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**GREATER WILSHIRE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
7 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. **Metro**
- E. Other local government representatives

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

- A. DWP Report
- B. Budget Advocate Report

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 October 19, 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:

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

Cox – Ethics

Mintz – Ethics & Funding

Morgens – 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

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

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

10/3	Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Writing DL	\$244.53
10/3	Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF	\$400.00
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10/3	Public Storage - Storage	\$117.00
10/14	Larchmont Chronicle - Oct Ad	\$340.00
10/14	Larchmont Blvd Assoc. - Booth Larchmont Fair	\$350.00
10/20	Ebell - Board Meeting Rent	\$350.00
10/21	San Wilshire - photocopies for Board handouts	\$33.25
10/24	DRI - Promotional post cards	\$141.92

10/24	Lloyd Staffing - Minutes Writing DL	\$135.14
10/26	San Wilshire - Photocopies for LUC handouts	\$18.09
10/28	Lloyd Staffing - Admin SF	\$400.00
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B. Approval of individual expenses listed in the October 2016 MER (Discussion and Board Action)

See above

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

	Public storage	\$117
11/2	Lloyd Staffing- Admin SF	\$400
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11/7	Lloyd Staffing- MR DL	\$122.27
11/7	Larchmont Chronicle - Nov ad	\$340
	Ebell - Nov Board meeting	\$350
	UMC - LUC meeting	\$150
	(Also UMC Luc meeting July - Oct - waiting for invoices)	
	Lloyd Staffing TBD	
	San Wilshire TBD	

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

No non-recurring expenses at this time.

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

Deposit from the City to the GWNC account of \$9,250 on 10/7/16.

On 10/25/16, the LA City Council approved an increase of \$5000 to every NC's budget (Council File 16-0600-S163). The NCs will likely receive these funds in January 2017, but it may be split \$2500 in January and \$2500 in April 2017.

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

A. Update on the November 5, 2016 meeting

Larchmont Family Fair, Information card, AIDS Walk LA

B. 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Discussion and Board Action) (Joe Hoffman)

Neighborhood Councils throughout Los Angeles are again being asked to recruit volunteers for this annual event. The count for SPA 4 (our area) is Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 8pm to midnight.

Proposed motion: That the GWNC allocate up to \$250 for rental of a deployment site on January 26, 2017 and refreshments for volunteers.

C. Content of the next ad in the Park LaBrea - Beverly Press (Discussion and Board Action)

D. Request for Citizen Recognition Award Candidates

E. Next Outreach Committee meeting: December 3, 2016 at 9am at Bricks and Scones Café, 403 N. Larchmont Blvd.

IX. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Julie Stromberg)

A. Bureau of Street Services Small Asphalt Repairs (SAR)

The Bureau of Street Services scheduled a Small Asphalt Repairs (SAR) truck for the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council District to perform small asphalt repairs on 12/14/16. Nominations

for consideration should be sent to transportation@greaterwilshire.org by 12/05/16.

- B. **The Next Transportation Committee Meeting:** Monday, December 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m.; Marlborough School, 250 S. Rossmore Ave., 90004.

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

- A. **Report on possible upcoming topics for next Sustainability meeting**
- B. **Next Sustainability meeting:** December 13, 2016, time and location TBD.

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

- A. **Allocation of additional funding granted by the LA City Council** (Discussion and Board Action) (Julie Stromberg)
Discussion regarding reconstituting the Neighborhood Purpose Grants program.
Proposed motion: That the GWNC allocate the additional \$5000 granted by the LA City Council for Neighborhood Purpose Grants.
Proposed motion: That the GWNC form an ad hoc Neighborhood Purposes Grant Committee to oversee the Neighborhood Purposes Grant awards, including, but not limited to, the evaluation of candidate(s) for the grant(s).

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

- A. **6063-6065 W. Melrose Ave.** (Discussion and Possible Action)
New CUB Application requesting the sale of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption at a new restaurant. Conversion of an auto shop to a restaurant is currently underway, ZA-2016-3374-CUB, ENV-2016-3375-CE. The LUC voted 5 yes and 2 no to support the application at the October 25, 2016 meeting.
Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council support the application for a CUB requesting the sale of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption at a new restaurant at 6063-6065 W. Melrose Ave.
- B. **Proposed R-1 Zone Changes in the current ICO** (Discussion and Possible Action) (John Perfitt)
A request by Citrus Square stakeholders regarding the proposed new R-1 Variation Zones to discuss inclusion in the "RG" (detached rear garages) zone. The LUC at its October 25, 2016 meeting voted 7 yes and 0 no to support the request.
Proposed motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council request of the City of Los Angeles that the proposed R-1 Zone changes within the Citrus Square area of Lower CD5 of the current Interim Control Ordinance be changed to the **R1-V2-RG zone** option for Citrus Avenue.
- C. **543 N. Arden Blvd.** (Discussion and Possible Action)
Applicant is seeking to extend building height beyond 28ft in order to place a 42" glass guard at roof deck setback 2' from the perimeter of the roof. Project is new construction in the Larchmont Heights ICO but was submitted for plan check just prior to the deadline (3/16/2015). Application No. 15010-10001-01018 and Plan Check No. BISLA17004FO. The LUC at its October 25, 2016 meeting voted 7 yes and 0 no to oppose the approval of the height extension.
Proposed Motion: That the GWNC oppose the permit application for the extension of the height of the house at 543 N. Arden Blvd. by adding a fence on the roof. 1) That a plan revision that exceeds the limits imposed by the ICO constitutes a Variance; 2) the GWNC does not support roof decks in that area; and 3) the GWNC opposes the increase of the height of the house by adding a fence on the roof.

D. **125 N. Western Ave.** (Discussion and Possible Action)

CUB to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 1,200 square-foot restaurant with 46 indoor seats, a 264 square-foot outdoor patio with 20 seats and a 84 square-foot patio with 8 seats. And pursuant to section 12.24-w,27 of the LAMC, a conditional use to allow hours of operation 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., daily in lieu of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily as restricted by mini-shopping center regulations. Hearing date on 11/08/2016. ZA-2016-2796-CUB The LUC at its October 25, 2016 meeting voted 5 yes and 2 no to support the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption per the CUB. In a second motion, it voted 5 yes 2 no to oppose the request for extended hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and requested that hours of operation be limited to 10:00 p.m. on the exterior patio and to 11:00 p.m. in the interior of the restaurant.

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC support the CUB to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 1,200 square-foot with 46 indoor seats, a 264 square-foot outdoor patio with 20 seats and a 84 square-foot patio with 8 seats at 125 N. Western Ave.

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC oppose the request for extended hours of operation until 2 a.m. and request the hours of operation conform to the current mini-shopping center regulations for operation until 11:00 p.m. with a further restriction of operation until 10:00 p.m. on the exterior patios at 125 N. Western Ave.

E. **708-712 S. Gramercy Drive** - (Discussion and Possible Action)

Demolition of 2 single family residences and build a 5-story, 32-unit apartment building over 1-level of parking providing 48 auto stalls, 32 long-term bicycle stall and 3 short-term bicycle stalls. 3,760 sq ft of open space is provided via the rear yard, balconies and a roof deck. Project base density is 31, setting aside 5%, 2 very low income units, and 30 market rate units. An on-menu incentive for a FAR increase in lieu of 3:1 maximum. DIR-2016-3469-DB. The LUC at its October 25, 2016 meeting voted 7 yes and 0 no to oppose the project as presented with a recommendation that the developer re-present at the next meeting.

Proposed Motion: That the GWNC oppose the project at 708-712 S. Gramercy Drive as presented.

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

- i. **667-671 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. **551 N. Bronson Ave.** – Application for hardship Exemption from the current ICO which prohibits expansions of greater than 20% of an existing home’s floor area. Proposed addition is for 586 sq. ft. existing residence is 1,195 sq. ft.
- iii. **3607 W. Olympic Blvd.** - (Lazlo Faerstain) Application for a Tentative Tract Map to build a 6- unit Small Lot Subdivision project.
- iv. **121 N. Sycamore Ave** – (Moshe and Chaya Silber, Joseph Pazcoguin) 4-unit Apartment conversion to a 4-unit condominium. Requests November meeting
- 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. **743 S. Gramercy Drive** - (Discussion and Possible Action) (Sara Lee, Julia Lee, David Park) Applicant requests a 35% density bonus with 2 on-menu incentives to construct 15,390 sf, 75' 6" in height, 21-unit, 6 story residential apartments over one level used for automated parking, lobby, and community space and two levels of subterranean parking. Of

the 21 units, 18 will be market rate and 3 units (20%) set aside for low income. Two on-menu incentives requested are: (1) side yard reduction to 8' in lieu of required 10' (2) FAR increase from allowed 3:1 to 4:05:1. Priority housing project. DIR-2016-3615-DB

G. **Next Land Use Committee meeting:** November 22, 2016 at 6:30pm.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIV. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting - Wednesday, December 14, 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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- 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)
- Via the L.A. City Early Notification System at <http://www.lacity.org/government/subscriptions/neighborhoodcouncils/index.htm>

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