Wednesday, November 11, 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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- 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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